

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2332

By: Branham of the House

and

7 **Smalley** and **Hicks** of the
8 Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to children; enacting the Model
12 Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019; directing the
13 Department of Human Services to create certain pilot
14 program; providing for compensation of program
15 participants; directing Department to create
16 administrative position; providing for compensation
17 of position; creating the Successful Future Alumni
18 Revolving Fund; providing for deposits and
19 expenditures of fund; providing for coordination with
20 the Commissioner of Labor; requiring submission of
21 certain annual report; providing for promulgation of
22 rules; defining terms; permitting youth to receive
23 extended foster care services; setting age
24 limitation; authorizing Department of Human Services
to provide extended services; listing eligibility
requirements; stating voluntary nature of services;
requiring Department to notify youth if services are
terminated for failure to meet eligibility; directing
Department to secure federal funding for services;
delegating rulemaking authority to Department to
implement provisions; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

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

5 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Model
6 Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019".

7 B. Pursuant to the Model Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019,
8 the Department of Human Services shall create a pilot program to
9 improve socioeconomic outcomes for children in the custody of the
10 Department. The pilot program shall:

11 1. Provide cost-effective, in-house employment opportunities to
12 children in Department custody or those who were in custody;

13 2. Recruit and train program participants to be effective
14 Department advocates for social services, while providing program
15 participants with self-motivation to be successful and independent
16 through employment opportunities in the Department; and

17 3. Increase employment rates, decrease the likelihood of
18 homelessness, and assist children in foster care to effectively
19 advocate for themselves and others.

20 C. Subject to the availability of funds, the Department shall
21 provide compensation to program participants currently or formerly
22 in foster care who are employed by the Department.

23 D. The Department shall create at least one new administrative
24 position to implement the purposes of this section, which shall not

1 be subject to the current Department pay scale, and the compensation
2 provided shall be no less than the federal minimum wage.

3 E. There is hereby created in the State Treasury for the
4 Department of Human Services a revolving fund known as the
5 "Successful Future Alumni Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
6 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
7 consist of monies collected through tax credits and deductions not
8 to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and One Hundred
9 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) respectively, and any other monies.
10 The combined total of tax credits and deductions for the revolving
11 fund shall not exceed Six Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Eight
12 Hundred Twelve Dollars and fifty cents (\$697,812.50) per year. The
13 fund shall be used by the Department to provide training, support,
14 compensation, supplies, clothing, accommodations or modifications,
15 or any other necessities for the purposes of this section.
16 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
17 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
18 Department of Human Services for approval and payment.

19 F. The Department of Human Services shall coordinate with the
20 Commissioner of Labor to provide opportunities for gainful
21 employment of program participants, giving preference to program
22 participants with disabilities.

23 G. The Department shall submit an annual report of the pilot
24 program outcomes and achievements to the Children, Youth and Family

1 Services Committee of the House of Representatives by December 31 of
2 each year.

3 H. The Department shall promulgate rules to implement the
4 provisions of this section.

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-8-114 of Title 10A, unless
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. As used in this section:

9 1. "Foster care services" means services or programs that may
10 include but are not limited to housing, transitional or independent
11 living, crisis intervention, case supervision, job placement,
12 educational or vocational placement, training, counseling, early
13 intervention and diversionary substance abuse treatment, sexual
14 abuse treatment and other related services and programs; and

15 2. "Youth" means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years
16 of age but less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

17 B. A youth who:

18 1. Exited foster care after reaching eighteen (18) years of
19 age; or

20 2. Is in foster care when reaching eighteen (18) years of age,
21 may reenter or remain in foster care and receive extended foster
22 care services until twenty-one (21) years of age.

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1 C. The Department of Human Services may provide extended foster
2 care services if the youth meets one of the following conditions for
3 eligibility:

4 1. The youth is completing secondary education or a program
5 leading to an equivalent credential;

6 2. The youth is enrolled in an institution that provides
7 postsecondary or vocational education;

8 3. The youth is participating in a program or activity designed
9 to promote employment or remove barriers to employment;

10 4. The youth is employed for at least eighty (80) hours per
11 month; or

12 5. The youth is incapable of doing any part of the activities
13 described in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this subsection due to a
14 medical condition. An assertion of incapacity pursuant to this
15 paragraph shall be supported by regularly updated information in the
16 case plan of the youth.

17 D. Extended foster care services are voluntary and a youth may
18 choose to stop receiving the services at any time. If the
19 Department determines that the youth no longer meets the eligibility
20 requirements provided in subsection C of this section for extended
21 foster care services, the Department shall provide written or
22 electronic notice to the youth regarding termination of the extended
23 foster care services.

24 E. The Department shall:

1 1. Secure funding from and implement the provisions of this
2 section in accordance with the approved Title IV-E State Plan; and

3 2. Promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions
4 of this section.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY
8 SERVICES, dated 02/21/2019 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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