

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

5                   FOR

6                   HOUSE BILL NO. 2361

7                   By: Hill, Gise, and **Pae** of the  
House

8                   and

9                   **Daniels** of the Senate

10                  COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11                  An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2021,  
12                  Section 1-9-107, which relates to the Successful  
13                  Adulthood Act; providing documents certain children  
14                  leaving foster care shall be provided; providing that  
15                  certain documents be given to individuals being  
16                  released from the custody of the Office of Juvenile  
17                  Affairs; 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       10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-9-107, is  
21                  amended to read as follows:

22                  Section 1-9-107. A. This section shall be known and may be  
23                  cited as the "Successful Adulthood Act".

24                  B. The purpose of the Successful Adulthood Act shall be:

1       1. To ensure that eligible individuals, who have been or are in  
2 the foster care program of the Department of Human Services or a  
3 federally recognized Indian tribe with whom the Department has a  
4 contract, due to abuse or neglect, receive the protection and  
5 support necessary to allow those individuals to become self-reliant  
6 and productive citizens through the provision of requisite services  
7 that include, but are not limited to, transitional planning,  
8 housing, medical coverage, and education; provided, that eligibility  
9 for tuition waivers shall be as set forth in Section 3230 of Title  
10 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

11       2. To break the cycle of abuse and neglect that obligates the  
12 state to assume custody of children; and

13       3. To help children who have experienced foster care at age  
14 fourteen (14) or older achieve meaningful permanent connections with  
15 a caring adult.

16       C. An individual is eligible to receive services for the  
17 transition of the child to a successful adulthood from the age of  
18 fourteen (14) until the age of eighteen (18), during the time the  
19 individual is in the custody of the Department or a federally  
20 recognized Indian tribe and in an out-of-home placement.

21       D. The permanency plan for the child in transition to a  
22 successful adulthood shall be developed in consultation with the  
23 child and, at the option of the child, with up to two members of the  
24 permanency planning team to be chosen by the child, excluding the

1 foster parent and caseworker for the child, subject to the following  
2 provisions:

3       1. One individual selected by the child may be designated to be  
4 the advisor and, as necessary, advocate of the child, with respect  
5 to the application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard to  
6 the child; and

7       2. The Department may reject an individual selected by the  
8 child to be a member of the permanency planning team at any time if  
9 the Department has good cause to believe that the selected  
10 individual would not act in the best interests of the child.

11       E. 1. Each child in foster care under the responsibility of  
12 the Department or a federally recognized Indian tribe and in an out-  
13 of-home placement, who has attained fourteen (14) years of age shall  
14 be given a written Notice of Rights that describes the following  
15 specific rights of the child:

21       2. The child shall sign an acknowledgment stating that the  
22 child has been provided with a copy of the Notice of Rights and that  
23 the rights described in the notice have been explained to the child  
24 in an age-appropriate way.

1 F. A child about to leave foster care by reason of having  
2 attained eighteen (18) years of age and who has been in foster care  
3 for at least six (6) months shall be given the following documents  
4 pertaining to the child:

5 1. An official or certified copy of the United States birth  
6 certificate;

7 2. A Social Security card issued by the Commissioner of Social  
8 Security;

9 3. ~~Health insurance information~~ Information about how to obtain  
10 health insurance;

11 4. A copy of the medical records of the child;

12 5. A state-issued driver license or identification card; and

13 6. Official documentation necessary to show that the child was  
14 previously in foster care; and

15 7. Any educational transcripts, diplomas, or professional  
16 certificates earned while in the custody of the Department of Human  
17 Services.

18 G. Successful adulthood services may continue to the age of  
19 twenty-one (21), provided the individual is in the custody of the  
20 Department or a federally recognized Indian tribe due to abuse or  
21 neglect and is in an out-of-home placement at the time of the  
22 individual's sixteenth birthday.

23 H. Individuals who are sixteen (16) years of age or older, who  
24 have been released from the custody of the Department or federally

1 recognized Indian tribe due to the entry of an adoption decree or  
2 guardianship order are eligible to receive successful adulthood  
3 services until the age of twenty-one (21).

4       I. Individuals who are eligible for services pursuant to the  
5 Successful Adulthood Act and who are between eighteen (18) and  
6 twenty-one (21) years of age shall be eligible for Medicaid  
7 coverage, provided such individuals were also in the custody of the  
8 Department or a federally recognized Indian tribe on the date they  
9 reached eighteen (18) years of age and meet Medicaid financial  
10 eligibility guidelines.

11       J. The Department, in conjunction with the Oklahoma State  
12 Regents for Higher Education, shall provide parents and legal  
13 guardians of foster youth with information on the Oklahoma Higher  
14 Learning Access Program (OHLAP) including, but not limited to,  
15 eligibility, application guidelines, academic requirements, and any  
16 other information required by the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access  
17 Act for participation in the Program.

18       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-7-621 of Title 10A, unless  
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21       A person who has been placed in the custody of the Office of  
22 Juvenile Affairs, who has attained eighteen (18) years of age, and  
23 who is being released from the custody of the Office of Juvenile  
24 Affairs with a plan to re-enter the community as a resident of the

1 State shall be given the following documents pertaining to the  
2 person upon release:

3       1. An official or certified copy of the United States birth  
4 certificate;  
5       2. A Social Security card issued by the Commissioner of Social  
6 Security;

7       3. Information about how to obtain health insurance and  
8 personal medical records;

9       4. A state-issued driver license or identification card; and  
10      5. Any educational transcripts, diplomas, or professional  
11 certificates earned while in the custody of the Office of Juvenile  
12 Affairs.

13       SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OVERSIGHT, dated 03/05/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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