

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1760

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

21 1. To assist judges with juvenile docket responsibilities in
22 the appointing county by insuring that juvenile cases proceed
23 through the court process in a timely and effective manner by
24 accurately tracking cases, insuring consistent data entry,

1 conducting review of open cases and monitoring open case reports to
2 insure compliance with all federal and state statutory requirements;

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

6 3. To encourage accountability and communication among
7 professionals, parties, participants and attorneys; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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