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April 4, 2017

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1825

By: Kannady and Ritze of the  
House

and

Smalley of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

2. "Close and substantial relationship" means a relationship in 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;  
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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.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
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