

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE BILL 2849

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending  
8 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-227, as amended by Section 1,  
9 Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2007 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section  
10 1-227), which relates to the Child Abuse Prevention  
11 Act; clarifying language; and providing an effective  
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-227, as  
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2007 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009,  
16 Section 1-227), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1-227. A. Sections 1-227 through 1-227.9 of this title  
18 shall be known and may be cited as the "Child Abuse Prevention Act".

19 B. The Legislature hereby declares that the increasing  
20 incidence of child abuse and its attendant human and financial cost  
21 to the citizens of Oklahoma requires that the prevention of child  
22 abuse and neglect be identified as a priority within the children,  
23 youth and family service system of this state. It is the intent of  
24 the Legislature that:

1 1. A comprehensive approach for the prevention of child abuse  
2 and neglect be developed for the state, and that this planned,  
3 comprehensive approach be used as a basis for funding of programs  
4 and services for the prevention of child abuse and neglect  
5 statewide; and

6 2. Multidisciplinary and discipline-specific training on child  
7 abuse and neglect and domestic violence be made available to  
8 professionals in ~~Oklahoma~~ the state with responsibilities affecting  
9 children, youth, and families, including but not limited to:  
10 district attorneys, judges, lawyers, public defenders, medical  
11 personnel, law enforcement officers, school personnel, child welfare  
12 workers, youth service agencies, mental health workers, and Court  
13 Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Said training shall be ongoing  
14 and shall accommodate professionals who require extensive knowledge  
15 and those who require only general knowledge.

16 C. For the purpose of establishing a comprehensive statewide  
17 approach towards the prevention of child abuse and neglect there is  
18 hereby created the Office of Child Abuse Prevention within the State  
19 Department of Health.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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