

3 Senate Bill No. 522  
4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 522 - By: CRAIN of the Senate and LIOTTA of the  
6 House.

7 An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Section  
8 7305-1.7, which relates to salaries and expenses; modifying  
9 certain salary; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

21 2. The salary of supervisors with intake or intake-probational  
22 duties shall not be less than Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Dollars  
23 (\$12,300.00) per year, and not more than eighty-five percent (85%)  
24 of Class A county officers.

1           3. The salary of employees with case, probation, counseling or  
2 juvenile duties shall not be less than Ten Thousand Five Hundred  
3 Dollars (\$10,500.00) per year, and not more than eighty percent  
4 (80%) of Class A county officers.

5           B. The judge of the Juvenile Division, subject to the general  
6 administrative authority of the county commissioners of the  
7 contracting county, may fix a limit on the amount of expenses that  
8 may be incurred by the director and assistants to the director, such  
9 limit to be in the judgment of the judge adequate to care for the  
10 expenses necessary to carrying out the orders of the court in an  
11 efficient and expedient manner. The director and assistants to the  
12 director and other personnel of the court shall keep and maintain  
13 their offices at the place where the office of the judge of the  
14 court is kept, unless the judge of the Juvenile Division, subject to  
15 the general administrative authority of the county commissioners of  
16 the contracting county, shall direct otherwise. The offices of the  
17 director and assistants to the director shall contain adequate  
18 equipment, desk space and consultation rooms necessary for  
19 appropriate office procedure.

20           C. In addition to their salaries, the director and assistants  
21 to the director shall be reimbursed at the same rate as state  
22 employees for mileage traveled by them in the investigation of court  
23 cases and in supervising probationers; with the approval of the

1 judge in charge of the Juvenile Division, the director and  
2 assistants may also receive reimbursement, at the rate and in the  
3 manner applicable to other county officers, for actual and necessary  
4 expenses incurred by them in attending conferences, meetings,  
5 seminars or official business of the court either within or outside  
6 of the State of Oklahoma.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-21-05  
14 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.