

3 Senate Bill No. 1760

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1760 - By: WILLIAMSON of the Senate and PETERS of  
5 the House.

6 An Act relating to courts; authorizing appointment of  
7 certain managers; specifying duties of certain managers;  
8 directing selection of certain managers; establishing  
9 qualifications for certain managers; authorizing salary for  
10 certain managers; allowing certain agreements; providing for  
11 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 128 of Title 20, unless there is  
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. Juvenile court case managers may be appointed in any county  
17 pursuant to subsection C of this section.

18 B. The duties of the juvenile court case managers shall be:

19 1. To assist judges with juvenile docket responsibilities in  
20 the appointing county by insuring that juvenile cases proceed  
21 through the court process in a timely and effective manner by  
22 accurately tracking cases, insuring consistent data entry,  
23 conducting review of open cases and monitoring open case reports to  
24 insure compliance with all federal and state statutory requirements;

1           2. To increase the amount of information available to the court  
2 for its consideration by acting as liaison between parties,  
3 attorneys and other professionals and the judges;

4           3. To encourage accountability and communication among  
5 professionals, parties, participants and attorneys; and

6           4. To perform any other duties necessary to assist the court in  
7 carrying out its judicial functions under Title 10 of the Oklahoma  
8 Statutes.

9           C. Juvenile court case managers shall be selected by the chief  
10 of the juvenile division of the district court subject to the  
11 approval of the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.  
12 Juvenile court case managers shall serve at the pleasure of the  
13 chief of the juvenile division.

14           D. To be eligible for appointment as a juvenile court case  
15 manager, a person shall possess at least one of the following  
16 minimum qualifications:

17           1. Be an attorney licensed to practice law in this state with  
18 at least two (2) years experience in juvenile or family law; or

19           2. Hold a bachelor's degree in the social sciences or related  
20 field from an accredited college or university and three (3) years  
21 experience working with court procedures, juvenile law or social  
22 work. A master's degree in social sciences may substitute for one  
23 year of the required experience.

1       E. Each juvenile court case manager shall receive a salary to  
2 be determined by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court to  
3 be paid from the local court fund pursuant to paragraph 21 of  
4 subsection B of Section 1304 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5       F. The juvenile divisions of the district courts located in two  
6 or more adjoining counties may enter into an agreement to employ a  
7 single juvenile court case manager to serve the needs of the  
8 juvenile court judges in those counties. Such juvenile court case  
9 manager shall be employed and serve in the same manner as those  
10 employed for individual counties.

11       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

12       COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 2-12-08 - DO  
13       PASS, As Coauthored.