

1 Facilities Licensing Act and is otherwise approved for foster care
2 by the Office of Juvenile Affairs for children within its custody.

3 B. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no person
4 shall receive a child for foster care or provide foster care
5 services to a child unless such person meets licensing standards as
6 required by the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act and
7 rules promulgated by the Board of Juvenile Affairs, and is otherwise
8 approved by the ~~Board~~ Office of Juvenile Affairs for children within
9 its custody.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 129, O.S.L.
11 2013 (10A O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 2-7-615), is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 Section 2-7-615. A. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall enter
14 into a written contract with the foster care placement provider.
15 The contract shall provide, at a minimum:

16 1. That the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall have access at all
17 times to the child and to the foster placement;

18 2. A listing of any specific requirements, specific duties or
19 restrictions in providing foster care services;

20 3. That any foster child shall have access to and be accessible
21 by any court-appointed special advocate for the foster child and the
22 foster child's attorney;

23 4. That any foster care placement provider shall comply with
24 performance standards required pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Care

1 Facilities Licensing Act and rules promulgated by the Board of
2 Juvenile Affairs;

3 5. Information regarding the amount of payment to be made for
4 foster care services, including but not limited to a description of
5 the process involved in receiving payment, including projected time
6 frames, information related to reimbursements for eligible costs and
7 expenses for which the foster parent may be reimbursed and any
8 information concerning the accessibility and availability of funds
9 for foster parents;

10 6. Except as provided in this section, the Office of Juvenile
11 Affairs may remove a child in its custody from a foster placement
12 whenever the agency determines that removal is in the best interests
13 of the child or consistent with the state's interest in the
14 protection of the public; and

15 7. Such other information required by the Office of Juvenile
16 Affairs.

17 B. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall provide the following
18 information to the foster parent at the time of placement, along
19 with a copy of the written contract required pursuant to subsection
20 A of this section:

21 1. The names and telephone numbers of the child's caseworkers;

22 2. A copy of applicable policy and procedures of the Office of
23 Juvenile Affairs as pertaining to placement operations as
24 established by the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

1 3. The name and telephone number of any foster parent
2 association in the county of residence of the foster parent; and

3 4. A copy of the statement of foster parent rights; ~~and~~

4 5. ~~A copy of any applicable policies and procedures of the~~
5 ~~Office of Juvenile Affairs, which pertain to placement operations of~~
6 ~~the Office of Juvenile Affairs.~~

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, dated 04/01/2014 -
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