

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 20, 2024

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB1677

By: Daniels, Pederson, et al of the Senate and Crosswhite Hader, Hill, et al of the House

Title: Oklahoma Children's Code, prohibiting certain actions by the Department of Human Services; authorizing certain claim Effective date.

\_\_\_\_\_ together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:




1 That the House recede from all Amendments.

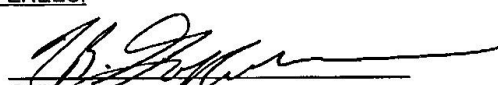

2. By restoring the title as follows:

"An Act relating to the Oklahoma Children's Code, prohibiting certain actions by the Department of Human Services; providing certain construction, authorizing certain claim in specified proceedings, providing for codification; and providing an effective date."

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:

  
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HOUSE CONFEREES

Conference Committee on State Rights

Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1677 By: Daniels of the Senate

3 and  
4 Crosswhite Hader of the  
5 House

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7 [ Oklahoma Children's Code - Department of Human  
8 Services - construction - claim - codification -  
effective date ]

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11 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Hill

12 AUTHOR: Add the following Senate Coauthors: Pederson and Bullard

13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, line 10, strike the enacting clause

14 Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of April, 2024.

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16 \_\_\_\_\_  
17 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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19 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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22 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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

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

14 A. The Department of Human Services shall not:

15 1. Require, as a condition for eligibility to foster or adopt,  
16 any current or prospective adoptive or foster parent to affirm,  
17 accept, or support any government policy regarding sexual  
18 orientation or gender identity that conflicts with the parent's  
19 sincerely held religious or moral beliefs;

20 2. Deny a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent any  
21 authorization necessary to be eligible to foster or adopt based, in  
22 whole or in part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or  
23 moral beliefs regarding sexual orientation or gender identity; or  
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1           3. Establish or enforce any standard, rule, or policy that  
2 precludes consideration of a current or prospective adoptive or  
3 foster parent for any particular placement based, in whole or in  
4 part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs  
5 regarding sexual orientation or gender identity. Such beliefs shall  
6 not create a presumption that any particular placement is contrary  
7 to the best interest of the child.

8           B. Nothing in this section shall:

9           1. Preclude the Department from taking into account the  
10 religious or moral beliefs of a particular adoptive or foster child,  
11 or his or her family of origin, when determining the most  
12 appropriate placement for the child; or

13           2. Be construed to prohibit the Department from making, or  
14 relieve the Department of its duty to make, individual placements  
15 consistent with the best interests of the child as otherwise  
16 required by law.

17           C. A current or prospective adoptive or foster parent aggrieved  
18 by a violation of this section may raise a claim in a judicial or  
19 administrative proceeding and seek injunctive relief, compensatory  
20 damages, reasonable attorney fees, or other appropriate relief.

21           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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1 Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 2024.

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3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2024.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House  
10 of Representatives