

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1218

By: Kirby of the House

and

Treat of the Senate

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Section 1505, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 273, O.S.L. 2004 (10 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 1505), which relates to juvenile officers; removing exception for counties with Juvenile Bureaus; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Juvenile officer services

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 1505, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 273, O.S.L. 2004 (10 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 1505), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1505. A. 1. As provided by this subsection, the presiding or associate district judge or other judge with juvenile or deprived child docket responsibilities, with the approval of the county commissioners, may employ a juvenile officer or an assistant juvenile officer or contract with a court-appointed special advocate program to provide juvenile officer or assistant juvenile officer services.

2. In counties having a population in excess of twenty-four thousand (24,000), the presiding or associate district judge, with the approval of the county commissioners, may:

- a. employ one juvenile officer for the respective county,
or

- b. contract with a court-appointed special advocate program to provide such services.

3. In counties having a population in excess of forty thousand (40,000), the presiding or associate district judge, with the approval of the county commissioners, may:

- a. employ one juvenile officer and one assistant juvenile officer for the respective county, or
- b. contract with a court-appointed special advocate program to provide such services.

B. 1. If employed:

- a. the salary of the juvenile officer shall be not less than sixty percent (60%) nor more than ninety percent (90%) of Class A officers of the county, and
- b. the salary of the assistant juvenile officer shall be not less than sixty percent (60%) nor more than eighty percent (80%) of Class A officers of the county. Such salaries shall be paid from county funds.

2. The juvenile officer and assistant juvenile officer shall be entitled to reimbursement for all traveling expenses incurred in the performance of official duties. Such expenses shall be paid upon sworn itemized claims. When transportation involves the use of the private automobile of the juvenile officer or assistant juvenile officer, such officer shall be entitled to claim reimbursement for use thereof at the rate provided for state employees under the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Such reimbursement shall be from county funds.

C. 1. If the county contracts with a court-appointed special advocate program:

- a. the county may allow program employees to participate in all county employee benefit programs including, but not limited to, health care plans, and
- b. the county may provide adequate office space for the court-appointed special advocate program.

2. Participation in any county benefit program or the provision of office space shall be included in the contract with the court-appointed special advocate program.

D. Any juvenile officer and assistant juvenile officer shall serve at the pleasure of the court.

~~E. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable in counties which maintain a Juvenile Bureau under the provisions of the Oklahoma Juvenile Code.~~

~~F.~~ For purposes of this section, a court-appointed special advocate program means a program as defined by Section 7001-1.3 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of March, 2011.

Chris Steele

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 11th day of April, 2011.

Kevin Daniel

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Governor this 12th
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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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