

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1212

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1211, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 1996 (10 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1211), which relates to education and training requirements for persons with juvenile court docket responsibility; requiring court-appointed attorneys whose duties include juvenile court docket to complete certain education and training courses; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1211, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 1996 (10 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1211), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1211. A. The Supreme Court is required to establish by rule, education and training requirements for judges, associate judges, special judges, and referees who have juvenile court docket responsibility. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall be responsible for developing and administering procedures and rules for such courses for judicial personnel.

B. All judges having juvenile or domestic docket responsibility shall attend training pertinent to issues relating to juvenile law and child abuse and neglect and domestic abuse issues. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall monitor the attendance of judges having juvenile docket responsibility at such training.

C. District attorneys and assistant district attorneys whose duties include responsibility for the juvenile court docket shall complete education and training courses in juvenile law and child abuse and neglect. The District Attorneys Council shall be responsible for developing and administering procedures and rules for such courses for district attorneys and assistant district attorneys.

D. Any public defender, or assistant public defender, whose duties include responsibility for a juvenile court docket shall complete education and training courses in juvenile law and child abuse and neglect. The public defender shall be responsible for developing and administering procedures and rules for such courses.

E. Any attorney employed by or under contract with the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System whose duties include responsibility for a juvenile court docket shall complete education and training courses in juvenile law and child abuse and neglect. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System shall be responsible for developing and administering procedures and rules for such courses.

F. Any court-appointed attorney whose duties include responsibility for a juvenile court docket shall complete education and training courses in juvenile law and child abuse and neglect. The chief judge of the judicial district for which a court-appointed attorney serves shall be responsible for developing and administering procedures and rules for such courses.

G. Any court-appointed special advocate (CASA) available for appointment pursuant to the Oklahoma Children's Code or the Oklahoma Juvenile Code shall complete education and training courses in

juvenile law and child abuse and neglect. The chief judge of the judicial district for which a court-appointed special advocate serves shall be responsible for developing and administering procedures and rules for such courses.

~~G.~~ H. The training and education programs required by this section shall be developed and provided by or in cooperation with the Child Abuse Training and Coordinating Council.

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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