

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1344
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	11281
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Impact:	No direct fiscal impact anticipated

Research Analysis

The House Committee Substitute to SB1344 clarifies that Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) must complete education and training courses in accordance with national and Oklahoma CASA standards. Additionally, any person applying to be a CASA volunteer or to be employed by their local program must go through a child welfare records search which will consist of a search of the child abuse and neglect information system maintained by DHS. Last, the measure eliminates the requirement for the CASA Association to pay the fees for the criminal history records search.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to the measure would modify the statutory requirements for service as a court-appointed special advocate.

Upon review, no direct fiscal impact to the state is anticipated from passage of the measure. CASA positions are voluntary, and the CASA program is not directly administered by any state or political subdivision entity.

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Other Considerations

None.