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Research Analysis

HB 3298 creates the Uniform Judicial Interview of Children Act which governs judicial interviews of children in certain civil proceedings in Oklahoma. The measure applies to covered proceedings permitting judicial interviews but excludes interviews under the Oklahoma Children's or Juvenile Codes, child testimony, or interviews conducted by non-judicial officers. Judicial interviews may be requested by the child, child's attorney, guardian ad litem, or a party, but the judicial officer has discretion to decide if the interview is in the child's best interest. The judicial officer controls the questions asked, requires a record of the interview, allows attendance by the child's attorney and guardian ad litem, but excludes parties and their attorneys unless all agree to waive access to the record. The child must be informed about the interview process in an age-appropriate way. Parties may access the interview record upon request and payment of costs, unless waived by stipulation. Disclosure is required if the child makes contested factual allegations. The court may seal records from public access under certain conditions.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure modifies civil procedures related to judicial interviews in certain circumstances pertaining to the testimony of children. In its current form, HB3298 is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.