

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

POLICY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2647

By: Harris

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to children; updating reference; providing that this section shall apply to immediate relatives; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 7505-5.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7505-5.2. A. If a preplacement home study is not waived by the court for good cause shown or is not required by Section ~~29~~ 7505-5.1 of this ~~act~~ title, the court, upon the filing of a petition for adoption, shall order that a home study be made and filed with the court by the designated investigator within the time fixed by the court, and in no event more than sixty (60) days from the issuance of the order for the home study, unless the time therefor is extended by the court.

B. If the child to be adopted is the biological or adopted child ~~of either~~ or immediate relative of the petitioners or of the

1 spouse of the petitioner, then the court, upon the submission of an
2 application, by order may waive the requirement in subsection A of
3 this section that a home study report be made, and the requirement
4 for a supplemental report set forth in subsection C of Section ~~31~~
5 7505-5.3 of this ~~act~~ title, if the court makes the following
6 findings:

7 1. That waiver of the home study requirement is in the best
8 interest of the child;

9 2. ~~That~~ If applicable, that the parent of the child and the
10 stepparent of the child, or the immediate relative of the child and
11 the spouse of the immediate relative who are petitioning for
12 adoption have been married for at least one (1) year with the child
13 who is to be adopted living in their home; provided, however, that
14 this provision shall not be construed as a prohibition against a
15 single, immediate relative from requesting waiver of a house study;
16 and

17 3. That the stepparent or immediate relative or spouse of the
18 immediate relative who is petitioning for adoption has no record of
19 conviction of a felony or conviction or adjudication in juvenile
20 court for child abuse or neglect or domestic violence, and there is
21 no record of a protective order or orders issued against the
22 stepparent or immediate relative or spouse of the immediate
23 relative.

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In all other adoptions, including foster, ~~relative,~~ and
~~stepparent~~ adoptions, a home study and report shall be made pursuant
to this section or Section ~~29~~ 7505-5.1 of this ~~act~~ title.

C. For purposes of this section, immediate relative shall mean
the brother, sister, grandparent, aunt, or uncle of the child.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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