

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARY

Measure CCS for HB 2300

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General Subject Matter: Children

General Description of **Major Differences** between the current report and the version last seen and voted on in the House and the sections in which such differences are located:

√ Changes from engrossed House measure which were made in the Senate and contained in conference committee report/substitute (applies *only* to House measures):

None

√ Changes made in conference:

Sections 1, 2 and 9. Transfers the authority to certify the children's shelters operated by the Department of Human Services (DHS) from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) to the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

Section 3. Modifies definitions used in the Oklahoma Children's Code.

Section 4. Modifies the criminal background check requirements for a trial reunification of a child with the child's parent(s) to apply only to an adult in the home who is not the parent, legal guardian or custodian of the child.

Section 6. Requires that no child 6 years of age or younger be placed in shelter care after June 30, 2013 and that no child 13 years of age or younger be placed in a shelter after June 30, 2014, provided suitable alternative placements are available.

Section 7. Authorizes the Director of DHS to hire the Advocate General.

Section 8. Applies the standards used for investigations of abuse or neglect of children who are not in DHS custody to investigations of abuse or neglect of children who are in the department's custody.

Sections 10-12. Requires OCCY to implement the Oklahoma Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Program.

Section 13. Repeals the obsolete Children's Services Oversight Committee.

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