

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 765

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to court experts; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 105, O.S.L. 2010 (43 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section
9 120.7), which relates to court expert procedures;
10 modifying definition; clarifying language; and
11 providing 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"
17 means a parenting coordinator, ~~guardian ad litem~~, custody evaluator
18 or any other person appointed by the court in a custody or
19 visitation 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 of such objection ~~to the proposed court expert~~, the court
14 shall set the matter for hearing. If requested, the party objecting
15 to 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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