

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 727

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Department of Human Services;
8 amending Section 1, Chapter 143, O.S.L. 2014, as
9 amended by Section 1, Chapter 189, O.S.L. 2015 (10A
10 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1-8-111), which relates to
11 annual credit report for youth in custody; reducing
12 age of youth in custody of the Department that shall
13 be provided with an annual credit report; eliminating
14 liability for foster parents for property damage or
15 injuries in certain circumstances; providing certain
16 acts and omissions shall not limit liability;
17 providing for codification; and providing an
18 effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 143, O.S.L.
21 2014, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 189, O.S.L. 2015 (10A O.S.
22 Supp. 2016, Section 1-8-111), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1-8-111. A. The Department of Human Services shall
24 provide each youth in its custody ~~sixteen (16)~~ fourteen (14) years
and older an annual credit report. The Department shall inform the
court with jurisdiction over the youth of any inaccuracies in a
credit report displaying evidence of identity theft or any other
activity fraudulently made on behalf of the youth in custody. The

1 Department may implement the requirements of this section in stages
2 beginning with youth in the independent living program whose credit
3 rating may inhibit employment and housing opportunities when the
4 child is no longer in custody.

5 B. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this act, the
6 Department of Human Services shall submit annual reports on the
7 implementation of the provisions of this act to the Chair and Vice
8 Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the
9 Chair and Vice Chair of the House Human Services Committee. Such
10 reports shall include, but not be limited to, the number of youths
11 in the Department's custody receiving credit score reports, the
12 frequency of such reports, and administrative issues faced by the
13 Department in the implementation of this act. Such reports shall
14 continue to be issued by the Department until November 1, 2018.

15 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-116.1 of Title 10A, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A foster parent who is acting in good faith and pursuant to the
19 reasonable and prudent parent standard shall not be liable for
20 property damage or injuries caused by the child or injuries to the
21 child placed in his or her care when the child engages in
22 appropriate activities and such damage or injuries results from the
23 inherent risks typically associated with such activities. Nothing
24 in this section shall prevent or limit the liability of a foster

1 parent if the foster parent commits an act or omission that
2 constitutes willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the child
3 or other persons or their property, and that act or omission caused
4 the damage or injuries.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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