

SHORT TITLE: Children; additional juvenile detention beds;
emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1040

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; authorizing additional juvenile detention facilities; making additional facilities subject to appropriations; requiring certain reporting; providing for codification; 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 1407.1 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Human Services is hereby authorized to increase the total number of juvenile secure detention bed spaces within this state by not less than two hundred (200) additional bed spaces which shall be divided between the various placement security levels currently used by the Department for secure detention of adjudicated delinquents. The additional detention bed spaces shall be subject to the implementation of a construction and expansion plan for juvenile facilities, and subject to legislative appropriations. The first of the additional juvenile detention bed spaces authorized by this act shall be ready for occupancy on or before July 1, 1995.

For purposes of determining the necessity of constructing additional facilities or expanding current facilities, and the

necessary capacity of such facilities, the county juvenile bureaus and all other county or regional juvenile detention facilities, whether detaining juveniles prior to adjudication or after adjudication, shall report the total number of children detained in each of the previous three (3) years, the average length of detention, and the licensed capacity of the facility to the Department of Human Services on or before July 1, 1994, and the Department shall thereafter analyze the information received and submit a plan for either construction or expansion of juvenile facilities to the Legislature on or before January 1, 1995.

SECTION 2. 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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