

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE BILL 2332

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to children; enacting the Model
8 Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019; directing the
9 Department of Human Services to create certain pilot
10 program; providing for compensation of program
11 participants; directing Department to create
12 administrative position; providing for compensation
13 of position; creating the Successful Future Alumni
14 Revolving Fund; providing for deposits and
15 expenditures of fund; providing for coordination with
16 the Commissioner of Labor; requiring submission of
17 certain annual report; providing for promulgation of
18 rules; providing for codification; and providing an
19 effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-8-113 of Title 10A, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Model
Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019".

B. Pursuant to the Model Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019,
the Department of Human Services shall create a pilot program to

1 improve socioeconomic outcomes for children in the custody of the
2 Department. The pilot program shall:

3 1. Provide cost-effective, in-house employment opportunities to
4 children in Department custody or those who were in custody;

5 2. Recruit and train program participants to be effective
6 Department advocates for social services, while providing program
7 participants with self-motivation to be successful and independent
8 through employment opportunities in the Department; and

9 3. Increase employment rates, decrease the likelihood of
10 homelessness, and assist children in foster care to learn to
11 effectively advocate for themselves and others.

12 C. Subject to the availability of funds, the Department shall
13 provide compensation to program participants currently or formerly
14 in foster care who are employed by the Department.

15 D. The Department shall create at least one new administrative
16 position to implement the purposes of this act, which shall not be
17 subject to the current Department pay scale, and the compensation
18 provided shall be no less than the federal minimum wage.

19 E. There is hereby created in the State Treasury for the
20 Department of Human Services a revolving fund known as the
21 "Successful Future Alumni Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
22 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
23 consist of monies collected through tax credits and deductions not
24 to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and One Hundred

1 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) respectively, and any other monies.
2 The combined total of tax credits and deductions for the Revolving
3 Fund shall not exceed Six Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Eight
4 Hundred Twelve Dollars and fifty cents (\$697,812.50) per year. The
5 fund shall be used by the Department to provide training, support,
6 compensation, supplies, clothing, accommodations or modifications,
7 or any other necessities for the purposes of this act. Expenditures
8 from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State
9 Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
10 Department of Human Services for approval and payment.

11 F. The Department of Human Services shall coordinate with the
12 Commissioner of Labor to provide opportunities for gainful
13 employment of program participants, giving preference to program
14 participants with disabilities.

15 G. The Department shall submit an annual report of the pilot
16 program outcomes and achievements to the Children, Youth and Family
17 Services Committee by December 31 of each year.

18 H. The Department shall promulgate rules to implement the
19 provisions of this act.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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