1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)
4	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5	FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1364 By: Shumate and Peters
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8	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
9	An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001,
10	Sections 402, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 2009, 404.1, as last amended by Section 5,
11	Chapter 230, O.S.L. 2009, 405, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 338, O.S.L. 2009, Section 9,
12	Chapter 296, O.S.L. 2008 and 408 (10 O.S. Supp. 2010, Sections 402, 404.1, 405 and 405.3), which relate to
13	the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act; modifying definitions; renaming the Oklahoma child
14	care worker registry the Child Care Restricted Registry; modifying background investigation
15	requirements and procedure; providing exceptions; directing Department of Human Services to promulgate rules for certain fingerprint requirement exceptions;
16	removing authority for the release of certain background information; modifying certain background
17	investigation requirements; modifying references to
18	certain registry; modifying certain appeal deadlines; and providing an effective date.
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
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SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 402, as
 amended by Section 2, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 2009 (10 O.S. Supp. 2010,
 Section 402), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 402. As used in the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities5 Licensing Act:

6 1. <u>"Adult" means an individual eighteen (18) years of age or</u>
7 older;

8 <u>2.</u> "Child" or "minor" means any person who has not attained the
9 age of eighteen (18) years;

10 2. 3. "Child care center" means a facility which provides care
11 and supervision for children and which operates for more than thirty
12 (30) hours per week;

13 3. <u>4.</u> "Child care facility" means any public or private child 14 care residential facility, child-placing agency, foster family home, 15 child care center, part-day child care program, school-age program, 16 summer day camp, family child care home, or large family child care 17 home providing either full-time or part-time care for children away 18 from their own homes;

19 <u>4. 5.</u> "Child-placing agency" means an agency that arranges for 20 or places a child in a foster family home, adoptive home, or 21 independent living program;

5. 6. "Foster family home" means the private residence of a
family which provides foster care services to a child, and includes

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1 a specialized foster home, a therapeutic foster family home, or a
2 kinship care home;

6. 7. "Foster parent eligibility assessment" includes a 3 criminal background investigation, including, but not limited to, a 4 5 national criminal history records search based upon the submission of fingerprints, a home assessment, and any other assessment 6 required by the Department of Human Services, the Department of 7 Juvenile Justice, or any child-placing agency pursuant to the 8 9 provisions of the Oklahoma Foster Care and Out-of-Home Placement Act. A foster parent eligibility assessment shall be similar to the 10 procedures used by the Department of Public Safety for determining 11 12 suitability of an individual for employment as a highway patrol officer; 13

14 7. 8. "Commission" means the Commission for Human Services, the 15 policymaking and general supervisory body of the Department;

16 8. 9. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;
17 9. 10. "Division" means the section within the Department that
18 is assigned responsibilities pursuant to the provisions of the
19 Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act;

20 10. <u>11.</u> "Family child care home" means a family home which 21 provides care and supervision for seven or fewer children for part 22 of the twenty-four-hour day. The term "family child care home" 23 shall not include informal arrangements which parents make

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1 independently with neighbors, friends, and others, or with 2 caretakers in the child's own home;

3 <u>11.</u> <u>12.</u> "Full-time care" means continuous care given to a child 4 beyond a minimum period of twenty-four (24) hours;

5 <u>12. 13.</u> "Large family child care home" means a residential 6 family home which provides care and supervision for eight to twelve 7 children for part of the twenty-four-hour day;

8 <u>13. 14.</u> "Part-day child care program" means a facility that 9 provides care and supervision for children and that operates for 10 more than fifteen (15) and up to thirty (30) hours per week; and

11 <u>14.</u> <u>15.</u> "Residential child care facility" means a twenty-four-12 hour residential facility where children live together with or are 13 supervised by adults who are not their parents or relatives; and

14 <u>16. "Unsupervised access to children" means an individual is</u> 15 <u>within sight and hearing of children and is not accompanied by</u> 16 <u>personnel with a completed background investigation pursuant to the</u> 17 Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act.

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 404.1, as 19 last amended by Section 5, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 2009 (10 O.S. Supp. 20 2010, Section 404.1), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 404.1

A. 1. a. Except as otherwise provided by subsection B of this
section, prior to the issuance of a license, the

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Department of Human Services shall require a criminal history records search, conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and a records search of the Oklahoma child care worker registry Child Care <u>Restricted Registry</u> established in Section 405.3 of this title for any person making application to establish or operate a child care facility.

- b. Prior to the issuance of a permit or license, the
  Department shall conduct a records search of the
  Oklahoma State Courts Network for any person making
  application to establish or operate a child care
  facility.
- c. Prior to the issuance of a permit or license, the
  Department shall conduct a records search of the
  Oklahoma State Courts Network for all employees and
  persons eighteen (18) years of age or older residing
  in a child care center, family child care home, large
  family child care home, part-day program, school-age
  program, or summer day camp.
- 2. a. Prior to the employment of any person in a child care
  21 facility, the facility shall submit to the Department
  22 of Human Services division responsible for child care
  23 licensing:

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- (1)a criminal history records search conducted by 1 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, 2 documentation of a records search of the Oklahoma 3 (2) child care worker registry Child Care Restricted 4 5 Registry, and a request for the Department to conduct a records 6 (3) search of the records of the Oklahoma State 7 Courts Network. 8 9 b. Hospitals contracting with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and complying with the records searches 10 required by this section shall be exempt from the 11 requirement to submit such documentation to the 12 13 Department. Documentation of records searches shall be maintained at the hospital and shall be available 14 for review by the division of the Department 15 responsible for child care licensing. 16
- c. Prior to allowing any person eighteen (18) years of
  age or older to reside in a child care center, family
  child care home, large family child care home, partday program, school-age program, or summer day camp
  program, the facility shall submit to the Department
  of Human Services division responsible for child care
  licensing the following:

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1	(1) a criminal history records search conducted by
2	the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation,
3	(2) documentation of a records search of the Oklahoma
4	child care worker registry Child Care Restricted
5	Registry, and
6	(3) a request for the Department to conduct a records
7	search of the Oklahoma State Courts Network.
8	3. Once a facility has submitted an original document from the
9	Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to the Department, a copy of
10	that exact document shall be sufficient to satisfy any further
11	request for that document. The Department may promulgate rules
12	regarding the electronic submission of required documents.
13	4. If the following <del>persons</del> individuals have lived in Oklahoma
14	for less than three (3) years, a criminal history records search
15	shall also be obtained from the authorized agency in the previous
16	states of residence for:
17	a. applicants for a license to operate a child care
18	facility,
19	b. employees of a child care facility, and
20	c. <del>persons</del> individuals age eighteen (18) years or older
21	residing in a child care center, family child care
22	home, large family child care home, part-day program,
23	school-age program, or summer day-camp program.

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5. The Department of Juvenile Justice may directly request national criminal history records searches as defined by Section J50.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining the national criminal history of any employee or applicant who has resided in Oklahoma for less than three (3) years for which a search is required.

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B. On or after November 1, 2013:

9 <u>1. Prior to the issuance of a permit or license, individuals</u> 10 <u>making application to establish or operate a child care facility</u> 11 shall have:

- 12a.an Oklahoma State Courts Network (OSCN) search13conducted by the Department,
- 14b.a Child Care Restricted Registry search conducted by15the facility, and
- 16 <u>c</u> <u>a national criminal history records search conducted</u> 17 pursuant to paragraph 10 of this subsection;
- 18 2. Prior to the employment of child care facility employees:
- 19 <u>a.</u> <u>an OSCN search, conducted by the Department, shall be</u> 20 requested by the facility,
- 21 <u>b.</u> <u>a Child Care Restricted Registry search shall be</u> 22 conducted by the facility, and

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1	<u>C.</u>	a national criminal history records search pursuant to
2		paragraph 10 of this subsection shall be submitted to
3		the Department;
4	<u>3. Prior</u>	to allowing unsupervised access to children by
5	personnel or	individuals, including contract personnel and
6	volunteers:	
7	<u>a.</u>	OSCN search results, conducted by the Department,
8		shall be received by the facility,
9	b.	a Child Care Restricted Registry search shall be
10		conducted by the facility, and
11	<u>C.</u>	national criminal history records search results shall
12		be received by the facility;
13	<u>4. Prior</u>	to the issuance of a permit or license and prior to
14	the residence	of adults who subsequently move into a facility,
15	adults living	in the facility shall have:
16	<u>a.</u>	an OSCN search conducted by the Department and the
17		facility shall be in receipt of the search results,
18	b.	a Child Care Restricted Registry search conducted by
19		the facility, and
20	<u>c.</u>	a national criminal history records search pursuant to
21		paragraph 10 of this subsection;
22	5. Child:	ren who reside in the facility and turn eighteen (18)
23	years of age a	shall have:
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1	a. an OSCN search conducted by the Department,
2	b. a Child Care Restricted Registry search conducted by
3	the facility, and
4	c. a national criminal history records search pursuant to
5	paragraph 10 of this subsection;
6	6. Prior to review of and access to fingerprint results,
7	owners, directors and other personnel who have review of and access
8	to fingerprint results shall have a national criminal history
9	records search conducted pursuant to paragraph 10 of this
10	subsection;
11	7. Provisions set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this
12	subsection shall not apply to residents who are receiving services
13	from a residential child care facility;
14	8. A national criminal history records search, pursuant to
15	paragraph 10 of this subsection, shall not be required for parent
16	volunteers who transport on an irregular basis when a release for
17	each event is signed by parents noting their understanding that the
18	parent volunteer does not have a completed national criminal history
19	records search. However, this exemption shall not preclude the
20	Department from requesting a national or an Oklahoma State Bureau of
21	Investigation (OSBI) name-based criminal history records search, or
22	investigating criminal, abusive, or harmful behavior of such
23	individuals, if warranted;
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1	9. A national criminal history records search, pursuant to
2	paragraph 10 of this subsection, shall be required by November 1,
3	2016, for existing personnel, individuals with unsupervised access
4	to children, and adults living in the facility;
5	10. The Department shall require a national criminal history
6	records search, based upon submission of fingerprints, that shall:
7	a. be conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of
8	Investigation (OSBI) and Federal Bureau of
9	Investigation (FBI), pursuant to Section 150.9 of
10	Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the National
11	Child Protection Act (NCPA), Volunteers for Children
12	Act (VCA) with the Department being the authorized
13	agency,
14	b. be submitted and results received between the
15	Department and OSBI through secure electronic
16	transmissions,
17	c. include OSBI rap back, which means OSBI will
18	immediately notify the Department upon receipt of
19	subsequent criminal history activity, and
20	d. be paid by the individual or the facility; and
21	11. The Department shall promulgate rules that may authorize an
22	exception to the fingerprinting requirements for individuals who
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1	have a severe physical condition which precludes such individuals
2	from being fingerprinted.
3	<u>C.</u> 1. a. On and after September 1, 1998:
4	(1) any child-placing agency contracting with a
5	person for foster family home services or in any
6	manner for services for the care and supervision
7	of children shall also, prior to executing a
8	contract, complete:
9	(a) a foster parent eligibility assessment for
10	the foster care provider except as otherwise
11	provided by divisions 2 and 4 of this
12	subparagraph, and
13	(b) a national criminal history records search
14	based upon submission of fingerprints for
15	any adult residing in the foster family home
16	through the Department of Human Services
17	pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
18	Foster Care and Out-of-Home Placement Act,
19	except as otherwise provided by divisions 2
20	and 4 of this subparagraph,
21	(2) the child-placing agency may place a child
22	pending completion of the national criminal
23	history records search if the foster care
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1provider and every adult residing in the foster2family home has resided in this state for at3least five (5) years immediately preceding such4placement,

- (3) a national criminal history records search based upon submission of fingerprints to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall also be completed for any adult who subsequently moves into the foster family home,
- 10 (4) provided, however, the Director of Human Services
  11 or the Director of the Department of Juvenile
  12 Justice, or a designee, may authorize an
  13 exception to the fingerprinting requirement for a
  14 person residing in the home who has a severe
  15 physical condition which precludes such person's
  16 being fingerprinted, and
  - (5) any child care facility contracting with any person for foster family home services shall request the Office of Juvenile Affairs to conduct a juvenile justice information system review, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7302-9.6 2-7-905 and 7302 3.8 2-7-308 of this title <u>Title</u> <u>10A of the Oklahoma Statutes</u>, for any child over

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the age of thirteen (13) years residing in the 1 foster family home, other than a foster child, or 2 who subsequently moves into the foster family 3 As a condition of contract, the child care 4 home. 5 facility shall obtain the consent of the parent or legal guardian of the child for such review. 6 b. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to 7 foster care providers having a contract or contracting 8 9 with a child-placing agency, the Department of Human 10 Services or the Department of Juvenile Justice prior to September 1, 1998. Such existing foster care 11 providers shall comply with the provisions of this 12 section, until otherwise provided by rules of the 13 Commission for Human Services or by law. 14 On and after September 1, 1998, except as 15 2. (1)a. otherwise provided in divisions (2) and (4) of 16 this subparagraph, prior to contracting with a 17 foster family home for placement of any child who 18 is in the custody of the Department of Human 19 Services or the Department of Juvenile Justice, 20 each Department shall complete a foster parent 21 eligibility assessment, pursuant to the 22 provisions of the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities 23

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Licensing Act, for such foster family applicant. In addition, except as otherwise provided by divisions (2) and (4) of this subparagraph, the Department shall complete a national criminal history records search based upon submission of fingerprints for any adult residing in such foster family home.

(2) The Department of Human Services and Department of Juvenile Justice may place a child pending completion of the national criminal history records search if the foster care provider and every adult residing in the foster family home has resided in this state for at least (5) years immediately preceding such placement.

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- (3) A national criminal history records search based upon submission of fingerprints conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall also be completed for any adult who subsequently moves into the foster family home.
- (4) The Director of Human Services or the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice or designee may authorize an exception to the fingerprinting requirement for any person residing in the home

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who has a severe physical condition which 1 precludes such person's being fingerprinted. 2 The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to b. 3 foster care providers having a contract or contracting 4 5 with a child-placing agency, the Department of Human Services or the Department of Juvenile Justice prior 6 to September 1, 1998. Such existing foster care 7 providers shall comply with the provisions of this 8 9 section, until otherwise provided by rules of the Commission for Human Services or by law. 10

3. Each Department shall provide for a juvenile justice
information system review pursuant to Section 7302 3.8 2-7-308 of
this title <u>Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes</u> for any child over the
age of thirteen (13) years residing in a foster family home, other
than the foster child, or who subsequently moves into the foster
family home.

17 C. D. The Commission for Human Services or the Board of 18 Juvenile Affairs shall promulgate rules to identify circumstances 19 when a criminal history records search or foster parent eligibility 20 assessment for an applicant or contractor, or any person over the 21 age of thirteen (13) years residing in a private residence in which 22 a child care facility is located, shall be expanded beyond the

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records search conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of
Investigation, or as otherwise provided pursuant to this section.
D. E. 1. The following persons individuals shall not be
required to obtain a criminal history records search or a national
criminal history records search based upon submission of
fingerprints pursuant to this section:

7 a. a parent volunteer who transports children on an
8 irregular basis, and

9 b. a child residing in a child care center, family child
10 care home, or large family child care home who became
11 an adult during continuous residence at the licensed
12 or approved facility.

These exemptions shall not preclude the Department from
 requesting a criminal history records search or requesting a
 national criminal history records search based upon submission of
 fingerprints or investigating criminal, abusive or harmful behavior
 of such persons individuals, if warranted.

18 E. F. Except as otherwise provided by the Oklahoma Children's 19 Code and subsection  $G \oplus I$  of this section, a conviction for a crime 20 shall not be an absolute bar to employment, but shall be considered 21 in relation to specific employment duties and responsibilities.

22 F. 1. G. Information received pursuant to this section by an
23 owner or administrator of a child care facility shall be maintained

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in a confidential manner pursuant to applicable state or and federal
 law laws.

2. The information, along with any other information relevant
to the ability of the individual to perform tasks that require
direct contact with children, may be released to another child care
facility in response to a request from the child care facility that
is considering employing or contracting with the individual unless
deemed confidential by state or federal law.

9 3. Requirements for confidentiality and record keeping with
10 regard to the information shall be the same for the child care
11 facility receiving the information in response to a request as those
12 provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection for the child care
13 facility releasing such information.

G. H. 1. A criminal history records search conducted by the
Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and a national criminal
history records search based upon submission of fingerprints shall
include a search of Department of Corrections' files maintained
pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act.

192. a. It shall be unlawful for any person individuals who is20are required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders21Registration Act to work with or provide services to22children or to reside in a child care facility and for23any employer who offers or provides services to

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children to knowingly and willfully employ or contract with, or allow continued employment of or contracting with any <u>person individuals</u> who <u>is are</u> required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act. <u>Any person Individuals</u> required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act who violates any provision of this act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by incarceration in a correctional facility for a period of not more than five (5) years and a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or both such fine and imprisonment.

b. Upon a determination by the Department of any
violation of the provisions of this section, the
violator shall be subject to and the Department may
pursue:

- (1) an emergency order,
  - (2) license revocation or denial,
  - (3) injunctive proceedings,
    - (4) an administrative penalty not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and
    - (5) referral for criminal proceedings.

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c. In addition to the penalties specified by this

2 section, the violator may be liable for civil damages. 3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 405, as last 4 amended by Section 1, Chapter 338, O.S.L. 2009 (10 O.S. Supp. 2010, 5 Section 405), is amended to read as follows:

Section 405. A. No child care facility may be operated or 6 maintained in this state, unless licensed or temporarily authorized 7 by the Department of Human Services, except for the shelters 8 9 certified by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth pursuant 10 to Section 601.3 of this title; provided, that the Department shall not be required to be licensed, but shall be bound by the standards 11 it prescribes. No new child care facility may be established 12 without the prior approval of the Department, which shall be granted 13 only after the Department is satisfied that the facility will meet 14 minimum standards for a license to operate. 15

B. The Department shall not grant approval for a permit, or a license for a new child care facility to receive and care for children until:

All <u>background investigation</u> requirements for searches of
 criminal history records and the child care worker registry are met
 pursuant to subsection A of the requirements of Section 404.1 of
 this title; and

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2. All required training including, but not limited to,
 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, health and safety
 training, and minimum education requirements pursuant to licensing
 requirements have been completed for any person left alone with
 children.

C. The incorporation or domestication of a corporation
organized for the purpose of operating a child care facility shall
not exempt such corporation from compliance with the provisions of
this act.

10 An application for a license shall be made on forms provided D. by the Department and in the manner prescribed. 11 Temporary authorization may be granted to allow the Department to investigate 12 the activities and standards of care of the applicant. 13 The Department may issue a license once it is satisfied that the 14 applicant meets the requirements as provided in this act. All 15 licenses shall be in force unless revoked as authorized by Section 16 407 of this title. 17

18 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 9, Chapter 296, O.S.L. 19 2008 (10 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 405.3), is amended to read as 20 follows:

21 Section 405.3 A. On or before July 1, 2010, the Commission for 22 Human Services shall promulgate rules to establish and maintain a

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1	child care worker registry Child Care Restricted Registry,
2	accessible to the public through an online database, to address:
3	1. A procedure for recording <del>persons in</del> <u>individuals on</u> the
4	restricted registry resulting from:
5	a. a finding of abuse or neglect, as defined in Section
6	<del>7102 of Title 10</del> <u>1-1-105 of Title 10A</u> of the Oklahoma
7	Statutes, by <del>a person</del> <u>an individual</u> when the abuse or
8	neglect occurred to children while in the care of a
9	child care facility,
10	b. a revocation or denial of a child care facility
11	license, and
12	c. a specified criminal history of an individual, as
13	defined by rules promulgated by the Oklahoma
14	Commission for Human Services;
15	2. A procedure to provide notice and an opportunity for review
16	prior to recording <del>a person in</del> <u>an individual on</u> the <u>restricted</u>
17	registry;
18	3. Disclosure requirements for information $\frac{1}{100}$ on the restricted
19	registry; and
20	4. A procedure to <del>restrict</del> prohibit licensure <u>, ownership,</u> <del>or</del>
21	employment, or residence in a <u>licensed</u> child care facility of <del>any</del>
22	<del>person</del> individuals recorded in <u>on</u> the child care worker restricted
23	registry.
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B. The child care worker registry Child Care Restricted
 Registry shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The full name of the individual;

4 2. Information necessary to identify the individual; and
5 3. The date the individual was recorded in on the restricted
6 registry.

7 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 408, is8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 408. A. Any licensee or applicant aggrieved by the 10 decision of the Department of Human Services under Sections 405 or Section 407 of this title may, within ten (10) days after the 11 revocation or denial of the license, appeal to the district court of 12 the county in which the child care facility is maintained and 13 operated by filing with the clerk of the court a verified petition. 14 Notice of such appeal shall be served on the Director of the 15 Department within five (5) days of the date of its filing. 16

Β. The Department licensee or applicant shall, within ten (10) 17 twenty (20) days of the service of such notice filing of the appeal, 18 file with the clerk of such court a transcript of the proceedings 19 had before it held pursuant to Section 407 of this title. 20 The district court shall thereupon be vested with jurisdiction to review 21 the proceedings of the Department; provided that, if the Department 2.2 prevails, the judgment of the district court shall be that the 23

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1	decision of the Department be affirmed, and if the licensee or
2	applicant prevails, the judgment of the court shall be that the
3	revocation be set aside or the license issued or renewed, as the
4	case may be. Pending the hearing of the appeal, the action of the
5	Department revoking or denying the license or the granting thereof
6	shall be stayed; provided, after the filing of an appeal, the
7	district court, upon application by the Department and after an
8	appropriate hearing, may grant a restraining order to enforce the
9	decision of the Department.
10	SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.
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12	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 03-03-2011 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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