

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 3248

By: Derby

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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 this state require that the
22 prevention of child abuse and neglect be identified as a priority
23 within the children, youth and family service system of this state.

24 It is the intent of 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 with responsibilities affecting children,
9 youth, and families, including but not limited to: district
10 attorneys, judges, lawyers, public defenders, medical personnel, law
11 enforcement officers, school personnel, child welfare workers, youth
12 service agencies, mental health workers, and Court Appointed Special
13 Advocates (CASA). Said training shall be ongoing and shall
14 accommodate professionals who require extensive knowledge and those
15 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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