

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Sections 26, as last amended by Section 27, Chapter 396, O.S.L. 1999, and as last renumbered by Section 30, Chapter 396, O.S.L. 1999, 27, as last amended by Section 28, Chapter 396, O.S.L. 1999, and as last renumbered by Section 30, Chapter 396, O.S.L. 1999 and 24, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1998 (10 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 21.3, 21.4 and 24), which relate to the care and custody of children; providing for custody pending certain hearings; requiring transitional periods; granting parental authority to certain persons; providing for relative guardianships; providing for procedures and requirements; providing for effect of orders; requiring certain consents; providing exceptions; providing for certain authority; providing for termination of orders; providing for appointment of certain relative guardians and payment of fees; requiring home study; providing for effectiveness and terminations; providing for contents of petitions; providing for child support; requiring submission of certain records; providing for notice and hearing; providing for venue; providing for temporary orders; making certain sections of the Oklahoma Guardianship and Conservatorship Act apply to certain appointments; providing for the preparation of certain handbook and forms; providing for distribution; providing for legislative intent; creating a relative support program within the Department of Human Services; providing for eligibility; providing for assistance; subjecting assistance to available funding; specifying services; specifying use of certain funds; authorizing certain contracts; providing for publication; specifying contents; requiring report; authorizing attorney representation for certain relatives; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Sections 403, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 233, O.S.L. 1999 and 404 (10 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 403), which relate to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Act; removing certain exceptions; updating section; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 601.1, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 416, O.S.L. 1998 (10 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 601.1), which relates to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; changing and updating name of certain organization; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 60.17, as last amended by Section 19, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1997, and as renumbered by Section 58, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1997, Section 12, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1997, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 415, O.S.L. 1998 and Section 20, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1997, as amended by Section 17, Chapter 415, O.S.L. 1998 (10 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 7503-2.4, 7505-1.1 and 7505-1.2), which relate to the Oklahoma Adoption Code; modifying who may consent to the adoption of a child who is in the custody of the Department of Human Services; modifying procedures for obtaining court orders and contents relating to confidential hearings and information; providing for certain verifications; adding to list of persons which may request appointment of a guardian ad litem for the child; providing for certain open adoption agreements; specifying parties; defining term; specifying certain conditions; requiring best interests of child; providing for failure to comply; requiring certain mediation; providing for attorney fees and costs; providing for modification; amending 30 O.S. 1991, Sections 1-112 and 2-108, which relate to the Oklahoma Guardianship and Conservatorship Act; providing for payment of child support; requiring provision in certain orders; exempting certain guardianships and custodianships from the Oklahoma Guardianship and Conservatorship Act; amending 28 O.S. 1991, Section 111, as last amended by Section 16, Chapter 69, O.S.L. 1996 (28 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 111), which relates to fees chargeable by Secretary of State; clarifying language; providing for collection of fee for apostille for foreign adoption; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.