

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 HOUSE BILL 4341

By: Moore

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2021,
8 Section 1-8-102, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
9 310, O.S.L. 2022 (10A O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-8-
10 102), which relates to court-appointed special
11 advocates; modifying education and training course
12 standards; modifying background check standards; and
13 providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-8-102, as
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 2022 (10A O.S. Supp. 2025,
17 Section 1-8-102), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1-8-102. A. Any court-appointed special advocate
19 (CASA) available for appointment pursuant to the Oklahoma Children's
20 Code or the Oklahoma Juvenile Code shall complete education and
21 training courses in accordance with ~~national and~~ Oklahoma CASA
22 standards.

23 B. No court-appointed special advocate shall be assigned a case
24 before:

1. Completing a training program in compliance with nationally documented Court-Appointed Special Advocate standards.

Documentation of training shall be submitted annually by local court-appointed special advocate programs to the Oklahoma Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association; and

2. Being approved by the local court-appointed special advocate program, which will include appropriate criminal background checks as provided in subsection C of this section.

C. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each local court-appointed special advocate program shall require for any person making application to become a court-appointed special advocate volunteer or to be employed by the local court-appointed special advocate program:

- a. a child welfare records search conducted by the Department of Human Services, which shall consist of a search of the Child Abuse and Neglect Information System maintained by the Department of Human Services for review by authorized entities,

b. a criminal history records search conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and

- c. any other background check meeting the requirements as set forth in Oklahoma Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association state ~~or national~~ standards for local programs.

1 2. If the prospective court-appointed special advocate
2 volunteer or employee of the local court-appointed special advocate
3 program has lived in Oklahoma for less than one (1) year, a criminal
4 history records search shall also be obtained from the criminal
5 history state repository of the previous state of residence.

6 D. 1. Any person participating in a judicial proceeding as a
7 court-appointed special advocate shall be presumed *prima facie* to be
8 acting in good faith and in so doing shall be immune from any civil
9 liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed.

10 2. Any person serving in a management position of a court-
11 appointed special advocate organization, including a member of the
12 Board of Directors acting in good faith, shall be immune from any
13 civil liability or any vicarious liability for the negligence of any
14 court-appointed special advocate organization advocates, managers,
15 or directors.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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