

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3524 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Regina Goodwin

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 3524

By: Goodwin

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-9-122, which relates to Department of Human Services guardianship programs; requiring certain information be provided to individuals upon contact with the Department of Human Services; requiring that a signed document be obtained; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-9-122, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-9-122. A. The Department of Human Services shall establish and administer an ongoing program of supported guardianship to assist families wishing to make a long-term commitment to a child by accepting guardianship of the child. The supported guardianship program shall enable the family to assume the parental role without ongoing Department oversight but allow the family to return to the Department for services as needed.

1 B. At the time when the Department initially makes contact with
2 or is contacted by a family member or other individual regarding
3 taking a potential guardianship of a child who was the subject of a
4 referral to the Department regarding allegations of abuse or
5 neglect, the Department shall provide the family member or other
6 individual with information regarding foster care, safety plans,
7 kinship foster placements, foster placements and guardianships.
8 This information shall include but not be limited to:

9 1. Information regarding whether the family member or other
10 individual may be approved as a foster placement or kinship foster
11 placement, including information that relatives can be foster
12 placements;

13 2. Information regarding potential resources and assistance,
14 whether monetary or in services, that would be available to the
15 child and family member or other individual as either a kinship
16 foster placement, foster placement, safety plan monitor or guardian,
17 including disclosures that guardian placements receive less
18 financial assistance than foster placements; and

19 3. Information regarding the family member or other
20 individual's duties and responsibilities to the parents of the child
21 as either a guardian, kinship foster placement, foster placement or
22 safety plan monitor.

23 C. The Department shall obtain a signed document from the
24 relative or individual stating that the information required by

1 subsection B of this section was provided in writing, explained
2 verbally, and that he or she understood the information. The
3 document shall also be signed by personnel from the Department
4 stating that the document was provided to the relative or other
5 individual and that the information was explained verbally. The
6 Department shall also make the information and document available
7 online. The signed document shall be filed along with any
8 guardianship petition that is subsequently filed regarding the same
9 child or children.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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