

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1014

By: Hilliard, Paulk and Newport  
of the House

and

Crutchfield of the Senate

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Interpreter for the Deaf Act; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2415, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 73, O.S.L. 1995 (63 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2415), which relates to interpreter fees; prohibiting assessment of reimbursement fees; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2415, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 73, O.S.L. 1995 (63 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2415), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2415. An interpreter appointed under the provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Interpreter for the Deaf Act shall be entitled to a reasonable fee for such services. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall consider the prevailing rate of the Department of Rehabilitation Services, and establish a rate pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2409 and 2410 of this title. When the interpreter is appointed by a court, the fee shall be paid out of the local court fund as provided for in Section 1304 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes and when the interpreter is otherwise appointed, the fee shall be paid out of funds available to the appointing authority. The person for whom the interpreter is appointed shall not be assessed a reimbursement fee.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 1999.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 29th day of March, 1999.

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President of the Senate