

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2367

By: Burns, Lawson, Munson and
Dills of the House

and

Coleman of the Senate

8 An Act relating to children; permitting certain child
9 to enter into housing contracts; requiring
10 certification from a youth services provider;
11 providing certification requirement; mandating notice
12 of certification to the parent or legal guardian;
13 listing contents of notice; providing an exception;
14 providing for report to the Department of Human
15 Services; prohibiting discharge of parental or legal
16 authority or duty; authorizing Department to
17 promulgate rules; providing for codification; and
18 providing an effective date.

16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, line 23, after the word "Services" and
17 before the word "to", insert the words "or the
18 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
19 Services"

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Passed the Senate the 15th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2021.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-125 of Title 10A, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. A child who is sixteen (16) years of age or older may enter
24 into contracts to obtain housing if the child receives a
25 certification of unaccompanied status from a youth services provider
26 that is licensed, accredited, monitored or contracted by the
27 Department of Human Services to provide care for an unaccompanied
28 child pursuant to this section.

1 B. The certification provided in subsection A of this section
2 shall show that the provider has determined the child is homeless, a
3 victim of domestic violence or a victim of abuse as defined in
4 Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 C. The provider shall issue the certification fourteen (14)
6 days after sending notice via certified mail, return receipt
7 requested, to the parent or legal guardian of the child. The notice
8 shall include the child's full name, date of birth and a statement
9 that the child is seeking to be certified by the agency as an
10 unaccompanied child. If, after due diligence, the provider is
11 unable to identify the whereabouts of the parent or legal guardian
12 of the child, notice to the parent or legal guardian shall not be
13 required.

14 D. In the event that the parent or legal guardian of the child
15 contacts the provider and the provider believes that returning home
16 would place the child at risk of abuse or neglect, the provider
17 shall make a report to the Department of Human Services.

18 E. A certification of unaccompanied status pursuant to this
19 section shall not discharge the parent or legal guardian of any
20 parental or legal authority or duty regarding the care and custody
21 of the child.

22 F. The Department of Human Services may promulgate rules for
23 the purposes of implementing and administering this section.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 2021.

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