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February 9, 2026

By: Hall

An Act relating to foster care; defining term; requiring the Department of Human Services to provide certain data to resource family partners; describing data; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 1-9-127 of Title 10A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section, "resource family partner" means a private, child-placing agency under contract with the Department of Human Services to recruit, retain, and support foster homes to meet the child's needs through service coordination and delivery in conjunction with the Department.

B. For the purpose of aiding resource family partners in improving outcomes for foster children and parents and identifying areas of need within the foster care system, the Department of Human Services shall provide foster care data to resource family partners as described in this section at regular monthly intervals.

1 C. The foster care data provided to resource family partners
2 shall be up-to-date, aggregated, and de-identified. The data shall
3 include, at a minimum:

4 1. The number of children without placement each day, including
5 demographic and geographic data;

6 2. Demographic and geographic data of foster parents and
7 children;

8 3. Geographic areas where there is a high need for, but low
9 availability of, placements;

10 4. Geographic areas experiencing a high number of disruptions
11 in placement;

12 5. The number of sibling groups that are separated in different
13 placements;

14 6. The number of foster children that are in placements a long
15 distance from their home community; and

16 7. Any relevant measures, outcomes, or other evaluation data
17 related to the foster care system maintained by the Department.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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