

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2578

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An Act relating to counties and county officers; requiring certain continuing education or training requirements for certain district attorneys and assistant district attorneys; specifying educational requirements; requiring Attorney General to provide for program; providing that such additional education or training shall meet continuing legal education requirements; repealing 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1211, which relates to certain education and training; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 215.41 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any district attorney elected, reelected or appointed after July 1, 1994, and any assistant district attorney employed after July 1, 1994, in addition to any other qualifications required by law, shall be required to complete educational and training requirements specified by this section.

B. 1. Each district attorney elected, reelected or appointed after July 1, 1994, and any assistant district attorney with juvenile or domestic responsibility employed after July 1, 1994, shall obtain a minimum of six (6) hours of initial orientation and continuing education or training specified by this subsection, which shall be completed within one (1) year after appointment or election for district attorneys or within one (1) year after employment for assistant district attorneys.

2. The continuing education or training program for district attorneys shall require a minimum of six (6) hours of training

biennially. The continuing education or training program for assistant district attorney with juvenile or domestic responsibility shall require a minimum of six (6) hours of training annually.

3. The curriculum for the continuing education or training programs shall include, but not be limited to, training in gender bias prevention, juvenile law and procedures, domestic relations law and procedures, family dynamics, sexual abuse, substance abuse issues, child abuse and neglect, and the children and youth service system as defined by Section 600 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The District Attorneys Council, with at least three members concurring, shall submit recommended rules to the Attorney General concerning the programs of initial orientation and continuing education or training including but not limited to design of the programs, curriculum, procedures, organization and standards. The Council shall, upon the request of the Attorney General or upon their initiative, conduct rulemaking hearings. The Council shall consult with and advise the Attorney General on matters relating to such programs.

C. The Attorney General of this state shall provide by rule for a program of initial orientation and a program of continuing education or training for district attorneys and assistant district attorneys. The Attorney General shall develop such programs with the advise of public and private nonprofit organizations including but not limited to certified domestic violence shelters, organizations having certified domestic or sexual assault programs, and community mental health service providers.

D. The training required in this section shall meet the requirements of the mandatory continuing legal education for attorneys as otherwise required by law.

SECTION 2. REPEALER 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1211, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

SECTION 4. 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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