

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1909 requires all proceedings under the Oklahoma Children's Code that need a medical evaluator to use a blind, randomized selection process for medical evaluators. The measure directs the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts to establish the selection process as well as a comprehensive audit system documenting all interactions between Department of Human Services personnel, consulting pediatricians, and child abuse specialists. The measure directs the Attorney General to investigate all violations of the selection process and to bring civil actions or criminal prosecution to enforce the provisions of the measure. The measure also modifies evidentiary standards as it relates to the state filing a petition alleging child deprivation. The measure changes it from a preponderance of evidence to proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

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