

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB706</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 706 provides that the section will only apply to a proceeding brought under the Oklahoma Children's Code and that the recording of an oral statement of the child made before proceedings begin is admissible into evidence if the court determines in a hearing that the time, content and totality of circumstances around taking the statement provide sufficient indicia of reliability to render it trustworthy. The measure also repeals [10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-4-502](#).

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 706 removes the right to a jury trial for a parent in a proceeding to terminate parental rights. The measure also strikes language requiring a determination of the admissibility of an oral statement of the child to be determined outside the presence of the jury. No fiscal impact is expected.

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**Other Considerations**

None.