ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1521 By: Standridge of the Senate

and

Derby of the House

[Department of Human Services - foster children - reports - codification - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-107.1 of Title 10A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Foster Parent Accountability Act of 2014".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-107.2 of Title 10A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning November 1, 2014, foster parents in this state having custody of a child age fifteen (15) years or older shall be required to submit annual reports on transitional plans for children in their custody to the Department of Human Services. Transitional reports shall include, but not be limited to, the child's

understanding of health maintenance, housing, postsecondary educational options, employment opportunities, acquisition of essential documents such as Social Security cards and state identification cards, and interpersonal communications skills.

B. Child welfare specialists shall keep a record of annual transition plans submitted by foster parents and ensure that such records are delivered to the Department. It shall be the duty of child welfare supervisors to ensure that child welfare specialists submit transition plans in a timely manner. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to therapeutic foster care case workers.

C. The Department of Human Services shall promulgate and adopt rules for the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-107.3 of Title 10A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Human Services shall submit quarterly reports on the implementation of the provisions of this act to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of the House Human Services Committee. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to, the number of foster parents complying with the reports required by this act and the Department's administrative actions against foster parents willfully not in compliance with this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2014.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2014.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives