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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President:  
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

**HB2137**

By: McDugle of the House and Jett of the Senate

Title: Marriage; Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act; definition; visitation rights; effective date.







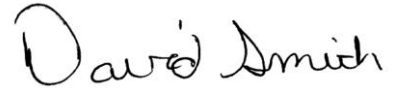



Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the Senate recede from its amendment; and
2. That the attached Conference Committee Substitute be adopted.”

Respectfully submitted,

House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOUSE CONFEREES**

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Fugate, Andy		Luttrell, Ken	
Manger, Robert		Rosecrants, Jacob	
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**SENATE CONFEREES**

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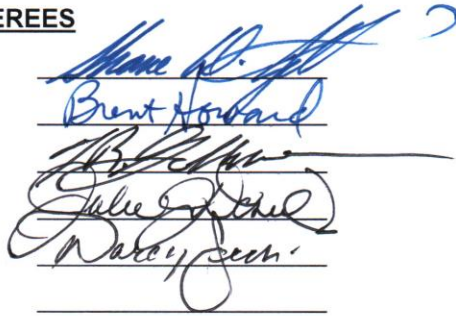
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2137

By: McDugle of the House

and

Jett of the Senate

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to marriage; amending 43 O.S. 2021, Sections 150.1 and 150.3, which relate to the Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act; modifying definitions; defining term; providing for the designation of certain individuals to exercise visitation rights under certain circumstances; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43 O.S. 2021, Section 150.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 150.1 As used in the Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act:

1. "Civilian personnel" means direct-hire, permanent civilian employees of the Department of Defense;

2. "Close and substantial relationship" means a relationship in which a bond has been forged between the child and the other person by regular contact or communication;

1        3. "Custodial responsibility" refers to legal custody, physical  
2 custody or visitation rights with respect to a child;

3        4. "Deploying parent" means a legal parent of a minor child or  
4 the legal guardian of a child, who is a member of the United States  
5 Armed Forces, civilian personnel or contractor serving in designated  
6 combat zones or duty stations and who is deployed or has been  
7 notified of an impending deployment;

8        5. "Deployment" means the temporary transfer of a  
9 servicemember, civilian personnel or contractor serving outside  
10 their residential zone, or in designated combat zones, in compliance  
11 with official orders to another location in support of combat,  
12 contingency operation, or natural disaster requiring the use of  
13 orders for a period of more than thirty (30) consecutive days,  
14 during which family members are not authorized to accompany the  
15 servicemember at government expense. Deployment shall include any  
16 period during which a servicemember, civilian personnel or  
17 contractor serving outside their residential zone, or in designated  
18 combat zones, is absent from duty on account of sickness, wounds,  
19 leave or other lawful cause, and shall also include any transfer  
20 pursuant to military orders requiring presence in a foreign country;

21        6. "Guardian" means a person who has been appointed as a  
22 guardian of a minor or incapacitated adult pursuant to the  
23 requirements of Title 30 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The term shall  
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1 include a limited guardian, but shall not include a guardian ad  
2 litem;

3 7. "Nondeploying parent" means a legal parent or guardian who  
4 is not deployed and who has a child or ward in common with a  
5 deploying parent;

6 8. "Residential zone" means a seventy-five-mile radius  
7 surrounding a servicemember's permanent place of dwelling located  
8 within the servicemember's state of legal residence or domicile;

9 9. "Servicemember" means a member of either:

10 a. the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy,  
11 Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard,  
12 or

13 b. the active or reserve components of the National  
14 Guard; and

15 ~~9.~~ 10. "Visitation" means the right to take a child for a  
16 limited period of time to a place other than the habitual residence  
17 of the child.

18 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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