

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1509

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1102, as renumbered by Section 199, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1995, and as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 305, O.S.L. 1996 (10 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 7303-1.2), which relates to jurisdiction; making certain municipal court records open for public inspection; amending Section 178, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1995, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 211, O.S.L. 1996 (10 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 7307-1.2), which relates to records; modifying conditions under which certain records are kept confidential; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1102, as renumbered by Section 199, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1995, and as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 305, O.S.L. 1996 (10 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 7303-1.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7303-1.2 A. 1. Upon the filing of a petition, or upon the assumption of custody pursuant to the provisions of Section 7303-1.1 of this title, the district court of the county in which a child:

- a. resides,
- b. is found, or
- c. is alleged to be or is found to be in need of supervision,

shall have jurisdiction of any child who is or is alleged to be in need of supervision and shall have jurisdiction of the parent, guardian, legal custodian, legal guardian or stepparent of said child, regardless of where the parent, guardian, legal custodian, legal guardian or stepparent is found; and shall have jurisdiction of any other adult person living in the home of such child. For any child who is or is alleged to be delinquent, the district court of the county where the cause of action arose shall have jurisdiction of the child and of the parent, guardian, legal custodian, legal guardian or stepparent of said child, regardless where the parent, guardian, legal custodian, legal guardian or stepparent is found; and shall have jurisdiction of any other adult person living in the home of such child.

2. When jurisdiction shall have been obtained over a child who is or is alleged to be in need of supervision, such may be retained until the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age and when jurisdiction shall have been obtained over a child who is or is alleged to be a delinquent, jurisdiction may be retained until the child becomes nineteen (19) years of age upon the court's own motion, motion by the district attorney or motion by the Department of Juvenile Justice, as provided in subsection B of Section 7302-5.4 of this title.

3. For the convenience of the parties and in the interest of justice, a proceeding under the Oklahoma Juvenile Code, Section 7301-1.1 et seq. of this title, may be transferred to the district court in any other county.

B. The district court in which a petition is filed or the district court in which custody has been assumed pursuant to the

provisions of Section 7303-1.1 of this title may retain jurisdiction of a delinquent child in such proceeding notwithstanding the fact that the child is subject to the jurisdiction of another district court within the state. Any adjudication and disposition made by the court in which said petition is filed shall control over prior orders in regard to the child.

C. The district court in which a petition is filed which alleges that a child is in need of supervision can issue any temporary order or grant any interlocutory relief authorized by this Code notwithstanding the fact that another district court within the state has jurisdiction of the child.

D. If the district court in which a petition is filed pursuant to either subsection B or subsection C of this section sustains the petition, the district court shall have the jurisdiction to make a final determination on the juvenile petition or to transfer the proceedings to a court having prior jurisdiction over the child. Where the other proceeding is pending in the same judicial district in which the juvenile petition is filed, the chief judge of the judicial district shall determine if the proceedings shall be consolidated and, if consolidated, which judge shall try the issues when the judges to whom the cases have been assigned are unable to agree on the procedure that should be followed.

E. 1. A municipality may enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with the district court pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Sections 1001 through 1008 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to assume jurisdiction of cases involving children under eighteen (18) years of age charged with violating municipal ordinances relating to possession of firearms, vandalism, shoplifting, trespassing, assault, battery, assault and battery, truancy, curfews, possession of low-point beer as defined in Section 163.2 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, possession of alcoholic beverages as defined in Section 506 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma

Statutes, disorderly conduct, public intoxication and failure to appear for a court appearance or comply with a court order and any other municipal ordinances as agreed by the district court, the district attorney and the municipality. For the purposes of this subsection, "district court" shall mean the district court judicial district or districts in which the contracting municipality is situated. The chief juvenile judge of the district court judicial district is hereby authorized to enter into the interlocal cooperation agreement as provided for in this section for and on behalf of said judicial district if the judge determines that the agreement is constitutional and complies with state and federal law. Provided, if there is no chief juvenile judge in the judicial district, then the presiding judge of the judicial administrative district that includes the contracting judicial district may enter into the agreement for and on behalf of said judicial district if the judge determines that the agreement is constitutional and complies with state and federal law.

2. A child under eighteen (18) years of age who is taken into custody for the alleged violation of a municipal ordinance relating to truancy may be held pursuant to Section 10-109 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3. A child under eighteen (18) years of age who is taken into custody for the alleged violation of a municipal ordinance relating to curfews may be held temporarily under the custodial care of a peace officer or other person employed by a police department only until the child's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or other responsible adult assumes custody or, if such a person cannot be located within a reasonable time of the taking of the child into custody or if such a person refuses to assume custody, until temporary shelter is found for the child. In no event shall the child be placed in a jail, lockup, or detention facility. The temporary custody provided for by this paragraph shall be utilized

as a means of returning the child to the child's home or other place of shelter.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, a child less than eighteen (18) years of age, who is taken into custody for the alleged violation of a municipal ordinance relating to one or more of the offenses listed in paragraph 1 of this subsection other than truancy or curfew violations, and who can be prosecuted in municipal court for such offense pursuant to jurisdiction assumed by the municipal court pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection, may be temporarily detained by the municipality in a municipal juvenile facility, as defined by this paragraph, but only pursuant to the following conditions:

- a. the municipality shall immediately take all reasonable steps to attempt to locate the child's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or another responsible adult and determine if said parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or other responsible adult is willing to appear at the municipal juvenile facility and assume personal custody of the child upon the child's release from such facility,
- b. the child shall be released to the personal custody of the child's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or other responsible adult as soon as practicable and upon the written promise of such person to return the child to municipal court to answer the municipal charges on the date and at the time set by the municipal court and to assume responsibility for costs for damages by the child if the child causes damages while committing any acts in violation of municipal ordinances listed in this section after being released. Municipalities may

enact ordinances providing penalties for failure to comply with the written promise and for refusal to assume custody of a child in a timely manner,

- c. the child shall be detained in the municipal juvenile facility for no longer than twenty-four (24) hours; provided, if the child's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or other responsible adult fails to appear at the municipal juvenile facility and assume personal custody of the child within said twenty-four-hour period, then custody or release of the child shall be determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 7303-1.1 of this title,
- d. the child shall be provided with adequate fresh drinking water,
- e. the child shall be provided with adequate food not less than three times in a twenty-four-hour period,
- f. the child shall be provided with adequate bathroom facilities and bedding, and
- g. the child shall be provided with any necessary medical care and treatment.

Prior to the temporary detention of any child pursuant to the authority of this subsection, the municipal juvenile facility shall be certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs pursuant to the applicable certification standards set by the Board of Juvenile Affairs, and each member of the staff of the municipal juvenile facility shall have satisfactorily completed a training program provided or approved by the Department of Juvenile Justice. In furtherance of this subsection, the Office of Juvenile Affairs is directed to and shall establish standards for the certification of municipal juvenile facilities, with said standards to include, but not be limited to, the conditions set forth in subparagraphs a through g, inclusive, of this paragraph, and the Department of

Juvenile Justice is directed to and shall provide or approve an appropriate training program for staff members of such facilities. In lieu of operating a municipal juvenile facility with trained municipal employees, the municipality may contract with an independent public or private facility properly certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs for performance of the detention services authorized by the provisions of this paragraph. For the purposes of this section, a "municipal juvenile facility" shall mean a secure facility which is entirely separate from any jail, adult lockup, or other adult facility, or is spatially separate if contained inside any jail, adult lockup, or other adult facility which is certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs for use for the temporary detention of juveniles as authorized by the provisions of this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph shall not restrict or limit the use of municipal juvenile facilities for detention of juveniles who are detained pursuant to other provisions of law. In no event shall a juvenile be held in an adult facility that does not meet the definition of a municipal juvenile facility.

5. Pursuant to an interlocal cooperation agreement between a municipality and the district court, as authorized by the provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection, a child less than eighteen (18) years of age may be charged, prosecuted and, if convicted, fined for violating a municipal ordinance relating to one or more of the offenses listed in paragraph 1 of this subsection; provided that the maximum fine which may be imposed shall not exceed the maximum fine authorized by law. When assessing punishment, the court also may require appropriate community service work, not to exceed ninety (90) hours, in lieu of a fine if the product of multiplying the number of hours of community service work by the prevailing minimum wage does not result in a number which exceeds the maximum fine authorized by law, or restitution, or both community service work

and restitution. In addition, during any calendar year that any child:

- a. fails to appear for a court date on more than one occasion,
- b. is convicted of two or more of the offenses listed in paragraph 1 of this subsection, which offenses occurred on different days, or
- c. fails to pay any fine or cost properly assessed by a municipal court,

and after the expiration of ninety (90) days, the court clerk shall mail notice of such occurrence to the Department of Public Safety, which department shall thereafter suspend or deny driving privileges for such child for six (6) months. The suspension may be modified as provided in Section 6-107.2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. In addition, the court may require the child to receive counseling or other community-based services, as necessary.

If a child is prosecuted for an offense in a municipal court, the child shall not be prosecuted for the offense in the district court. The municipal court may also impose costs as authorized by law.

6. Any fines and costs properly assessed against any child and which remain unpaid after three (3) months may be assessed by the municipal judge against the child's parent, parents, legal guardian or legal custodian and collected and paid as provided for in Section 27-122 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided however, prior to such latter assessment, the court clerk shall give such child's parent, parents, legal guardian or legal custodian notice by certified mail to their place of residence or personal service of such action proposed to be taken.

7. All municipal arrest records, prosecution records, court records, and court proceedings for cases involving children less than eighteen (18) years of age charged with violating municipal

ordinances relating to one or more of the offenses listed in paragraph 1 of this subsection shall ~~be kept confidential and shall not~~ be open to public inspection except by order of the municipal court or as otherwise provided by Article VII of this Code and Section 620.6 of this title.

F. Funds generated from fines paid pursuant to an interlocal cooperation agreement between a municipality and the district court pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this section shall be earmarked and used by the municipality only for the following purposes:

1. To fund local programs which address problems of juvenile crime;
2. To fund the costs of prosecutions authorized pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this section;
3. To fund the costs of detention authorized pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this section; and
4. To fund administrative costs related to local programs that address problems of juvenile crime or related to the prosecution, detention, or punishment authorized pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this section.

Such earmarked funds shall not be used by the municipality for any purpose other than the purposes set forth in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this subsection.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 178, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1995, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 211, O.S.L. 1996 (10 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 7307-1.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7307-1.2 A. Except as provided by this section or as otherwise specifically provided by state or federal laws, the following juvenile records are confidential and shall not be open to the general public, inspected, or their contents disclosed:

1. Juvenile court records;
2. Agency records;

3. District attorney's records;
4. Law enforcement records;
5. Nondirectory education records; and
6. Social records.

B. The confidentiality limitation of subsection A of this section shall not apply to statistical information or information of a general nature obtained pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Juvenile Code.

C. ~~1.~~ The confidentiality requirements of subsection A of this section for juvenile court records ~~and~~, law enforcement records and district attorney records shall not apply:

- a. upon the certification of a juvenile as an adult pursuant to Section 7303-4.3 of this title,
- b.—upon the charging of an individual pursuant to Section 7306-1.1 of this title,
- c.—to a violation of any traffic regulation or motor vehicle regulation of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or to a violation of any city ordinance or county resolution which relates to the regulation of traffic on the roads, highways or streets, or to the operation of self-propelled or nonself-propelled vehicles of any kind in this state,
- d. to a juvenile who is fourteen (14) years of age or older and who has been adjudicated delinquent and who subsequently comes before the juvenile court on a new delinquency matter after July 1, 1995, ~~or~~
- e.—to a juvenile adjudicated a delinquent for committing a delinquent act which, if committed by an adult, would be a felony offense that is a crime against the person or a felony offense involving a dangerous weapon, or

f. to a juvenile who has committed any act which, if committed by an adult, would be a crime.

D. Following the first adjudication as a delinquent, the court having jurisdiction shall note on the juvenile court record of the person that any subsequent juvenile court records shall not be confidential; provided, the child is at least fourteen (14) years of age or older. Any juvenile court record which becomes an open juvenile record as provided in this subsection may be expunged as provided in Section § 7307-1.8 of this ~~act~~ title.

The provisions of this subsection shall only apply to the juvenile court records and law enforcement records of juvenile offenders certified, charged or adjudicated on and after July 1, 1995.

E. When a delinquent child has escaped or run away from a training school or other institutional placement for delinquents, the name and description of the child may be released to the public by the agency having custody of the child as necessary and appropriate for the protection of the public and the apprehension of the delinquent child whether or not the juvenile record is confidential or open.

F. Except as otherwise required by state or federal law, the confidential records listed in subsection A of this section may only be inspected, released, disclosed, corrected or expunged pursuant to an order of the court. Except as otherwise provided in Section 601.6 of this title or any provision of this chapter, no subpoena or subpoena duces tecum purporting to compel disclosure of confidential information or any confidential juvenile record shall be valid.

G. An order of the court authorizing the inspection, release, disclosure, correction or expungement of confidential records shall be entered by the court only after a review of the records by the court and a determination by the court, with due regard for the confidentiality of the records and the privacy of persons identified

in the records, that a compelling reason exists and such inspection, release or disclosure is necessary for the protection of a legitimate public or private interest.

Except for district attorney records, any court order authorizing the disclosure, release or inspection of a confidential juvenile record may be conditioned on such terms and restrictions as the court deems necessary and appropriate.

H. Upon the filing of a petition for inspection, release, disclosure, or correction of a juvenile record, the court shall set a date for a hearing and shall provide a thirty-day notice to all interested parties, the person who is the subject of the record if the person is eighteen (18) years of age or older, or to the parents of a child if the child is less than eighteen (18) years of age, and to the attorneys of record, if any. The hearing may be closed at the discretion of the court.

I. Any agency or person may seek an order from the juvenile court prohibiting the release of confidential information subject to disclosure without an order of the court pursuant to Section 620.6 of this title or any provision of this chapter. The court may, for good cause shown, prohibit the release of such information or authorize release of the information upon such conditions as the court deems necessary and appropriate.

J. In accordance with the provisions of the Serious and Habitual Juvenile Offender Act and Section 620.6 of this title:

1. Information included in the records listed in subsection A of this section may be entered in and maintained in the Juvenile Justice Information System and other automated information systems related to services to children and youth whether or not the record is confidential or open; and

2. The information systems may be accessed by participating agencies as defined by this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

K. The court may authorize a designated person to review juvenile court confidential reports and records and collect statistical information and other abstract information for research purposes. Such authorization shall be in writing and shall state specifically the type of information which may be reviewed and reported.

Each person granted permission to inspect confidential reports and records for research purposes shall present a notarized statement to the court stating that the names of juveniles, parents and other persons as may be required by the court to be confidential will remain confidential.

L. Nothing contained in the provisions of Section 620.6 of this title or any provision of this chapter shall be construed as:

1. Authorizing the inspection of records or the disclosure of information contained in records relating to the provision of benefits or services funded, in whole or in part, with federal funds, except in accord with federal statutes and regulations governing the receipt or use of such funds;

2. Authorizing the disclosure of information required to be kept confidential by Section 55.1, 57, 60.17 or 60.29 of this title or disclosure of any other confidential record pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

3. Abrogating any privilege, including the attorney-client privilege, or affecting any limitation on such privilege found in any other statutes;

4. Limiting or otherwise affecting access of parties to a juvenile proceeding to any records filed with or submitted to the court;

5. Limiting or otherwise affecting access of agencies to information subject to disclosure, review or inspection by contract or as a condition for the receipt of public funds or participation in any program administered by the agency;

6. Prohibiting the Department of Juvenile Justice from summarizing the outcome of an investigation to the person who reported a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect; or

7. Prohibiting the person or agency conducting a preliminary inquiry relating to an alleged delinquent act from providing information, as to the disposition of the matter by the district attorney, to the person or agency which referred the matter, including but not limited to whether a petition was filed or an alternative action taken, and the basis for such action and the terms of any agreement entered into by the child for payment of restitution, and including but not limited to provisions for community services.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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