

1 alcohol or drug abuse and violence, safe visitation and supervised
2 visitation arrangements and standards for a child and parties. The
3 chief judge of the judicial district for which a court-appointed
4 special advocate serves shall be responsible for developing and
5 administering procedures and rules for such courses.

6 B. No court-appointed special advocate shall be assigned a case
7 before:

8 1. Completing a training program in compliance with nationally
9 documented Court-Appointed Special Advocate standards.

10 Documentation of training shall be submitted annually by local
11 court-appointed special advocate programs to the Oklahoma Court-
12 Appointed Special Advocate Association; and

13 2. Being approved by the local court-appointed special advocate
14 program, which will include appropriate criminal background checks
15 as provided in subsection C of this section.

16 C. 1. Each local court-appointed special advocate program
17 shall require a criminal history records search conducted by the
18 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and any other background
19 check requirements as set forth in Oklahoma Court-Appointed Special
20 Advocate Association state standards for local programs, for any
21 person making application to become a court-appointed special
22 advocate volunteer or to be employed by the local court-appointed
23 special advocate program.

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1 2. If the prospective court-appointed special advocate
2 volunteer or employee of the local court-appointed special advocate
3 program has lived in Oklahoma for less than one (1) year, a criminal
4 history records search shall also be obtained from the criminal
5 history state repository of the previous state of residence.

6 3. The Oklahoma Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association
7 shall pay the fee for the criminal history records search provided
8 in this subsection.

9 D. 1. Any person participating in a judicial proceeding as a
10 court-appointed special advocate shall be presumed prima facie to be
11 acting in good faith and in so doing shall be immune from any civil
12 liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed.

13 2. Any person serving in a management position of a court-
14 appointed special advocate organization, including a member of the
15 Board of Directors acting in good faith, shall be immune from any
16 civil liability or any vicarious liability for the negligence of any
17 court-appointed special advocate organization advocates, managers,
18 or directors.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.
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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 03/27/2013 - DO
22 PASS, As Amended.
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