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February 19, 2018

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 1140

By: Treat

[children - private child-placing agency - denial or
renewal of certain license - grants or contracts -
civil action - 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 1-8-112 of Title 10A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. To the extent allowed by federal law, no private child-placing agency shall be required to perform, assist, counsel, recommend, consent to, refer, or participate in any placement of a child for foster care or adoption when the proposed placement would violate the agency's written religious or moral convictions or policies.

B. The Department of Human Services shall not deny an application for an initial license or renewal of a license or revoke the license of a private child-placing agency because of the agency's objection to performing, assisting, counseling, recommending, consenting to, referring, or participating in a

1 placement that violates the agency's written religious or moral
2 convictions or policies.

3 C. A state or local government entity may not deny a private
4 child-placing agency any grant, contract, or participation in a
5 government program because of the agency's objection to performing,
6 assisting, counseling, recommending, consenting to, referring, or
7 participating in a placement that violates the agency's written
8 religious or moral convictions or policies.

9 D. Refusal of a private child-placing agency to perform,
10 assist, counsel, recommend, consent to, refer, or participate in a
11 placement that violates the agency's written religious or moral
12 convictions or policies shall not form the basis of a civil action.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
15 February 19, 2018 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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