ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 522

By: Crain of the Senate

and

Liotta and Nations of the House

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7305-1.7, which relates to salaries and expenses; modifying certain salary; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7305-1.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7305-1.7 A. 1. The salary of the director and other employees of the bureau and any detention home established pursuant to Section 7305-1.8 of this title shall be fixed by the judge of the Juvenile Division, subject to the general administrative authority of the county commissioners of the contracting county. The salary of the director shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of salaries of county Class A officers. The salary of a referee shall not be ~~less~~ greater than that of the associate district judge of the county.

2. The salary of supervisors with intake or intake-probational duties shall not be less than Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($12,300.00) per year, and not more than eighty-five percent (85%) of Class A county officers.

3. The salary of employees with case, probation, counseling or juvenile duties shall not be less than Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($10,500.00) per year, and not more than eighty percent (80%) of Class A county officers.

B. The judge of the Juvenile Division, subject to the general administrative authority of the county commissioners of the contracting county, may fix a limit on the amount of expenses that may be incurred by the director and assistants to the director, such limit to be in the judgment of the judge adequate to care for the expenses necessary to carrying out the orders of the court in an efficient and expedient manner. The director and assistants to the director and other personnel of the court shall keep and maintain their offices at the place where the office of the judge of the court is kept, unless the judge of the Juvenile Division, subject to the general administrative authority of the county commissioners of the contracting county, shall direct otherwise. The offices of the

director and assistants to the director shall contain adequate equipment, desk space and consultation rooms necessary for appropriate office procedure.

C. In addition to their salaries, the director and assistants to the director shall be reimbursed at the same rate as state employees for mileage traveled by them in the investigation of court cases and in supervising probationers; with the approval of the judge in charge of the Juvenile Division, the director and assistants may also receive reimbursement, at the rate and in the manner applicable to other county officers, for actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in attending conferences, meetings, seminars or official business of the court either within or outside of the State of Oklahoma.

D. In all counties having a juvenile bureau, the budget of the juvenile bureau for salaries and expenses of the director, counselors and other employees shall be established and funded as follows:

1. All expenses incurred in complying with the provisions of this article shall be a county charge;

2. The salaries and other compensation of all employees of the juvenile bureau shall be fixed by the judge within the limit of the total appropriations therefor; and

3. It is made the duty of the county excise board to make the necessary appropriation and levy for the payment of salaries of the director and all other employees, together with the expenses of administering the bureau, consistent with the duty to do likewise with the budget estimates of other county officers under the board's jurisdiction, as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

E. All expenses incurred by the director and counselor in carrying out the orders of the judge of the court shall be reported to the judge of the Juvenile Division under oath, and such expenses shall not be paid by the board of county commissioners until such judge shall, by order entered of record, approve such accounts, and such judge may hear testimony as to the correctness thereof. A certified copy of the order of approval shall be filed in the office of the county clerk and shall be authority to the board of county commissioners to disburse the necessary funds in payment thereof, provided payment of the same comes within the budgetary provisions of the bureau as established in subsection D of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 2005.

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