

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 31, 2011

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 1218

By: Kirby of the House

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6 Treat of the Senate

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

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 1505, as  
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 273, O.S.L. 2004 (10 O.S. Supp.  
17 2010, Section 1505), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1505. A. 1. As provided by this subsection, the  
19 presiding or associate district judge or other judge with juvenile  
20 or deprived child docket responsibilities, with the approval of the  
21 county commissioners, may employ a juvenile officer or an assistant  
22 juvenile officer or contract with a court-appointed special advocate  
23 program to provide juvenile officer or assistant juvenile officer  
24 services.

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

- 4           a. employ one juvenile officer for the respective county,  
5                 or
- 6           b. contract with a court-appointed special advocate  
7                 program to provide such services.

8           3. In counties having a population in excess of forty thousand  
9 (40,000), the presiding or associate district judge, with the  
10 approval of the county commissioners, may:

- 11           a. employ one juvenile officer and one assistant juvenile  
12                 officer for the respective county, or
- 13           b. contract with a court-appointed special advocate  
14                 program to provide such services.

15           B. 1. If employed:

- 16           a. the salary of the juvenile officer shall be not less  
17                 than sixty percent (60%) nor more than ninety percent  
18                 (90%) of Class A officers of the county, and
- 19           b. the salary of the assistant juvenile officer shall be  
20                 not less than sixty percent (60%) nor more than eighty  
21                 percent (80%) of Class A officers of the county. Such  
22                 salaries shall be paid from county funds.

23           2. The juvenile officer and assistant juvenile officer shall be  
24 entitled to reimbursement for all traveling expenses incurred in the

1 performance of official duties. Such expenses shall be paid upon  
2 sworn itemized claims. When transportation involves the use of the  
3 private automobile of the juvenile officer or assistant juvenile  
4 officer, such officer shall be entitled to claim reimbursement for  
5 use thereof at the rate provided for state employees under the State  
6 Travel Reimbursement Act. Such reimbursement shall be from county  
7 funds.

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

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

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

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

18 D. Any juvenile officer and assistant juvenile officer shall  
19 serve at the pleasure of the court.

20 E. ~~The provisions of this section shall not be applicable in~~  
21 ~~counties which maintain a Juvenile Bureau under the provisions of~~  
22 ~~the Oklahoma Juvenile Code.~~

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

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

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 3-29-11 - DO  
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