

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE BILL 1992

 By: Caldwell (Trey) and **Talley**

7 AS INTRODUCED

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.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 337, O.S.L.
20 2017 (10A O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2-7-620), is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 Section 2-7-620. A. Concurrent with the Office of Juvenile
23 Affairs (OJA) campus consolidation process as contemplated by this
24 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.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY
24 SERVICES, dated 02/09/2021 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.