

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 658

By: Daniels, Hamilton, and Jett
of the Senate

6 and

7 Crosswhite Hader and **Hill**
8 of the House

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11 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Children's Code;
12 prohibiting certain actions by the Department of
13 Human Services in relation to adoptive and foster
14 parents; providing certain construction; providing
15 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-8-113 of Title 10A, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Department of Human Services shall not:

21 1. Require any current or prospective adoptive or foster parent
22 to affirm, accept, or support any government policy regarding sexual
23 orientation or gender identity that conflicts with the parent's

1 sincerely held religious or moral beliefs as a condition for
2 eligibility to adopt or foster;

3 2. Deny a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent any
4 authorization necessary to be eligible to adopt or foster based, in
5 whole or in part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or
6 moral beliefs, or intent to guide, instruct, or raise a child
7 consistent with those beliefs, regarding sexual orientation or
8 gender identity; or

9 3. Establish or enforce any standard, rule, or policy that
10 precludes consideration of a current or prospective adoptive or
11 foster parent for any particular placement based, in whole or in
12 part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs
13 regarding sexual orientation or gender identity.

14 B. Nothing in this section shall:

15 1. Preclude the Department from taking into account the
16 religious or moral beliefs of a particular adoptive or foster child,
17 or his or her family of origin including, but not limited to, the
18 child's or family's views regarding sexual orientation and gender
19 identity, considered in relation to the religious or moral beliefs
20 of a prospective adoptive or foster parent when determining which
21 placement is in the best interest of the child; or

22 2. Be construed to prohibit or relieve the Department of its
23 duty to make each placement consistent with the best interests of
24 the child as otherwise required by law.

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

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3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OVERSIGHT, dated 04/21/2025 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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