

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL 182

By: Sharp

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to students; allowing a school district board of education to enter into certain agreement to establish a youth court; allowing the youth court to be established with certain consultation; providing for composition of youth court; requiring participants to complete certain training; allowing a district attorney and municipal court judge to assign certain cases to youth court; requiring provision of certain defense attorney; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-104.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A school district board of education may enter into an agreement with a municipality pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-2-103 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes to establish a youth court. The youth court may be established in consultation with the local district attorney, a municipal court judge and local attorneys.

1 B. The youth court shall be comprised of students in grades
2 eight through twelve enrolled in the school district. Students
3 wishing to participate in the youth court shall complete training in
4 the law, courtroom conduct and trial procedure.

5 C. A district attorney or a municipal court judge may assign
6 the youth court cases involving juveniles under the age of eighteen
7 who are charged with first-time misdemeanor or traffic offenses and
8 who agree to participate and follow the sentencing guidelines of the
9 youth court. A juvenile who agrees to participate in youth court
10 shall be assigned a defense attorney.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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