

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 639

By: David, Treat, Ivester and
Griffin of the Senate

6 and

7 Hulbert of the House

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 [Child Abuse Response Team - increasing certain
12 full-time equivalent positions - Oklahoma State
13 Bureau of Investigation -
14 emergency]

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 150.38, as
19 amended by Section 3, Chapter 153, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2012,
20 Section 150.38), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 150.38 A. Subject to the availability of funds, there
22 is hereby established within the Oklahoma State Bureau of
23 Investigation the Child Abuse Response Team (CART) for the purpose
24 of investigating cases of physical and sexual abuse of a child. For

1 the purpose of implementing CART, the Bureau shall employ at least
2 ~~one Child Abuse Response Team (CART) investigator and at least one~~
3 ~~Child Abuse Response Team (CART) forensic interviewer~~ eight Law
4 Enforcement Special Agents assigned to the CART which shall be full-
5 time-equivalent positions within the Bureau ~~compensated at the same~~
6 ~~pay rate as a senior level investigator agent.~~ The previously
7 unclassified positions of CART investigator and CART forensic
8 interviewer shall be transferred to and placed in the classified
9 service without a loss in salary.

10 B. In addition to any other law or rule specifying requirements
11 or qualifications for an OSBI agent to be employed by the Bureau,
12 the Child Abuse Response Team employees shall be qualified for the
13 respective positions as follows:

14 1. Every CART ~~investigator~~ Agent shall:

15 a. have at least ~~five (5) years'~~ three (3) years of
16 ~~experience as a law enforcement officer or~~ criminal
17 investigator in a law enforcement agency or agencies
18 ~~with preference given to additional years in law~~
19 ~~enforcement,~~

20 b. be currently certified as a peace officer by the
21 Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training
22 (CLEET),

23 c. have served as the primary criminal investigative
24 officer in a law enforcement agency or agencies ~~with~~

1 ~~experience as the primary investigative officer on at~~
2 ~~least five hundred cases of physical or sexual abuse~~
3 ~~of a child,~~

4 d. have graduated from an accredited college or
5 university with a bachelor degree ~~with preference~~
6 ~~given to a post-graduate degree, and~~

7 e. ~~be not currently employed by the Oklahoma State Bureau~~
8 ~~of Investigation, nor employed by such agency within~~
9 ~~the previous six (6) months immediately preceding an~~
10 ~~application for the position of CART investigator.~~

11 ~~2. Every CART forensic interviewer shall:~~

12 ~~a. have experience in conducting forensic interviews and~~
13 ~~shall have conducted a minimum of five hundred child~~
14 ~~forensic interviews of children in cases of physical~~
15 ~~or sexual abuse of a child,~~

16 ~~b. have graduated from an accredited college or~~
17 ~~university with a bachelor degree with preference~~
18 ~~given to a post-graduate degree,~~

19 e. f. have experience as ~~an expert witness and shall have~~
20 ~~been certified as an expert witness testifying in~~
21 ~~cases of physical or sexual abuse of a child in at~~
22 ~~least twenty-five legal proceedings in a court of~~
23 ~~competent jurisdiction, and~~

1 D. On or before July 1, 2015, the Bureau shall submit to the
2 Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and
3 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives a statistical
4 report regarding the activities of the CART.

5 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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