

ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1340

By: Laster of the Senate

and

Blackburn of the House

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Sections 7003-5.5a, 7003-5.6, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 237, O.S.L. 2002, 7003-5.6d, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 237, O.S.L. 2002, and 7003-5.6e, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 105, O.S.L. 2003 (10 O.S. Supp. 2003, Sections 7003-5.6, 7003-5.6d, and 7003-5.6e), which relate to the Oklahoma Children's Code and custody and court proceedings; * * * repealing 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7003-5.6g, which relates to time frames for permanency hearings; and providing an effective date.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 8, line 15 1/2, add new Sections 5 and 6 to read

"SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 21.1a of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

In addition to other considerations and requirements of law, in determining the best interests of a child for purposes of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to custody, foster care or guardianship of or visitation with a child, the court shall consider the capability of the person requesting custody, foster care or guardianship of or visitation with a child to protect the child from nonaccidental exposure to substances declared dangerous or hazardous to the health of the child by the State of Oklahoma or the federal government.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 109.3 of Title 43, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

In addition to other considerations and requirements of law, in determining the best interests of a child for purposes of Title 43 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to custody, foster care or guardianship of or visitation with a child, the court shall consider the capability of the person requesting custody, foster care or guardianship of or visitation with a child to protect the child from nonaccidental exposure to substances declared dangerous or hazardous to the health of the child by the State of Oklahoma or the federal government."

and renumber subsequent sections

and amend title to conform

Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate