

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2992
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	8521
Author:	Rep. Bush
Date:	2/7/2022
Impact:	No fiscal impact anticipated

Research Analysis

HB 2992 amends the procedure relating to child witnesses in which a child is alleged or adjudicated to be deprived to add that a guardian ad litem can be in the room with a child. The measure also amends the definition of "child witness" to reference the definition of "child" in [Section 1-1-105](#) of Title 10A and amends the definition of "criminal proceeding" to take out a juvenile prosecuted as an adult.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure, as introduced, amends the definition of "child" as it relates to witness testimony in proceedings brought within the purview of the Oklahoma Children's Code. The amended definition references the definition in [10A § 1-1-105](#). The measure also allows for guardians ad litem to be present in depositions of children. The measure also updates the definition of certified therapeutic dogs.

After review, the measure is estimated to have no fiscal impact to the state. The measure amends current processes and does not create additional duties.

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Other Considerations

None.