

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 2170

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to child custody; amending 43 O.S.  
8 2021, Section 110.1a, as amended by Section 1,  
9 Chapter 34, O.S.L. 2024 (43 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section  
10 110.1a), which relates to supervised visitation;  
requiring supervised visitation for persons accused  
of sexual abuse of a child; updating statutory  
language; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43 O.S. 2021, Section 110.1a, as  
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 34, O.S.L. 2024 (43 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
16 Section 110.1a), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 110.1a. A. This section shall be known and may be  
18 cited as the "Oklahoma Child Supervised Visitation Program".

19 B. It is the policy of this state to ensure that the health,  
20 safety, and welfare of the child is paramount when supervised  
21 visitation is ordered by the court.

22 C. ~~For purposes of the Oklahoma Child Supervised Visitation~~  
23 Program As used in this section:

1       1. "Supervised visitation" means the court-ordered contact  
2       between a noncustodial parent and one or more children of such  
3       parent in the presence of a third-party person who is responsible  
4       for observing and overseeing the visitation in order to provide for  
5       the safety of the child and any other parties during the visitation.  
6       The court may require supervised visitation when deemed necessary by  
7       the court to protect the child or other parties and shall require  
8       supervised visitation for any person accused of sexual abuse of a  
9       child;

10       2. An "alcohol-dependent person" has the same meaning as such  
11       term is defined in Section 3-403 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma  
12       Statutes;

13       3. A "drug-dependent person" has the same meaning as such term  
14       is defined in Section 3-403 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes;  
15       and

16       4. "Domestic abuse" has the same meaning as such term is  
17       defined in Section 60.1 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

18       D. 1. The associate district judge in each county within this  
19       state may select trained volunteers to provide supervised visitation  
20       pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Supervised Visitation Program.

21       2. The associate district judge of each county may appoint a  
22       judicial district supervised visitation team to:

- a. identify public and private entities which will be willing to provide location sites for purposes of the Oklahoma Child Supervised Visitation Program,
- b. identify individuals who will be willing to serve as third-party persons to observe and oversee court-ordered supervised visitations,
- c. establish training requirements for volunteers,
- d. identify programs which may be available for the training of the volunteers including, but not limited to, the Department of Human Services, Office of the Attorney General, child advocacy centers, domestic violence groups, and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,
- e. develop written protocol for handling supervised visitations so as to provide safety of the child and other parties during the supervised visitation,
- f. develop application forms for volunteers applying for the Oklahoma Child Supervised Visitation Program. Information listed on the form shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (1) name, address and phone number of the volunteer,
  - (2) place of employment and phone number of the volunteer,
  - (3) areas of expertise,

(4) listing of professional training in areas including, but not limited to, child abuse, domestic abuse, alcohol or drug abuse, mental illness or conflict management,

(5) consent form specifying release of information,

and

(6) professional references, and

g. identify which information of the parties and the child will be confidential and which may be available to others.

3. From recommendations of the team established pursuant to

this subsection, the associate district judge in each county within this state may authorize one or more public or private agencies to provide location sites for the Oklahoma Child Supervised Visitation Program. A district judge may require either party requesting supervised visitation of a child to identify a trained third-party volunteer to observe and oversee the visitation. A district court shall not:

- a. require any state agency location or state employee to observe and oversee any supervised visitation, or
- b. appoint a third party to observe and oversee a supervised visitation who has not received the training as specified by the judicial district

supervised visitation team unless agreed to by the parties.

4. A participating public or private agency location site may charge a fee for each visit.

E. Prior to approval of any third-party volunteer to observe and oversee visitation under this section, the court shall make a written determination of the fitness of the volunteer by reviewing information including, but not limited to:

1. A national criminal history record check conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within one (1) year prior to the appointment of the volunteer;

2. A sworn affidavit from the volunteer accepting the rules of supervision and whether the volunteer:

- a. is an alcohol- or drug-dependent person,
- b. is residing with a person who is required by law to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act of this state or any other state,
- c. is residing with a person who has been convicted of domestic abuse within the past five (5) years, or
- d. has had custody, guardianship, or visitation rights terminated to any child; and

3. Any testimony by the potential volunteer or other witness  
testimony deemed necessary by the court to determine the fitness of  
the volunteer.

F. The protocol for supervised visitation established by each judicial district supervised visitation team shall require that:

1. The volunteer supervising the visitation shall be able to see and hear all interactions between the supervised parent and the child; and

2. If the court determines that the supervised parent has exhibited suicidal or violent behavior, all supervised visitation shall occur within a professional setting unless and until the supervised parent has submitted a non-self-reporting psychological evaluation to the court.

G. The protocol for supervised visitation established by each judicial district supervised visitation team may require that:

1. The location site require each participant who has court-ordered supervised visitation for a child and who is participating in the supervised visitation program to sign a time log upon arrival and departure. The agency location site must have an employee assigned to verify identification of each participant, initial each signature, and record the time of arrival and departure of each person; and

2. The agency location site also contain information on each client case including, but not limited to:

- a. a copy of the court order requiring supervised visitation, and

1                   b.    the name of individuals authorized to pick up or  
2                   deliver a child to the agency location site for  
3                   supervised visitation.

4                   H.    Each judicial district supervised visitation team may  
5    include, but not be limited to:

6                   1.    Mental health professionals;  
7                   2.    Police officers or other law enforcement agents;  
8                   3.    Medical personnel;  
9                   4.    Child protective services workers;  
10                   5.    Child advocacy individuals; and  
11                   6.    The district attorney or designee.

12                   I.    An associate district judge of a county, the judicial  
13                   district supervised visitation team created pursuant to this section  
14                   and the Administrative Office of the Courts may develop an  
15                   informational brochure outlining the provisions of the Oklahoma  
16                   Child Supervised Visitation Program and procedures to be used by  
17                   volunteers in that judicial district. The brochure may be  
18                   distributed through the municipal and district court, social service  
19                   agency centers, county health departments, hospitals, crisis or  
20                   counseling centers, and community action agencies.

21                   J.    Except for acts of dishonesty, willful criminal acts, or  
22                   gross negligence, no member of the judicial district supervised  
23                   visitation team or volunteer shall be charged personally with any  
24                   liability whatsoever by reason of any act or omission committed or

