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Bill Analysis

SB 1645 modifies “deprived child” as it relates to the Oklahoma Children’s Code. The measure specifies that a child missing from school due to improper guardianship or parental care must be referred by the district attendance officer to the district attorney in the county where the school is located for juvenile proceedings prior to considering the child a deprived child. Additionally, the measure modifies “neglect.” The measure specifies that a child is considered in neglect if the guardian or parent fails to provide enough food, clothing, and shelter necessary to sustain the life and health of the child. Current law requires adequate food to be provided. The measure also provides that failure to provide certain care due to financial hardship shall not be considered neglect. The measure also specifies that it shall not be considered neglect by a parent or guardian requests relief services.

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