

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2647

By: Harris of the House

3 and

4 Thompson of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to children; updating reference;  
7 providing that this section shall apply to immediate  
8 relatives; providing for noncodification; and  
9 providing an effective date.

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

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
12 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

13 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Shai Cooper  
14 Act".

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 7505-5.2, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

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

1 B. If the child to be adopted is the biological or adopted  
2 child ~~of either~~ or immediate relative of the petitioners or of the  
3 spouse of the petitioner, then the court, upon the submission of an  
4 application, by order may waive the requirement in subsection A of  
5 this section that a home study report be made, and the requirement  
6 for a supplemental report set forth in subsection C of Section ~~31~~  
7 7505-5.3 of this ~~act~~ title, if the court makes the following  
8 findings:

9 1. That waiver of the home study requirement is in the best  
10 interest of the child;

11 2. ~~That~~ If applicable, that the parent of the child and the  
12 stepparent of the child, or the immediate relative of the child and  
13 the spouse of the immediate relative who are petitioning for  
14 adoption have been married for at least one (1) year with the child  
15 who is to be adopted living in their home; provided, however, that  
16 this provision shall not be construed as a prohibition against a  
17 single, immediate relative from requesting waiver of a house study;  
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19 3. That the stepparent or immediate relative or spouse of the  
20 immediate relative who is petitioning for adoption has no record of  
21 conviction of a felony or conviction or adjudication in juvenile  
22 court for child abuse or neglect or domestic violence, and there is  
23 no record of a protective order or orders issued against the  
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1 stepparent or immediate relative or spouse of the immediate  
2 relative.

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

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

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

9 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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14 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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