

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL 2241

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2011,
11 Section 2-4-101, which relates to juvenile bureaus;
12 requiring juvenile bureaus to provide certain
13 services to certain persons; providing standards for
14 services; amending 20 O.S. 2011, Section 128, which
15 relates to juvenile court case managers; requiring
16 case managers to be certain state employees;
17 providing source of payment for salaries; authorizing
18 Oklahoma Supreme Court to employ certain personnel;
19 providing locations for personnel; and providing an
20 effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 2-4-101, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Section 2-4-101. A. In each county having a population of
eighty thousand (80,000) or more, as shown by the last preceding
Federal Decennial Census, there is created a juvenile bureau and a
citizens' advisory committee.

1 1. The juvenile bureau shall be responsible for the provision
2 of juvenile justice services to children, youth, and families
3 located within its county and subject to the jurisdiction of the
4 juvenile division of that county's district court.

5 2. For the purposes of this section, "juvenile justice
6 services" may include, but not be limited to:

7 a. services provided to the child or youth to remediate
8 or alleviate the conditions that led to court
9 involvement, including educational, vocational-
10 educational, medical, substance abuse treatment, and
11 other programs that may be beneficial to the child or
12 youth,

13 b. services provided to the parent, legal guardian, legal
14 custodian, stepparent, or other family members or
15 adults subjecting themselves to the jurisdiction of
16 the court to remediate or alleviate the conditions
17 that led to the adjudication of the child or youth,
18 including programs to strengthen the family unit,
19 prevent or correct child abuse or neglect, or to
20 assist the family in providing proper care and
21 supervision of the child or youth,

22 c. community-based diversion and preventive services and
23 programs to assist in diverting children and youth
24 from the juvenile justice system. Such programs may

1 include, but not be limited to, medical, educational,
2 vocational, social and psychological guidance,
3 training, counseling, substance abuse treatment,
4 recreation, mediation, crisis intervention,
5 transitional living, independent living and other
6 rehabilitative services, and

7 d. services or programs provided in collaboration with
8 other juvenile justice agencies or programs as defined
9 in Section 2-7-902 of this title.

10 B. In each county having a duly constituted juvenile bureau as
11 of January 1, 2005, as provided for in subsection A of this section,
12 the juvenile bureau shall remain in place and continue in operation.
13 No other counties shall establish juvenile bureaus.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 128, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 128. A. Juvenile court case managers may be appointed
17 in any county pursuant to subsection C of this section.

18 B. The duties of the juvenile court case managers shall be:

19 1. To assist judges with juvenile docket responsibilities in
20 the appointing county by insuring that juvenile cases proceed
21 through the court process in a timely and effective manner by
22 accurately tracking cases, insuring consistent data entry,
23 conducting review of open cases and monitoring open case reports to
24 insure compliance with all federal and state statutory requirements;

1 2. To increase the amount of information available to the court
2 for its consideration by acting as liaison between parties,
3 attorneys and other professionals and the judges;

4 3. To encourage accountability and communication among
5 professionals, parties, participants and attorneys; and

6 4. To perform any other duties necessary to assist the court in
7 carrying out its judicial functions under Title 10A of the Oklahoma
8 Statutes.

9 C. Juvenile court case managers shall be selected by the chief
10 of the juvenile division of the district court subject to the
11 approval of the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.
12 Juvenile court case managers shall serve at the pleasure of the
13 chief of the juvenile division.

14 D. To be eligible for appointment as a juvenile court case
15 manager, a person shall possess at least one of the following
16 minimum qualifications:

17 1. Be an attorney licensed to practice law in this state with
18 at least two (2) ~~years~~ years' experience in juvenile or family law;
19 or

20 2. Hold a bachelor's degree in the social sciences or related
21 field from an accredited college or university and three (3) ~~years~~
22 years' experience working with court procedures, juvenile law or
23 social work. A master's degree in social sciences may substitute
24 for one year of the required experience.

1 E. Each juvenile court case manager shall be a full-time or
2 part-time state employee and receive a salary to be determined by
3 the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court to be paid from the
4 ~~local court fund pursuant to paragraph 21 of subsection B of Section~~
5 ~~1304 of this title~~ State Judicial Fund.

6 F. The juvenile divisions of the district courts located in two
7 or more adjoining counties may enter into an agreement to employ a
8 single juvenile court case manager to serve the needs of the
9 juvenile court judges in those counties. Such juvenile court case
10 manager shall be employed and serve in the same manner as those
11 employed for individual counties.

12 G. In Fiscal Year 2015, the Supreme Court is authorized to
13 employ up to ten (10) full-time juvenile court case managers. Five
14 shall be in Oklahoma County, four shall be in Tulsa County and one
15 shall be in Washington County.

16 H. In Fiscal Year 2016, in addition to the juvenile court case
17 managers authorized in subsection G of this section, the Supreme
18 Court is authorized to employ up to five (5) full-time juvenile
19 court case managers. One shall be in Canadian County, one shall be
20 in Cleveland County, one shall be in Comanche County, one shall be
21 in Creek County and one shall be in Pottawatomie, Lincoln and
22 Seminole Counties, respectively.

23 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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