

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1398

By: Burrage and Brinkley of the
Senate

6 and

7 Nelson of the House

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 [Department of Human Services - outsourcing certain

11 foster care services -

12 effective date]

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-7-116 of Title 10A, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Department of Human Services shall outsource the
21 recruitment, training and retention of all foster care homes and
22 service providers, to include foster care, emergency foster care,
23 therapeutic foster care, contracted foster care, kinship foster care
24 and other out-of-home foster placements and intensive in-home

1 services statewide. To improve the recruitment, training and
2 retention of foster care service providers, the Department shall
3 also expand existing partnerships with other state agencies, private
4 service providers and tribal entities. As used in this section, the
5 term "outsourcing" means the Department shall contract with private
6 agencies capable of improving the recruitment, training and
7 retention of qualified foster care service providers using
8 objective, measurable criteria. Providers may include community
9 organizations, faith-based groups, and private entities with
10 experience in the field of child welfare. The Department shall
11 establish all requirements and criteria necessary to improve the
12 recruitment, training and retention of foster care service providers
13 and shall have authority to terminate or discontinue contracts with
14 providers unable to deliver measurable results. The Department
15 shall evaluate each contractor annually.

16 B. The outsourcing plan for recruitment, training and retention
17 shall also be consistent with any requirement placed upon the
18 Department pursuant to the settlement of litigation agreement
19 completed in 2012.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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