

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3406

By: Randleman of the House

3 and

4 Pemberton of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2011,
7 Section 1-9-116, as amended by Section 10, Chapter
8 173, O.S.L. 2015 (10A O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1-9-
9 116), which relates to foster parent training and
continuing education; requiring training on fetal
alcohol spectrum disorders; and providing an
effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-9-116, as
14 amended by Section 10, Chapter 173, O.S.L. 2015 (10A O.S. Supp.
15 2019, Section 1-9-116), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1-9-116. A. The Department of Human Services and each
17 child-placing agency shall develop:

18 1. A foster care education program to provide training for
19 persons intending to furnish foster care services; and

20 2. Continuing educational programs for foster parents.

21 B. 1. In addition to any other conditions and requirements
22 specified by the state agency or child-placing agency, as
23 applicable, prior to placement of a child in foster placement other
24 than kinship care, each foster parent shall have completed the

1 training approved by the Department or the child-placing agency, as
2 appropriate.

3 2. A foster parent providing kinship foster care shall, if
4 possible, complete the training developed by the Department for
5 kinship foster care prior to placement or at such other times as
6 required by the Department; provided, however, in no event shall
7 training take place later than one hundred twenty (120) days after
8 placement of the child with the kinship foster parent. Until a
9 kinship foster parent receives final approval from the Department to
10 provide foster care services to a child, the kinship foster parent
11 shall not be eligible to receive any payment for providing foster
12 care services.

13 3. Approved training shall require a minimum of twelve (12)
14 hours of study related, but not limited, to physical care,
15 education, learning disabilities, procedures for referral to and
16 receipt of necessary professional services, behavioral assessment
17 and modification, transition to successful adulthood skills, and
18 procedures for biological parent contact. Such training shall
19 relate to the area of parental substitute authority, the reasonable
20 and prudent parent standard relative to child participation in age-
21 appropriate or developmentally appropriate activities, behavioral
22 management techniques including, but not limited to, parent-child
23 conflict resolution techniques, stress management, and any other
24 appropriate technique to teach the foster parent how to manage the

1 child's behavior in a manner appropriate to the age and development
2 of the foster child. Approved training shall include at least one
3 (1) hour of preservice training and one (1) hour per year of in-
4 service training on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

5 4. The foster parent or person intending to provide foster care
6 services may complete the training as part of an approved training
7 program offered by a public or private agency with expertise in the
8 provision of child foster care or in related subject areas.

9 C. In order to assist persons providing kinship foster care,
10 the Department shall immediately refer kinship foster parents and
11 the child for assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy
12 Families Program until the certification and training requirements
13 have been completed.

14 D. Foster parent training programs may include, but not be
15 limited to, in-service training, workshops and seminars developed by
16 the state agency; seminars and courses offered through public or
17 private education agencies; and workshops, seminars and courses
18 pertaining to behavioral and developmental disabilities and to the
19 development of mutual support services for foster parents.

20 E. The Department and each child-placing agency shall provide
21 statewide training, education, and continuing education programs for
22 foster parents.

23 F. The Department or each child-placing agency shall notify a
24 foster parent at least ten (10) business days in advance of the

1 statewide scheduling of education, continuing education or foster
2 parent training occurring near the vicinity of the home of a foster
3 parent.

4 G. The Department may also provide additional foster care
5 training to a foster parent. A foster parent may request in writing
6 to the Department that additional foster parent training be
7 provided.

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

9 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2020.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

13 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2020.

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