

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1218

By: Kirby of the House

and

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11 An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001,
12 Section 1505, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
13 273, O.S.L. 2004 (10 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 1505),
14 which relates to juvenile officers; removing
15 exception for counties with Juvenile Bureaus; and
16 providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 1505, as
19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 273, O.S.L. 2004 (10 O.S. Supp.
20 2010, Section 1505), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1505. A. 1. As provided by this subsection, the
22 presiding or associate district judge or other judge with juvenile
23 or deprived child docket responsibilities, with the approval of the

1 county commissioners, may employ a juvenile officer or an assistant
2 juvenile officer or contract with a court-appointed special advocate
3 program to provide juvenile officer or assistant juvenile officer
4 services.

5 2. In counties having a population in excess of twenty-four
6 thousand (24,000), the presiding or associate district judge, with
7 the approval of the county commissioners, may:

- 8 a. employ one juvenile officer for the respective county,
9 or
- 10 b. contract with a court-appointed special advocate
11 program to provide such services.

12 3. In counties having a population in excess of forty thousand
13 (40,000), the presiding or associate district judge, with the
14 approval of the county commissioners, may:

- 15 a. employ one juvenile officer and one assistant juvenile
16 officer for the respective county, or
- 17 b. contract with a court-appointed special advocate
18 program to provide such services.

19 B. 1. If employed:

- 20 a. the salary of the juvenile officer shall be not less
21 than sixty percent (60%) nor more than ninety percent
22 (90%) of Class A officers of the county, and

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1 b. the salary of the assistant juvenile officer shall be
2 not less than sixty percent (60%) nor more than eighty
3 percent (80%) of Class A officers of the county. Such
4 salaries shall be paid from county funds.

5 2. The juvenile officer and assistant juvenile officer shall be
6 entitled to reimbursement for all traveling expenses incurred in the
7 performance of official duties. Such expenses shall be paid upon
8 sworn itemized claims. When transportation involves the use of the
9 private automobile of the juvenile officer or assistant juvenile
10 officer, such officer shall be entitled to claim reimbursement for
11 use thereof at the rate provided for state employees under the State
12 Travel Reimbursement Act. Such reimbursement shall be from county
13 funds.

14 C. 1. If the county contracts with a court-appointed special
15 advocate program:

16 a. the county may allow program employees to participate
17 in all county employee benefit programs including, but
18 not limited to, health care plans, and

19 b. the county may provide adequate office space for the
20 court-appointed special advocate program.

21 2. Participation in any county benefit program or the provision
22 of office space shall be included in the contract with the court-
23 appointed special advocate program.

1 D. Any juvenile officer and assistant juvenile officer shall
2 serve at the pleasure of the court.

3 E. ~~The provisions of this section shall not be applicable in~~
4 ~~counties which maintain a Juvenile Bureau under the provisions of~~
5 ~~the Oklahoma Juvenile Code.~~

6 ~~F.~~ For purposes of this section, a court-appointed special
7 advocate program means a program as defined by Section 7001-1.3 of
8 this title.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, dated 03-02-2011 - DO
12 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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