

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	DHS State Share: \$27,950,000

Research Analysis

HB 3380, as introduced, creates the "Fostering the Future for Oklahoman Children and Families Act," which requires the Department of Human Services, along with other relevant agencies when applicable, to do the following within 180 days of the effective date of the act:

- Update applicable regulations, policies, and practices to improve the collection, publication, utility, and transparency of child welfare data;
- Promote modernization of child-welfare information systems;
- Expand use of technological solutions;
- Publish an annual scorecard used to evaluate key outcomes and metrics;
- Establish a "Fostering the Future" initiative to develop partnerships to create new educational and employment opportunities for individuals who are in or are transitioning out of the foster care system;
- Develop a plan to launch a "Fostering the Future" online platform for individuals who have been in foster care;
- Develop a strategy to reallocate excess funds designed to assist individuals transitioning out of foster care so that those funds are used to promote success for individuals transitioning out of foster care, provided the reallocation applies only to unexpended or returned funds;
- Facilitate the use of educational scholarships created through tax-credited donations to scholarship-granting organizations for children in foster care; and
- Increase flexibility in state-administered education and training assistance for individuals transitioning out of foster care.

The measure also directs DHS to take appropriate action to address state and local policies and practices that inappropriately prohibit participation in federally-funded child-welfare programs by qualified persons or groups based upon beliefs or convictions and to take appropriate action to increase partnerships between agencies and faith-based organizations to serve families who have children in foster care or at risk of being in foster care. The measure will not affect any authority granted to an executive or agency or affect any OMES functions relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative programs. The Department of Human Services must submit an annual implementation report to the Senate Pro Tem of the Senate and Speaker of the House of the Oklahoma Legislature.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB3380 creates the Fostering the Future for Oklahoma Children and Families Act in an effort to modernize the state's child welfare system. According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), completing all tasks required by the measure within 180 days is anticipated to cost

approximately \$55,900,000, with \$27,950,000 from state funds and \$27,950,000 from federal funds.

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Other Considerations

None.

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