

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 1964

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1964 - By: BENGE of the House.

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7004-1.6, which relates to the Independent Living Act; modifying services; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7004-1.6, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Section 7004-1.6 A. This section and Section 3230 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
4 Statutes shall be known and may be cited as the "Independent Living Act".

5 B. The purpose of the Independent Living Act shall be:

6 1. To ensure that eligible individuals, who have been or are in the foster care
7 program of the Department of Human Services due to abuse or neglect, receive the
8 protection and support necessary to allow ~~the~~ those individuals to become self-reliant
9 and productive citizens through the provision of requisite services that include, but are
10 not limited to, transitional planning, housing, medical coverage, and education; and

11 2. To break the cycle of abuse and neglect that obligates the state to assume
12 custody of children.

1 C. Individuals eligible for services pursuant to the Independent Living Act include
2 any individual up to twenty-one (21) years of age who has been in the custody of the
3 Department of ~~Human Services~~ or a federally recognized Indian tribe due to abuse or
4 neglect for any nine (9) of the twenty-four (24) months after the individual's sixteenth
5 birthday and before the individual's eighteenth birthday.

6 D. Individuals who are eligible for services pursuant to the Independent Living Act
7 and who are between eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years of age shall be eligible,
8 ~~when funds become available~~, for Medicaid coverage, provided such individuals were also
9 in the custody of the Department of ~~Human Services~~ or a federally recognized Indian
10 tribe on the date they reached eighteen (18) years of age. ~~The Legislature directs the~~
11 ~~Oklahoma Health Care Authority to submit a State Medicaid Plan Amendment to the~~
12 ~~federal Health Care Financing Administration to provide medical coverage for such~~
13 ~~individuals to become effective fiscal year 2003.~~

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, dated 02-24-09 -
16 DO PASS, As Amended.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.