

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE BILL 1825

By: Kannady of the House

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6 Smalley of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to marriage and family; amending 43
11 O.S. 2011, Section 150.1, which relates to the
12 Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act;
13 modifying definitions to include civilian personnel
14 and contractor serving in designated combat zones;
15 and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43 O.S. 2011, Section 150.1, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 150.1 As used in the Deployed Parents Custody and
20 Visitation Act:

21 1. "Civilian personnel" means direct-hire, permanent civilian
22 employees of the Department of Defense;

23 2. "Close and substantial relationship" means a relationship in
24 which a bond has been forged between the child and the other person
 by regular contact or communication;

1 ~~2.~~ 3. "Custodial responsibility" refers to legal custody,
2 physical custody or visitation rights with respect to a child;

3 ~~3.~~ 4. "Deploying parent" means a legal parent of a minor child
4 or the legal guardian of a child, who is a member of the United
5 States Armed Forces, civilian personnel or contractor serving in
6 designated combat zones and who is deployed or has been notified of
7 an impending deployment;

8 ~~4.~~ 5. "Deployment" means the temporary transfer of a
9 servicemember, civilian personnel or contractor serving in
10 designated combat zones in compliance with official orders to
11 another location in support of combat, contingency operation, or
12 natural disaster requiring the use of orders for a period of more
13 than thirty (30) consecutive days, during which family members are
14 not authorized to accompany the servicemember at government expense.
15 Deployment shall include any period during which a servicemember,
16 civilian personnel or contractor serving in designated combat zones
17 is absent from duty on account of sickness, wounds, leave or other
18 lawful cause;

19 ~~5.~~ 6. "Guardian" means a person who has been appointed as a
20 guardian of a minor or incapacitated adult pursuant to the
21 requirements of Title 30 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The term shall
22 include a limited guardian, but shall not include a guardian ad
23 litem;

1 ~~6.~~ 7. "Nondeploying parent" means a legal parent or guardian
2 who is not deployed and who has a child or ward in common with a
3 deploying parent;

4 ~~7.~~ 8. "Servicemember" means a member of either:

5 a. the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy,
6 Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or

7 b. the active or reserve components of the National
8 Guard; and

9 ~~8.~~ 9. "Visitation" means the right to take a child for a
10 limited period of time to a place other than the habitual residence
11 of the child.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CIVIL AND
15 ENVIRONMENTAL, dated 02/08/2017 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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