

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE BILL 3406

 By: Randleman

7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-9-116, as
16 amended by Section 10, Chapter 173, O.S.L. 2015 (10A O.S. Supp.
17 2019, Section 1-9-116), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

22 2. Continuing educational programs for foster parents.

23 B. 1. In addition to any other conditions and requirements
24 specified by the state agency or child-placing agency, as

1 applicable, prior to placement of a child in foster placement other
2 than kinship care, each foster parent shall have completed the
3 training approved by the Department or the child-placing agency, as
4 appropriate.

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

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

1 conflict resolution techniques, stress management, and any other
2 appropriate technique to teach the foster parent how to manage the
3 child's behavior in a manner appropriate to the age and development
4 of the foster child. Approved training shall include at least one
5 (1) hour of pre-service training and one (1) hour per year of in-
6 service training on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

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

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

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

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

1 F. The Department or each child-placing agency shall notify a
2 foster parent at least ten (10) business days in advance of the
3 statewide scheduling of education, continuing education or foster
4 parent training occurring near the vicinity of the home of a foster
5 parent.

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

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

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12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY
13 SERVICES, dated 02/12/2020 - DO PASS.
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