

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 c. have served as the primary criminal investigative
2 officer in a law enforcement agency or agencies with
3 ~~experience as the primary investigative officer~~ on at
4 ~~least five hundred~~ cases of physical or sexual abuse
5 of a child,
- 6 d. have graduated from an accredited college or
7 university with a bachelor degree with preference
8 ~~given to a post-graduate degree~~, and
- 9 e. ~~be not currently employed by the Oklahoma State Bureau~~
10 ~~of Investigation, nor employed by such agency within~~
11 ~~the previous six (6) months immediately preceding an~~
12 ~~application for the position of CART investigator.~~

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

- 14 a. have experience in conducting forensic interviews and
15 ~~shall have conducted a minimum of five hundred child~~
16 ~~forensic interviews~~ of children in cases of physical
17 or sexual abuse of a child,
- 18 b. ~~have graduated from an accredited college or~~
19 ~~university with a bachelor degree with preference~~
20 ~~given to a post-graduate degree,~~
- 21 e. f. have experience as an expert witness and shall have
22 ~~been certified as an expert witness~~ testifying in
23 cases of physical or sexual abuse of a child ~~in at~~
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1 ~~least twenty five legal proceedings in a court of~~
2 ~~competent jurisdiction, and~~

3 ~~d. g.~~ have completed at least one hundred (100) hours of
4 education or training on forensic interviewing of a
5 child, ~~and~~

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

11 ~~3.~~ 2. If the director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of
12 Investigation is unable to find a person whose qualifications meet
13 or exceed the qualifications specified for the position of ~~CART~~
14 ~~investigator or CART forensic interviewer~~ Law Enforcement Special
15 Agent assigned to the CART, the director is authorized to offer such
16 position to a person whose qualifications substantially meet the
17 qualifications specified for the position.

18 C. The Bureau may promulgate rules, procedures and forms
19 necessary to establish and implement the functions of the Child
20 Abuse Response Team and to coordinate responsibilities with other
21 persons or agencies having responsibilities relating to child abuse
22 investigation and response to child abuse. Members of the Child
23 Abuse Response Team are authorized, when available, to be involved
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1 and utilized in investigations of crimes other than cases of
2 physical and sexual abuse of a child.

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

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

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12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, dated 04/02/2013 -
13 DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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