

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 HOUSE BILL 1568

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to marriage; amending Section 1,  
8 Chapter 105, O.S.L. 2010 (43 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section  
9 120.7), which relates to court expert requirements;  
10 modifying definition of court expert; and providing  
11 an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 105, O.S.L.  
14 2010 (43 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 120.7), is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 Section 120.7 A. As used in this section, "court expert" means  
17 a parenting coordinator, ~~guardian ad litem~~, custody evaluator or any  
18 other person appointed by the court in a custody or visitation  
19 proceeding involving children.

20 B. Before the court appoints an individual as a court expert,  
21 the following disclosures shall be made by the candidate to the  
22 parties:

23 1. A disclosure of any prior relationships with any party,  
24 attorney or judge in the pending action;

1           2. A complete resume disclosing all personal and professional  
2 qualifications to serve as a court expert;

3           3. Any suspensions from practice, reprimands, or other formal  
4 punishments resulting from an adjudication of complaints filed  
5 against the person with the professional licensing board or other  
6 organization authorized to receive complaints regarding the  
7 performance of the individual in question; and

8           4. Any criminal convictions within the past ten (10) years and  
9 inclusion on any sexual offender list.

10          C. A party may file an objection to the appointment of a  
11 proposed court expert within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of  
12 the disclosures required by subsection B of this section. Upon  
13 filing an objection to the proposed court expert, the court shall  
14 set the matter for hearing. If requested, the party objecting to  
15 the appointment of the proposed court expert shall be entitled to  
16 discovery related to the qualifications and appropriateness of the  
17 proposed court expert prior to hearing.

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

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