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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

HB1929

McCall of the House and Treat of the Senate By:

Title: Children; Successful Adulthood Act; age limit; services; effective date.

Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the Senate recede from its amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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2	ENGROSSED HOUSE
3	BILL NO. 1929 By: McCall, Fugate, and Hill of the House
4	and
5	Treat of the Senate
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7	An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-9-107, which relates to the Successful
8	Adulthood Act; modifying age limit to receive services; and providing an effective date.
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11	AUTHOR: Add the following Senate Coauthor: Floyd
12	AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title to read
13	"[children – Successful Adulthood Act – age limit – effective date]"
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15	Passed the Senate the 26th day of April, 2023.
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18	Presiding Officer of the Senate
19	Passed the House of Representatives the day of,
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13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
14	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-9-107, is
15	amended to read as follows:
16	Section 1-9-107. A. This section shall be known and may be
17	cited as the "Successful Adulthood Act".
18	B. The purpose of the Successful Adulthood Act shall be:
19	1. To ensure that eligible individuals, who have been or are in
20	the foster care program of the Department of Human Services or a
21	federally recognized Indian tribe with whom the Department has a
22	contract, due to abuse or neglect, receive the protection and
23	support necessary to allow those individuals to become self-reliant
24	and productive citizens through the provision of requisite services

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1 that include, but are not limited to, transitional planning,
2 housing, medical coverage, and education; provided, that eligibility
3 for tuition waivers shall be as set forth in Section 3230 of Title
4 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

5 2. To break the cycle of abuse and neglect that obligates the6 state to assume custody of children; and

7 3. To help children who have experienced foster care at age
8 fourteen (14) or older achieve meaningful permanent connections with
9 a caring adult.

10 C. An individual is eligible to receive services for the 11 transition of the child to a successful adulthood from the age of 12 fourteen (14) until the age of eighteen (18), during the time the 13 individual is in the custody of the Department or a federally 14 recognized Indian tribe and in an out-of-home placement.

D. The permanency plan for the child in transition to a successful adulthood shall be developed in consultation with the child and, at the option of the child, with up to two members of the permanency planning team to be chosen by the child, excluding the foster parent and caseworker for the child, subject to the following provisions:

21 1. One individual selected by the child may be designated to be 22 the advisor and, as necessary, advocate of the child, with respect 23 to the application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard to 24 the child; and

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1 2. The Department may reject an individual selected by the 2 child to be a member of the permanency planning team at any time if the Department has good cause to believe that the selected 3 individual would not act in the best interests of the child. 4 5 Е. 1. Each child in foster care under the responsibility of the Department or a federally recognized Indian tribe and in an out-6 7 of-home placement, who has attained fourteen (14) years of age shall be given a written Notice of Rights that describes the following 8 9 specific rights of the child: 10 the rights of the child with respect to education, a. 11 health, visitation, and court participation, the right to be provided with the documents specified 12 b. 13 in subsection F of this section, and 14 the right to stay safe and avoid exploitation. с. 15 2. The child shall sign an acknowledgment stating that the 16 child has been provided with a copy of the Notice of Rights and that 17 the rights described in the notice have been explained to the child 18 in an age-appropriate way. 19 F. A child about to leave foster care by reason of having 20 attained eighteen (18) years of age and who has been in foster care 21 for at least six (6) months shall be given the following documents 22 pertaining to the child:

23 1. An official or certified copy of the United States birth
24 certificate;

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2. A Social Security card issued by the Commissioner of Social
 2 Security;

3 3. Health insurance information;

4 4. A copy of the medical records of the child;

5. A state-issued driver license or identification card; and
6. Official documentation necessary to show that the child was
7 previously in foster care.

G. Successful adulthood services may continue to the age of
twenty-one (21) twenty-five (25), provided the individual is in the
custody of the Department or a federally recognized Indian tribe due
to abuse or neglect and is in an out-of-home placement at the time
of the individual's sixteenth birthday.

H. Individuals who are sixteen (16) years of age or older, who have been released from the custody of the Department or federally recognized Indian tribe due to the entry of an adoption decree or guardianship order are eligible to receive successful adulthood services until the age of twenty-one (21) twenty-five (25).

I. Individuals who are eligible for services pursuant to the Successful Adulthood Act and who are between eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) <u>twenty-five (25)</u> years of age shall be eligible for Medicaid coverage, provided such individuals were also in the custody of the Department or a federally recognized Indian tribe on the date they reached eighteen (18) years of age and meet Medicaid financial eligibility guidelines.

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1	J. The Department, in conjunction with the Oklahoma State
2	Regents for Higher Education, shall provide parents and legal
3	guardians of foster youth with information on the Oklahoma Higher
4	Learning Access Program (OHLAP) including, but not limited to,
5	eligibility, application guidelines, academic requirements, and any
6	other information required by the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access
7	Act for participation in the Program.
8	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
9	Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2023.
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11	Presiding Officer of the House
12	of Representatives
13	Passed the Senate the day of, 2023.
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