

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARY

Measure CCS for HB 2840

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General Subject Matter: Children

General Description of Major Differences between the current report and the version last seen and voted on in the House and the sections in which such differences are located:

√ Changes from engrossed House measure which were made in the Senate and contained in conference committee report/substitute (applies *only* to House measures):

No substantive changes.

√ Changes made in conference:

Section 3: Removed language requiring that an attorney representing a child in a deprived action communicate his or her determination of the best interest of the child if it is not consistent with the expressed interests of the child.

Section 5: Provides that if a court places a child in the custody of DHS, that the court may not direct the Department to place the child in a specific home or placement. Removed language giving certain parties 48 hours to object to a court order releasing a child from state custody and accompanying language that would have stayed the original order for 48 hours pending judicial review.

Requires a party that is giving notice of its objection to a court order releasing a child from state custody file a written application to review the order no later than 5:00 p.m. the following judicial day.

Section 6: Modified language regarding the authority of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) in hearings to determine the placement of a child. Provides that OCCY may submit to the court a written report of an investigation conducted regarding the placement of the child and a recommendation for placement of the child.

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