

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1839

By: Johnson (Constance)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7303-8.6, which relates to commitment of child to custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice; providing for reintegration services within certain time of release from placement or custody; requiring certain referral and continuation of services of certain period; providing for costs; providing for an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7303-8.6, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7303-8.6 A. When a child is committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice under the provisions of this article, the court shall order the child to be delivered by the sheriff or by a private contractor pursuant to the provisions of Section 7304-1.3 of this title to an institution, or other place, designated by the Department, and the cost of transportation shall be paid from the county's general fund.

B. In preparation for a child to be released from an institution or other place designated by the Department, or to be released from the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, the institution or other designated place shall begin a process of reintegration within two (2) months of such release. Upon release from such institution or placement to a community setting or home, or release from custody, the Department shall provide reintegration services by making a referral to a community service provider who shall assist the child for a period of six (6) months following such

release to ensure a more successful transfer into the community and home. The services provided shall be based upon the needs of the child, and the cost of such services shall be the responsibility of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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