

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 290

BY: CAIN

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN; AMENDING 10 O.S. 1981, SECTION 1101, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 1, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1990 (10 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1101), WHICH RELATES TO DEFINITIONS; DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS; MODIFYING LANGUAGE; CONSOLIDATING DUPLICATE SECTION; REPEALING 10 O.S. 1981, SECTION 1101, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 1, CHAPTER 302, O.S.L. 1990 (10 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1101), WHICH IS A DUPLICATE SECTION AND RELATES TO DEFINITIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1981, Section 1101, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1990 (10 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1101. When used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Child" means any person under eighteen (18) years of age, except for any person sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age who is charged with any crime specified in subsection A of Section

1104.2 of this title, or who has been certified as an adult pursuant to Section 1112 of this title; provided that any person under eighteen (18) years of age who is not convicted after being charged with a crime pursuant to Section 1104.2 of this title, or who is not convicted after certification as an adult pursuant to Section 1112 of this title, shall continue to be subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

2. "Delinquent child" means a child who:

- a. has violated any federal or state law or municipal ordinance, except a traffic statute or traffic ordinance, or any lawful order of the court made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1101 through 1506 of this title, or
- b. has habitually violated traffic laws or traffic ordinances.

3. "Child in need of supervision" means a child who:

- a. has repeatedly disobeyed reasonable and lawful commands or directives of his parent, legal guardian, or other custodian, or
- b. is willfully and voluntarily absent from his home without the consent of his parent, legal guardian, or other custodian for a substantial length of time or without intent to return, or
- c. is willfully and voluntarily absent from school for fifteen (15) or more days or parts of days within a semester or four (4) or more days or parts of days within a four-week period without a valid excuse as defined by the local school boards, if said child is subject to compulsory school attendance.

4. "Deprived child" means a child:

- a. who is for any reason destitute, homeless, or abandoned ~~or~~

- b. who does not have the proper parental care or guardianship or whose home is an unfit place for the child by reason of neglect, cruelty, or depravity on the part of his parents, legal guardian, or other person in whose care the child may be, ~~or~~
- c. who is a child in need of special care and treatment because of his physical or mental condition including a child born in a condition of dependence on a controlled dangerous substance, and his parents, legal guardian, or other custodian is unable or willfully fails to provide said special care and treatment, ~~or~~
- d. who is a handicapped child deprived of the nutrition necessary to sustain life or of the medical treatment necessary to remedy or relieve a life-threatening medical condition in order to cause or allow the death of said child if such nutrition or medical treatment is generally provided to similarly situated nonhandicapped or handicapped children, provided that no medical treatment is necessary if, in the reasonable medical judgment of the attending physician, such treatment would be futile in saving the life of the child, ~~or~~
- e. who is, due to improper parental care and guardianship, absent from school for fifteen (15) or more days or parts of days within a semester or four (4) or more days or parts of days within a four-week period without a valid excuse as defined by the local school boards if said child is subject to compulsory school attendance, or
- f. whose parent or legal custodian for good cause desires to be relieved of his custody.

No child who, in good faith, is being provided with treatment and care by spiritual means alone in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner thereof shall be considered, for that reason alone, to be a deprived child pursuant to any provision of Sections 1101 through 1506 of this title. The phrase dependent and neglected shall be deemed to mean deprived.

5. "Child in need of treatment" means ~~any child who is afflicted with a substantial disorder of the emotional processes, thought, or cognition which grossly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life appropriate to the age of the child. The term child in need of treatment shall not mean a child afflicted with epilepsy, mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, physical handicaps, or brief periods of intoxication caused by such substances as alcohol or drugs unless the child also meets the criteria for a child in need of treatment~~ a child who has a demonstrable mental illness and as a result of that mental illness:

- a. can be expected within the near future to intentionally or unintentionally seriously physically injure himself or another person and has engaged in one or more recent overt acts or made significant recent threats which substantially support that expectation, or
- b. is unable to attend to those of his basic needs that must be attended to in order for him to avoid serious harm in the near future and has demonstrated such inability by failing to attend to those basic needs in the recent past. A determination regarding the ability of the child to attend to his basic needs shall be based upon the age of the child and reasonable and appropriate expectation of the

abilities of a child of such age to attend to said needs.

The term "child in need of treatment" shall not mean a child afflicted with epilepsy, developmental disability, organic brain syndrome, physical handicaps, brief periods of intoxication caused by such substances as alcohol or drugs or who is truant or sexually active unless the child also meets the criteria for a child in need of treatment pursuant to subparagraphs a or b of this paragraph.

6. "Handicapped child" means any child who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the child or who is regarded as having such an impairment by a competent medical professional.

7. "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

8. "Adjudicatory hearing" means a hearing to determine whether the allegations of a petition pursuant to the provisions of Section 1103 of this title are supported by the evidence and whether a child should be adjudged to be a ward of the court.

9. "Dispositional hearing" means a hearing to determine the order of disposition which should be made with respect to a child adjudged to be a ward of the court.

10. "Preliminary inquiry" or "intake" means a mandatory, preadjudicatory interview of the child and, if available, his parents, legal guardian, or other custodian, which is performed by a duly authorized individual to determine whether a child comes within the purview of this chapter, whether other nonadjudicatory alternatives are available and appropriate, and if the filing of a petition is necessary.

11. "Facility" means a place, an institution, a building or part thereof, a set of buildings, or an area whether or not enclosing a building or set of buildings which is used for the lawful custody and treatment of juveniles and may be owned or operated by a public or private agency.

12. "Secure facility" means a facility which is designed and operated to ensure that all entrances and exits from the facility are subject to the exclusive control of the staff of the facility, whether or not the person being detained has freedom of movement within the perimeter of the facility, or a facility which relies on locked rooms and buildings, fences, or physical restraint in order to control behavior of its residents.

13. "Community-based" means a facility, program or service, or open group home or other suitable place located near the home or family of the child, and programs of community supervision and service which maintain community participation in their planning, operation, and evaluation. These programs may include but are not limited to medical, educational, vocational, social, and psychological guidance, training, counseling, alcoholism treatment, drug treatment, transitional living, independent living and other rehabilitative services.

14. "Day treatment" means a program which provides intensive services to children who reside in their own home, the home of a relative, or a foster home. Day treatment programs include educational services and may be operated as a part of a residential facility.

15. "Group home" means a residential facility housing no more than twelve children with a program which emphasizes family-style living in a homelike environment. Said group home may also offer a program within the community to meet the specialized treatment needs of its residents.

16. "Transitional living program" means a residential program that may be attached to an existing facility or operated solely for the purpose of assisting children to develop the skills and abilities necessary for successful adult living. Said program may include but shall not be limited to reduced staff supervision, vocational training, educational services, employment and employment

training, and other appropriate independent living skills training as a part of the transitional living program.

17. "Independent living program" means a program designed to assist a child to enhance skills and abilities necessary for successful adult living and may include but shall not be limited to minimal direct staff supervision and supportive services in making the arrangements necessary for an appropriate place of residence, completing an education, vocational training, obtaining employment or other similar services.

18. "Community residential center" means a residential facility for no more than twenty children which offers a range of services including personal and social services, and emphasizes normal group living, school attendance, securing employment, and general participation in the community.

19. "Institution" means a residential facility offering care and treatment for more than twenty residents. Said institution may:

- a. have a program which includes community participation and community-based services, or
- b. be a secure facility with a program exclusively designed for a particular category of resident.

20. "Mental health facility" means:

- a. a facility or program operated by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or a facility or program operated by a private agency which offers outpatient or residential care and treatment services to children in need of treatment including but not limited to public or private hospitals, institutions, or agencies, comprehensive mental health centers, clinics, satellites, day treatment facilities, halfway homes, and group homes. A facility which or a program that offers outpatient care and treatment services to children in need of

- treatment shall be certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. A facility which offers residential treatment services to children in need of treatment shall be licensed by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services except that a facility accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals to provide care and treatment to children in need of treatment shall be deemed to meet rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for licensure, or
- b. a child guidance center operated by the State Department of Health, or
 - c. a facility or program operated by the State Department of Human Services and designated by the Department to be a mental health treatment center for children in the custody of the Department.

21. "Qualified mental health professional" means an individual having specific training and current experience in the mental health testing, examination, evaluation and diagnosis of children and adolescents and who:

- a. holds at least a master's degree in a mental health field and is employed by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Department of Health, or the Department of Human Services as a provider of mental health services in an Office of Personnel Management employment classification of Psychological Assistant or above or Social Worker II or above, or
- b. has been awarded a current, valid Oklahoma license in a mental health field or permission to practice by a licensure board in a mental health field.

For the purpose of this paragraph, "mental health field" means medicine, psychology, counseling and guidance, applied behavioral studies, human relations or social work.

22. "Independent" means that the person or persons performing a mental health examination and submitting a report to the court pursuant to the provisions of this title has no financial interests in or other connections to or relationships with a facility in which the child will be placed for inpatient mental health services that would constitute a conflict of interest, and has signed an affidavit to that effect.

23. "Mental health examination" and "mental health evaluation" means an examination or evaluation of a child by a qualified mental health professional for the purpose of making a determination or preparing reports or recommendations as to whether, in the opinion of the qualified mental health professional:

- a. the child is a child in need of treatment and the least restrictive treatment necessary and appropriate for the child; or
- b. the child is not a child in need of treatment, and the mental health services, if any, necessary and appropriate for the child.

24. "Less restrictive alternative to inpatient mental health care and treatment" means and shall include but not be limited to: Outpatient counseling services, including services provided in the home of the child and which may be referred to as "home-based services"; day treatment or day hospitalization services; respite care; foster care; group home care that provides for the delivery of services specifically designed to meet the treatment needs of children in need of treatment; or some combination thereof.

25. "Prescreening mental health evaluation" means a face to face examination of a child by a qualified mental health professional to determine whether the child should be admitted to a

hospital or inpatient mental health facility on an emergency psychiatric basis as provided by Section 1107 of this title.

~~21.~~ 26. "Training school" means an institution maintained by the state exclusively for the care, education, training, treatment, and rehabilitation of delinquent children.

~~22.~~ 27. "Rehabilitative facility" means a facility maintained by the state exclusively for the care, education, training, treatment, and rehabilitation of children in need of supervision.

~~23.~~ 28. "Treatment center" means a facility maintained by the state for the care, education, training, treatment, and rehabilitation of children who are in the custody of the Department and who have been found by the court to be in need of treatment.

SECTION 2. REPEALER 10 O.S. 1981, Section 1101, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 1990 (10 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1101), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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