

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Children's Code; amending 10A
8 O.S. 2011, Section 1-7-112, which relates to
9 voluntary foster care placement; modifying age for
10 voluntary placement; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-7-112, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1-7-112. A. The Department of Human Services may
15 accept a child into voluntary foster care placement when requested
16 by the parent having legal custody of the child or when requested by
17 a child residing in foster care who reaches ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-one
18 (21) years of age and wishes to continue to reside in the foster
19 care home pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this
20 section.

21 B. 1. Any child may be accepted into voluntary foster care
22 placement with the Department.

23 2. The Department shall inform a parent considering voluntary
24 foster care placement of a child, or the child residing in foster

1 care who attains ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-one (21) years of age and
2 wishes to continue to reside in the foster care home, of the
3 following as applicable:

4 a. a parent who enters a voluntary foster care placement
5 agreement may at any time request that the agency
6 return the child,

7 b. evidence gathered during the time the child is
8 voluntarily placed in foster care may be used at a
9 later time as the basis for a petition alleging that
10 the child is deprived, or as the basis for a petition
11 seeking termination of parental rights,

12 c. the timelines and procedures for voluntary foster care
13 placements.

14 3. Upon acceptance of a child into voluntary foster care
15 placement, the Department shall prepare a notice of placement signed
16 by the parent or the child residing in foster care who reaches
17 ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-one (21) years of age and wishes to continue to
18 reside in the foster care home.

19 4. A period of voluntary foster care placement pursuant to the
20 provisions of this section shall not exceed ninety (90) days except
21 as otherwise provided by the Department by rule.

22 5. Except as otherwise provided by this section or Section 1-4-
23 904 of this title, voluntary foster care placement pursuant to the
24 conditions and restrictions of this subsection shall not constitute

1 abandonment, or abuse or neglect as defined in the Oklahoma
2 Children's Code.

3 6. The Department shall promulgate rules for the purpose of
4 assessing parents for the full or partial cost of voluntary foster
5 care placement.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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