

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Sections 1505 and 7003-5.6e, which relate to county juvenile officers appointment and court appointed special advocates; authorizing certain judges to appoint special advocates as juvenile officers; delineating juvenile officer appointments; allowing court appointed special advocate programs to employ juvenile officers; requiring certain court appointed special advocate programs to maintain independent board of directors and comply with certain laws; allowing court appointed special advocates to serve as juvenile officers; allowing approval of funding for specified salaries; allowing certain court appointed special advocates to participate in employee benefits program and allowing for county reimbursement; requiring provision of office space; requiring court appointed special advocate program to fund other expenses; making service of court appointed special advocate at the pleasure of the court; making provisions applicable to subsequently hired juvenile officers; deleting requirements related to court appointed special advocates with regard to permanency hearings; updating statutory reference; requiring Department of Human Services to contact court appointed special advocates for certain assistance; allowing court appointed special advocates to submit additional information for certain court review; and providing an effective date.