

BILL SUMMARY

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HB 2927, as introduced, authorizes DHS to issue an administrative power of attorney (POA) to a qualified youth services agency, upon submission of a sworn statement by the agency requesting the POA. for the care and custody of a child who:

- is at least 14 years of age;
- is homeless and unaccompanied;
- has not been adjudicated deprived;
- is in need of services and,
- the whereabouts of the child's parents are unknown.

If the department issues a POA, it will be in effect for no longer than one year and will terminate immediately under certain conditions. Finally, the bill provides that a student who is the subject of an administrative POA may apply for the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program on the basis of the student's income.

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Fiscal Analysis

The "Connecting Futures Act" would allow OKDHS to pilot a volunteer program to support eligible minors in becoming self-reliant and productive citizens. The pilot program would leverage (10) volunteers (1) Programs Supervisor and (1) Programs Field Representative to help obtain documentation, provide case management, advocacy, and referrals to eligible minors.

The total costs to offer services to 100 eligible minors would be \$225,220 for the first year; and \$217,330 in subsequent years; 100% State dollars.

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Other Considerations

None.