1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024) 3 ENGROSSED SENATE 4 BILL NO. 1677 By: Daniels, Pederson, and 5 Bullard of the Senate and 6 Crosswhite Hader of the 7 House 8 9 10 11 [Oklahoma Children's Code - Department of Human Services - construction - claim - codification -12 effective date | 13 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-8-113 of Title 10A, unless 17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 18 The Department of Human Services shall not: 19 Require, as a condition for eligibility to foster or adopt, 20 any current or prospective adoptive or foster parent to affirm, 21 accept, or support any government policy regarding sexual 22 orientation or gender identity that conflicts with the parent's 23

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sincerely held religious or moral beliefs;

- 2. Deny a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent any authorization necessary to be eligible to foster or adopt based, in whole or in part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or moral 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. Such beliefs shall not create a presumption that any particular placement is contrary to the best interest of the child.
 - 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, when determining the most appropriate placement for the child; or
- 2. Be construed to prohibit the Department from making, or relieve the Department of its duty to make, individual placements consistent with the best interests of the child as otherwise required by law.
- C. A current or prospective adoptive or foster parent aggrieved by a violation of this section may raise a claim in a judicial or administrative proceeding and seek injunctive relief, compensatory damages, reasonable attorney fees, or other appropriate relief.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024. COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON STATE POWERS, dated 04/04/2024 -DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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