

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2047

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An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1107, as last amended by Section 34, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (10 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1107), which relates to taking custody of certain children prior to the filing of a petition; expanding requirements for release of certain children; prohibiting certain acts and providing penalty therefor; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1116, as last amended by Section 41, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (10 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1116), which relates to disposition orders; providing penalties for violation of certain disposition orders; providing for restitution in certain circumstances; providing for procedures; authorizing the court to remove a ward of the court from certain placement; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1107, as last amended by Section 34, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (10 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1107), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1107. A. A child may be taken into custody prior to the filing of a petition:

1. By a peace officer, without a court order for any criminal offense, or if the child is willfully and voluntarily absent from the home of the child without the consent of the parent, guardian or legal custodian for a substantial length of time or without intent to return, or if the child's surroundings are such as to endanger the welfare of the child;

2. By an employee of the court without a court order, if the child is willfully and voluntarily absent from the home of the child without the consent of the parent, guardian or legal custodian for a substantial length of time or without intent to return, or if the child's surroundings are such as to endanger the welfare of the child;

3. Pursuant to an order of the district court issued on the application of the office of the district attorney. The application presented by the district attorney may be supported by a sworn affidavit which may be based upon information and belief. The application shall state facts sufficient to demonstrate to the court that there is reasonable suspicion to believe the child is in need of protection due to abandonment, abuse or neglect, or is in surroundings that are such as to endanger the welfare of the child or there is probable cause to believe the child has committed a crime or is in violation of the terms of his probation, parole or order of the court; and

4. By order of the district court pursuant to subsection F of this section when the child is in need of medical treatment or other action in order to protect the child's health or welfare and the parent, guardian or person having custody or control of the child is

unwilling or unavailable to consent to such medical treatment or other action.

B. Whenever a child is taken into custody as a delinquent child or a child in need of supervision, the child shall be detained or be released to the custody of his parent, guardian, attorney or custodian, upon the written promise of such parent, guardian, attorney or custodian to bring the child to the court at the time fixed if a petition is to be filed and to assume responsibility for costs for damages caused by the child if the child commits any delinquent acts after being released regardless of whether or not a petition is to be filed. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to sign the written promise and then fail to comply with the terms of the promise. Any person convicted of violating the terms of the written promise shall be subject to imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, if a parent, guardian, attorney or custodian of the child is notified that the child has been taken into custody, it shall be a misdemeanor for the parent, guardian, attorney or custodian to refuse to assume custody of the child within a timely manner. If detained, ~~such~~ the child shall be taken immediately before a judge of the district court in the county in which the child is sought to be detained, or to the place of detention or shelter designated by the court. If no judge be available locally, the person having the child in custody shall immediately report his detention of the child to the presiding judge of the judicial administrative district, provided that the child shall not be detained in custody beyond the next judicial day or for good cause shown due to problems of arranging for and transporting the child to and from a regional juvenile detention center, beyond the next two (2) judicial days unless the court shall so order after a detention hearing to determine if there exists probable cause to detain the child, as

provided in Section 1107.1 of this title. If the latter judge cannot be reached, such detention shall be reported immediately to any judge regularly serving within the judicial administrative district. If detained, a reasonable bond for release shall be set. Pending further disposition of the case, a child whose custody has been assumed by the court may be released to the custody of a parent or other person appointed by the court, or be detained pursuant to the provisions of Section 1107.1 of this title in such place as shall be designated by the court, subject to further order.

C. Whenever a child is taken into custody as a deprived child, he shall be taken to a shelter, hospital, foster home or other appropriate place as designated by the court, or he shall be taken immediately before a judge of the district court for the purpose of obtaining an order for protective custody. When a child has been taken into custody as a deprived child without a court order, the peace officer or employee of the court taking the child into custody shall immediately report the fact of the detention of the child to a judge of the district court in the county in which the child was taken into custody. If no judge is available locally, the detention shall be reported immediately to the presiding judge of the judicial administrative district, or if the presiding judge of the judicial administrative district cannot be reached, then to any judge regularly serving within the judicial administrative district. Within the next two (2) judicial days following the child being taken into custody, and thereafter at such intervals as may be determined by the court, the court shall conduct a hearing to determine whether the child should remain in protective custody or be released to the parent, guardian, legal custodian or another responsible person pending further proceedings pursuant to this chapter. The parent or legal guardian of the child shall be given immediate notice of the custody of the child whenever possible and prior adequate notice of the hearing by the peace officer or the

court. At the hearing provided for in this subsection, the court shall advise the parent or legal guardian of the child in writing of:

1. The procedures which will be followed with regard to determining custody of the child;
2. The right of the parent or guardian to testify and present evidence at court hearings;
3. The right to be represented by an attorney at court hearings;
4. The consequences of failure to attend any hearings which may be held; and
5. The right and procedure for appealing the findings of a court on custody issues.

The court may release an alleged deprived child from protective custody upon such conditions as the court finds reasonably necessary for the protection of the child and the court shall determine whether the allegations regarding the child are such that additional time for the filing of a petition pursuant to subsection B of Section 1104.1 of this title is warranted.

D. When any child is taken into custody pursuant to this title and it reasonably appears to the peace officer, employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order that the child is in need of medical treatment to preserve his health, any peace officer, any employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order shall have the authority to authorize medical examination and medical treatment for any child found to be in need of medical treatment as diagnosed by a competent medical authority in the absence of a parent or guardian who is competent to authorize medical treatment. The officer or the employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order shall authorize said medical treatment only after exercising due diligence to locate the parent, guardian or other person legally competent to authorize said medical

treatment. The parent, guardian or custodian of the child shall be responsible for such medical expenses as ordered by the court. No peace officer, any employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order authorizing such treatment in accordance with the provisions of this section for any child found in need of such medical treatment shall have any liability, civil or criminal, for giving such authorization.

E. A child who has been taken into custody as otherwise provided by this title who appears to be a child in need of mental health treatment may be admitted to a mental health facility on an emergency psychiatric basis or for an inpatient mental health evaluation or inpatient mental health treatment only in accordance with the provisions of the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act, Section 5-501 et seq. of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. 1. A child may be taken into custody pursuant to an order of the court specifying that the child is in need of medical treatment or other action to protect the child's health or welfare and the parent, guardian or person having custody or control of a child is unwilling or unavailable to consent to such medical treatment or other action.

2. If the child is in need of immediate medical treatment or other action to protect the child's health or welfare, the court may issue an emergency ex parte order upon application of the district attorney of the county in which the child is located. The application for an ex parte order may be verbal or in writing and shall be supported by facts sufficient to demonstrate to the court that there is reasonable cause to believe that the child is in need of immediate medical treatment or other action to protect the child's health or welfare. The emergency ex parte order shall be in effect until a full hearing is conducted. A copy of the application, notice for full hearing and a copy of any ex parte

order issued by the court shall be served upon such parent, guardian or person having custody or control of the child. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the filing of the application the court shall schedule a full hearing on the application, regardless of whether an emergency ex parte order had been issued or denied.

3. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 2 of this section, whenever a child is in need of medical treatment to protect the child's health or welfare, or whenever any other action is necessary to protect the child's health or welfare, and the parent, guardian or person having custody or control is unwilling or unavailable to consent to such medical treatment or other action, the court, upon application of the district attorney of the county in which the child is located, shall hold a full hearing within five (5) days of filing the application. Notice of the hearing and a copy of the application shall be served upon the parent, guardian or person having custody or control of the child.

4. At any hearing held pursuant to this subsection, the court may grant any order or require such medical treatment or other action as is necessary to protect the health or welfare of the child.

5. a. The parent, guardian or person having custody or control of the child shall be responsible for such medical expenses as ordered by the court.

b. No peace officer, any employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order authorizing such treatment in accordance with the provisions of this subsection for any child found in need of such medical treatment shall have any liability, civil or criminal.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1116, as last amended by Section 41, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (10 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1116), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1116. A. The following kinds of orders of disposition may be made in respect to wards of the court:

1. The court may place the child on probation or under supervision in his own home, or in the custody of a suitable person elsewhere, upon such conditions as the court shall determine. The court may require the parent or other person to give security by bond, with surety or sureties approved by the court, for compliance with such order.

If it is consistent with the welfare of the child, the child shall be placed with his parent or legal guardian, but if it appears to the court that the conduct of such parent, guardian, legal guardian, stepparent or other adult person living in the home has contributed to such delinquency, or need of supervision or deprivation, the court may issue a written order specifying conduct to be followed by such parent, guardian, legal custodian, stepparent or other adult person living in the home with respect to such child. The conduct specified shall be such as would reasonably prevent the child from becoming delinquent, in need of supervision or deprived, as defined by Section 1101 of this title. Such order shall remain in effect for a period of not more than one (1) year to be specified by the court, and the order may be extended or renewed by the court. If the court finds that the person to whom the order was directed has not complied with the provisions of the order and that the child in the custody of such person has committed a delinquent act after the issuance of the order, the person may be held in contempt of court and punished pursuant to Section 566 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. In addition, the court may require the person to whom the order was directed to pay restitution pursuant to the procedure provided in subparagraph c of paragraph 7 of this subsection. If a child in the custody of such person has committed a delinquent act after the issuance of the order, the court may remove the child from the placement authorized by this paragraph.

- a. If it is consistent with the welfare of the child, in cases where the child has been adjudicated to be deprived or in need of supervision due to repeated absence from school, the court may order counseling and treatment for the child and the parents of the child to be provided by the local school district, the county, the Department or a private individual or entity. Prior to final disposition, the court shall require that it be shown by the appropriate school district that a child found to be truant has been evaluated for learning disabilities, mental retardation, and hearing and visual impairments and other impediments which could constitute an educational handicap. The results of such tests shall be made available to the court for use by the court in determining the disposition of the case.
- b. In issuing orders to a parent, guardian, legal guardian, stepparent or other adult person living in the home of a child adjudicated to be a delinquent child or in making other disposition of said delinquent child, the court may consider the testimony of said parent, guardian, legal guardian, stepparent or other adult person concerning the behavior of the juvenile and his ability to exercise parental control over the behavior of the juvenile.
- c. In any dispositional order involving a child age sixteen (16) or older, the court shall make a determination, where appropriate, of the services needed to assist the child to make the transition from foster care to independent living.

No child who has been adjudicated in need of supervision or deprived upon the basis of truancy or noncompliance with the

mandatory school attendance law alone may be placed in a public or private institutional facility or be removed from the custody of the lawful parent, guardian or custodian of the child. A deprived adjudication based upon repeated absence from school shall not constitute a ground for termination of parental rights.

2. The court may commit the child to the custody of a private institution or agency, including any institution established and operated by the county, authorized to care for children or to place them in family homes. In committing a child to a private institution or agency, the court shall select one that is licensed by the Department or any other state department supervising or licensing private institutions and agencies; or, if such institution or agency is in another state, by the analogous department of that state. Whenever the court shall commit a child to any institution or agency, it shall transmit with the order of commitment a summary of its information concerning the child, and such institution or agency shall give to the court such information concerning the child as the court may at any time require.

3. The court may order the child to receive counseling or other community-based services as necessary.

4. The court may order the child to participate in a military mentor program administered by the Oklahoma Military Department, if such program:

- a. is staffed by National Guard personnel who are trained by the Oklahoma Military Department pursuant to training standards established by the Department of Human Services and meets screening requirements established by the Department of Human Services,
- b. provides for adequate supervision of the child, and
- c. is designed to develop useful skills and abilities of the child and/or integrate the child into community service activities or public works projects.

The Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma Military Department are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement to provide for the effective development and implementation of this paragraph.

5. The court may commit the child to the custody of the Department; provided, any order adjudicating the child to be delinquent and committing the child to the Department shall be for an indeterminate period of time; provided, on or after the adoption of placement guidelines by the Juvenile Placement Guidelines Committee and approval of the guidelines by the Legislature, if the child is a serious juvenile offender or a habitual juvenile offender, as defined in the Serious and Habitual Juvenile Offender Act, the order shall be for a determinate period of time established by the court within the range authorized by the placement guidelines, not to extend beyond such child's nineteenth birthday.

6. If the child has been placed outside the home, and it appears to the court that the parent, guardian, legal custodian, or stepparent, or other adult person living in the home has contributed to the delinquency, need of supervision or treatment, or deprivation of the child, the court may order that the parent, guardian, legal custodian, stepparent, or other adult living in the home be made subject to any treatment or placement plan prescribed by the Department or other person or agency receiving custody of the child.

7. With respect to a child adjudicated a delinquent child, the court may:

- a. for acts involving criminally injurious conduct as defined in Section 142.3 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, order the child to pay a victim compensation assessment in an amount not to exceed that amount specified in Section 142.18 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The court shall forward a copy of the adjudication order to the Crime Victims

Compensation Board for purposes of Section 142.11 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Except as otherwise provided by law, such adjudication order shall be kept confidential by the Board,

- b. order the child to engage in a term of community service without compensation. The state or any political subdivision shall not be liable if a loss or claim results from any acts or omission of a child ordered to engage in a term of community service pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph,
- c. if it is consistent with the welfare of the child, require community service or restitution or both community service and restitution for acts of delinquency. The immunities provided by Sections 227 and 228 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall apply to community services directed pursuant to this section. The court may order the parents or custodial parent of any child living with the parents or custodial parent at the time of the criminal or delinquent act of the child to remit the amount of restitution ordered by the court. The court may consider any hardship of such order on the parents or custodial parent of the child. The parents or custodial parent may be represented by an attorney in the matter of the order for remittance of the restitution by the parents or custodial parent. Provided however, if the court orders the parents or custodial parent to remit the amount of restitution as provided for in this paragraph, in addition to any other dispositional orders of the court, the court shall order the child to perform community service for the number of hours commensurate with the number of

hours it would require under federal or state minimum wage to earn the amount paid by such child's parents or custodial parent under the order to remit restitution,

- d. order the child to pay the fine which would have been imposed had such child been convicted of such crime as an adult. Any such fine collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in a special Work Restitution Fund to be established by the court to allow children otherwise unable to pay restitution to work in community service projects in the private or public sector to earn money to compensate their victims,
- e. order the cancellation or denial of driving privileges as provided by Sections 6-107.1 and 6-107.2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- f. in accordance with the guidelines approved and adopted by the Oklahoma Supreme Court for the implementation of the Serious and Habitual Juvenile Offender Program, make the following orders: sanction detention in the residence of the child or facility designated by the Department of Human Services or the juvenile bureau for such purpose for up to five (5) days; weekend detention in a place other than a juvenile detention facility or shelter; tracking; or house arrest with electronic monitoring. On and after the adoption of guidelines by the Oklahoma Supreme Court for the implementation of the Serious and Habitual Juvenile Offender Program, the provisions of subparagraphs a through e of this paragraph shall be subject to said guidelines,

- g. in accordance with the guidelines approved and adopted by the Oklahoma Supreme Court for the implementation of the Serious and Habitual Juvenile Offender Program, impose sanctions for the violation of pre-adjudicatory or postadjudicatory violations of probation,
- h. on and after the adoption of placement guidelines by the Juvenile Placement Guidelines Committee and approval of such guidelines by the Legislature, the provisions of subparagraphs a through g of this paragraph shall be subject to said guidelines.

8. The court may dismiss the petition or otherwise terminate its jurisdiction at any time for good cause shown.

9. In any dispositional order removing a child from the home of the child, the court shall make a determination that, in accordance with the best interests of the child, reasonable efforts have been made to provide for the return of the child to the child's own home, or that efforts to reunite the family are not feasible, and reasonable efforts are being made to secure an alternate permanent placement for the child.

B. The court shall not terminate the rights of a parent who has not been notified that the parental rights might be terminated. If the court terminates the rights of a parent and commits the child to an individual or agency, the court may invest in such individual or agency authority to consent to the adoption of the child. Provided, that where the court commits the child to the Department, it shall vest the Department with authority to place the child and, upon notice to the court that an adoption petition has been filed concerning said child, invest the Department with authority to consent to the adoption of the child, and the jurisdiction of the committing court shall terminate.

C. No child who has been adjudicated in need of supervision or deprived may be placed in a state training school.

D. No child charged in a state or municipal court with a violation of state or municipal traffic laws or ordinances, or convicted therefor, may be incarcerated in jail for any said violation unless the charge for which the arrest was made would constitute a felony if the child were an adult; provided, that nothing contained in the above section prohibits the detention of a juvenile for traffic-related offenses prior to the filing of a petition in the district court alleging delinquency as a result of said acts.

E. The court shall require any child found to be a juvenile delinquent or child in need of supervision, the parents of any child found to be a juvenile delinquent, a child in need of supervision, or a deprived child, or both the child and the parents, to reimburse the court fund, in whole or in part, for any disbursements made from the court fund in conjunction with the case, including, but not limited to, court-appointed attorney's fees, expert witness fees, sheriff's fees, witness fees, transcripts and postage, if the court determines the child or parents, or both the child and parents, are able to pay such costs. When any parent is financially able but has willfully failed to pay court costs or to reimburse the court fund as ordered by the court or has willfully failed to pay court costs and to reimburse the court fund as ordered by the court, the parent may be held in contempt of court and, upon conviction, shall be punished pursuant to Section 566 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. After a judicial determination that the child, the parent of the child, or both such child or parent, are able to pay the costs and to reimburse the court fund or pay the costs and to reimburse the court fund in the case in installments, the court may order the costs and such reimbursement of the court fund to be paid in installments and shall set the amount and due date of each installment. A parent may be found to be financially able to pay court costs or to reimburse the court fund or to pay court costs and

to reimburse the court fund in installments even though the court has previously found the parent indigent.

F. The court may revoke or modify a disposition order and may order redispotion. The child whose disposition is being considered for revocation or modification at said hearing shall have the right to be represented by counsel, to present evidence in his own behalf and to be confronted by witnesses against him. Any revocation, modification or redispotion of the court in whole or in part shall be subject to review on appeal, as in other appeals of criminal cases. Bail may be allowed pending appeal. On or after the adoption of placement guidelines by the Juvenile Placement Guidelines Committee and approval of such guidelines by the Legislature, the court may make specific orders concerning the placement of said juvenile if the juvenile is committed to the Department.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

President of the Senate