

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 658

By: Daniels, Hamilton, Jett,
and Bergstrom of the Senate

and

Crosswhite Hader, Hill,
Maynard, Adams, Lepak, and
Woolley of the House

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Children's Code;
prohibiting certain actions by the Department of
Human Services in relation to adoptive and foster
parents; providing certain construction; providing
for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Adoptive and foster parents

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-8-113 of Title 10A, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Human Services shall not:

1. Require any current or prospective adoptive or foster parent to affirm, accept, or support any government policy regarding sexual orientation or gender identity that conflicts with the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs as a condition for eligibility to adopt or foster;

2. Deny a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent any authorization necessary to be eligible to adopt or foster based, in whole or in part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs, or intent to guide, instruct, or raise a child consistent with those beliefs, regarding sexual orientation or gender identity; or

3. Establish or enforce any standard, rule, or policy that precludes consideration of a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent for any particular placement based, in whole or in part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs regarding sexual orientation or gender identity.

B. Nothing in this section shall:

1. Preclude the Department from taking into account the religious or moral beliefs of a particular adoptive or foster child, or his or her family of origin including, but not limited to, the child's or family's views regarding sexual orientation and gender identity, considered in relation to the religious or moral beliefs of a prospective adoptive or foster parent when determining which placement is in the best interest of the child; or

2. Be construed to prohibit or relieve the Department of its duty to make each placement consistent with the best interests of the child as otherwise required by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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