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RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 22, 2024

Re: HB 3231

Signed: May 16, 2024

Effective: November 1, 2024

Topic: Improving Employment and Education Outcomes for Homeless Youth Act

Summary: This bill creates a new law (10 O.S. § 601.6d) which provides that the homeless status of a child or youth may be verified by a school district's McKinney-Vento homeless liaison. Others who may verify status include a director/designee of a homeless shelter or transitional living program or continuum of care lead agency/designee. Verification, at a minimum, shall consist of the following steps:

1. The child or youth shall be known to the person verifying his or her housing status; and
2. If verifying the status of a child or youth under eighteen (18) years of age, the person verifying shall:
 - a. a check the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) referenced in Section 151.3 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the name of the child or youth,
 - b. send a letter by return receipt mail to the last known address of the parent or legal guardian of the child or youth informing the parent or legal guardian that the person verifying is assisting the child or youth in obtaining a REAL ID Noncompliant Identification Card, which shall be valid for a period of four (4) years from the month of issuance, and
 - c. if no response from the parent or legal guardian objecting to the child or youth obtaining a REAL ID Noncompliant Identification Card is received within fifteen (15) business days, the person may prepare written verification stating that the child or youth is homeless.



The written verification shall be printed on the letterhead of the entity authorized to verify the housing status of the child or youth and shall be dated, signed by the person verifying, and notarized.

Also covered by this bill is an amendment to the REAL ID Compliant law (47 O.S. § 6-105.3) which now provides that persons under 18 who are homeless children and youth and verified as such shall, without the signature of a parent or legal guardian, be allowed to apply for a REAL ID Noncompliant Identification Card valid for 4 years.

Legal counsel at the firm is currently reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.