

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1992

By: Caldwell (Trey) and Talley  
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8 An Act relating to children; amending Section 3,  
9 Chapter 337, O.S.L. 2017 (10A O.S. Supp. 2020,  
10 Section 2-7-620), which relates to juvenile centers;  
11 providing for the operation of group homes at the  
12 Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center; granting the  
13 Office of Juvenile Affairs authority to contract with  
14 state agencies; granting the Office of Juvenile  
15 Affairs authority to contract with any tribal nation  
16 and federal government entity; and providing an  
17 effective date.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 337, O.S.L.  
21 2017 (10A O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2-7-620), is amended to read as  
22 follows:  
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24 Section 2-7-620. A. Concurrent with the Office of Juvenile  
Affairs (OJA) campus consolidation process as contemplated by this  
act, OJA is directed to develop, in collaboration with other  
executive branch agencies and such other entities as OJA deems  
necessary in furtherance of the requirements of this act, plans for  
the repurposing of the Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center and the

1 Oklahoma Juvenile Center for Girls campuses. The agency shall  
2 provide a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House  
3 of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma  
4 State Senate on recommendations for future use of those facilities  
5 not later than March 31, 2018, or one hundred eighty (180) days from  
6 such date if the provisions of this act become effective as law  
7 later than July 1, 2017.

8 B. The Office of Juvenile Affairs may contract for and/or  
9 operate group homes of any level at the Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile  
10 Center campus located in Manitou, Oklahoma.

11 C. OJA may contract with any other state agencies to allow for  
12 the placement of children or young adults in the custody of a state  
13 agency to reside and participate in any identified OJA-contracted or  
14 -operated program or facility.

15 D. OJA may contract with any tribal nation and/or agency or  
16 department of the federal government, in consultation with and  
17 approval by the Governor and the Oklahoma Attorney General, to allow  
18 for the placement of children and young adults in the custody of the  
19 tribal nation or an agency or department of federal government to  
20 reside and participate in any identified OJA-contracted or -operated  
21 program or facility.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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8 Presiding Officer of the Senate