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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Sections 7302-3.1, 7302-5.4, 7302-6.3, 7302-6.6, 7302-6.9, 7303-1.2, 7303-4.6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2005, 7303-5.3, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 473, O.S.L. 2002 and 7303-8.6 (10 O.S. Supp. 2005, Sections 7303-4.6 and 7303-5.3), which relate to Oklahoma Juvenile Code; authorizing Office of Juvenile Affairs to enter into certain contracts with certain persons; requiring motion be filed prior to certain date; clarifying purpose for retaining custody of child; clarifying custody provision of child retained under court jurisdiction for certain purposes; authorizing inspection of mail; providing an exception; requiring notification under certain circumstances; deleting specified youth camp; authorizing Department to enter into certain contracts; modifying statement of intent; deleting regimented juvenile training program requirements, eligibility and administrative provisions; prohibiting placement of child in jail, lockup or detention facility for violation of certain municipal ordinances; providing time limitations for placement of child in detention facility; providing an exception; replacing military mentor program with counseling program; deleting authorization to place offender in certain program when child is adjudicated for certain offense; allowing Office of Juvenile Affairs and court to request certain agreement under certain circumstance; prohibiting transportation of juveniles under certain circumstance; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7302-3.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7302-3.1 A. Effective July 1, 1995, in addition to other responsibilities specified by law, the Department of Juvenile Justice shall:

1. Be the state planning and coordinating agency for statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention services;

2. Provide court intake, probation and parole for delinquent children; and

3. Collect and disseminate information and engage in juvenile justice or delinquency prevention activities relating to the provisions of the Oklahoma Juvenile Code.

B. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall include the following divisions:

1. The Division of Advocate Defender;

2. The Division of the Parole Board which shall consist of the Parole Review and Hearing Board transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to subsection E of this section; and

3. Such other divisions prescribed by the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or by law.

C. 1. Effective July 1, 1995, the following programs are established within the Department of Juvenile Justice:

a. programs for community intervention and diversion projects to prevent juvenile delinquency,

b. state programs for children who are potentially delinquent and/or who are adjudicated delinquent,

c. programs for community disciplinary projects,

d. programs of juvenile crime restitution,

e. the Serious and Habitual Juvenile Offender Program,

f. regimented juvenile training programs,

g. the Delinquency and Youth Gang Intervention and Deterrence Act~~7~~1 and

h. such other programs prescribed by the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice or by law.

2. Beginning July 1, 1995, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, in cooperation with the courts, shall develop programs which can be used directly by the Department of Juvenile Justice or can be used in communities with the assistance of the Department of Juvenile Justice to divert juveniles at risk of becoming delinquent from the

formal court process. Such programs shall be implemented by the Department of Juvenile Justice beginning July 1, 1995. Such programs shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. alternative diversion programs for first-time offenders as defined by Section 7303-4.6 of this title,
- b. teen court programs, subject to the requirements and procedures provided in Section 7303-4.6 of this title, and
- c. teen substance abuse schools. A teen substance abuse school shall include any program approved by the court that provides educational, motivational and behavior modification instruction for juveniles who have chemical dependency problems.

D. Beginning July 1, 1995, the Department of Juvenile Justice, in its role as coordinator for delinquency prevention services, shall:

1. Establish guidelines for juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion programs for use in local communities, including, but not limited to:

- a. counseling programs,
- b. recreational programs,
- c. job skills workshops,
- d. community public improvement projects,
- e. mediation programs,
- f. programs to improve relationships between juveniles and law enforcement personnel,
- g. diagnostic evaluation services,
- h. substance abuse prevention programs, and
- i. independent living skills and self-sufficiency planning programs; and

2. Provide that personnel shall be available in each county of the state to assist local communities in developing and implementing community programs to prevent delinquency and to divert juveniles who have committed delinquent acts from committing further delinquent or criminal acts. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall provide this service in each county either directly or by contract.

E. 1. On July 1, 1995, the following programs or divisions shall be transferred, along with funding allocations, from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Juvenile Justice within the Office of Juvenile Affairs:

- a. the Residential Services Unit of the Office of Juvenile Justice and all staff for the Unit,
- b. the Quality Assurance Monitoring Unit of the Office of Juvenile Justice and all staff for the Unit,
- c. the Contract Management/Youth Services Unit of the Office of Juvenile Justice and all staff for the Unit,
- d. the Psychological Unit of the Office of Juvenile Justice and all staff for the Unit,
- e. the Juvenile Services Unit and all field and supervisory staff for the Unit,
- f. all institutional staff for institutions transferred from the Department of Human Services to the Office of Juvenile Affairs,
- g. all staff assigned to the community residential programs of the Office of Juvenile Justice,
- h. the Management Services Unit of the Office of Juvenile Justice,
- i. the Programs Unit of the Office of Juvenile Justice,
- j. all staff of the business office of the Office of Juvenile Justice,

- k. the Planning and Information Unit of the Office of Juvenile Justice,
- l. all staff of the Office of Juvenile Justice assigned to serve as the liaison to the Federal Court Monitor of the Office of Juvenile Justice,
- m. the Parole Review and Hearing Board within the Office of the General Counsel of the Department of Human Services and all members of the Board and support staff for the Board, and
- n. the Division Administrator for the Office of Juvenile Justice and administrative staff for the Division Administrator.

2. The Office of Juvenile Affairs and the Department of Human Services may enter into an agreement for the transfer of personnel on July 1, 1995, from the Department of Human Services to the Office of Juvenile Affairs. No selected employee shall be transferred to the Office of Juvenile Affairs, except on the freely given written consent of the employee.

3. The classified and unclassified employees who are transferred pursuant to paragraph 1 or 2 of this subsection from the Department of Human Services to the Office of Juvenile Affairs on July 1, 1995, shall be subject to the following provisions:

- a. classified employees shall remain subject to the provisions of the Merit System of Personnel Administration as provided in the Oklahoma Personnel Act except that such employees shall be exempt from the provisions of the Merit System pertaining to classification until October 1, 1995. Effective October 1, 1995, such employees shall be given status in the class to which the position occupied by the employee on October 1, 1995, is allocated by the Office of Personnel Management. The salary of such an

employee shall not be reduced as a result of such position allocation, and if the employee's salary is below the minimum rate of pay for the class to which the position occupied by the employee on October 1, 1995, is allocated, the employee's salary shall be adjusted up to the minimum rate of pay; provided, if such allocation is a promotion, the minimum rate shall be determined as provided in 530:10-7-14 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code,

- b. unclassified employees shall remain in the unclassified service and shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Director. Effective October 1, 1995, such employees who occupy positions that are subject to the Merit System of Personnel Administration shall become classified and subject to the provisions of the Merit System of Personnel Administration pursuant to Section 840-4.1 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Unclassified employees who, on October 1, 1995, occupy positions that remain in the unclassified service pursuant to law, shall remain in the unclassified service and shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the Executive Director,
- c. all employees who are transferred to the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall retain leave, sick and annual time earned and any retirement and longevity benefits which have accrued during their tenure with the agency from which transferred. The salaries of employees who are transferred shall not be reduced as a direct and immediate result of the transfer. The transfer of personnel among the state agencies shall be coordinated with the Office of Personnel Management, and

d. if the Office of Juvenile Affairs should implement a reduction in force, all employees transferred from the Department of Human Services to the Office of Juvenile Affairs on July 1, 1995, shall be credited for the time they were employed by the Department of Human Services. The Office of Juvenile Affairs may enter into a contract for professional services at any time with a person who has been separated from service with the Office of Juvenile Affairs as a result of a reduction in force.

F. Effective July 1, 1995, custody, care and supervision of juveniles adjudicated to be delinquent or in need of supervision and any monies and funds received on behalf of such juveniles are hereby transferred from the Department of Human Services to the Office of Juvenile Affairs. Records in the custody of the Department of Human Services on the transfer date relating to delinquent juveniles and juveniles in need of supervision shall be transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

G. Effective July 1, 1995, all powers, duties, records, property, assets, monies and funds of the Office of Juvenile Justice shall be transferred to the Office of Juvenile Affairs. Effective July 1, 1995, liabilities of the Office of Juvenile Justice shall be transferred to the Office of Juvenile Affairs as provided for in the appropriation process of the Legislature. Any additional administrative support or costs incurred by the Office of Juvenile Affairs as a result of the transfer required by this section shall be borne by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

H. The Office of Juvenile Justice shall be abolished by the Commission for Human Services after such transfer has been completed.

I. The Director of State Finance is hereby directed to coordinate the transfer of assets, funds, allotments, purchase

orders, liabilities, outstanding financial obligations or encumbrances provided for in this section. The Department of Central Services is hereby directed to coordinate the transfer of property and records provided for in this section.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7302-5.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7302-5.4 A. Except as otherwise provided by law, all children adjudicated delinquent and committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice shall be discharged at such time as the Department determines there is a reasonable probability that it is no longer necessary, either for the rehabilitation and treatment of the child, or for the protection of the public, that the Department retain legal custody. Following a hearing, the court may also order that a child adjudged delinquent and committed to the Department shall be discharged by the Department provided the child is on parole status and the court deems the discharge in the best interest of the child and public. The Department shall give a fifteen-day notice to the court and the district attorney before discharging from legal custody any child committed and confined in a secure facility.

B. Except as otherwise provided by law, all children adjudged delinquent and committed to the Department of Justice and not discharged under subsection A of this section shall be discharged when the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age, unless the Department is authorized by the court to retain custody of the child until nineteen (19) years of age. Upon the court's own motion or motion of the Department or the district attorney, which must be filed prior to the date the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age, the court, after notice to the delinquent child and to the parents and attorney of said child, may authorize the Department to retain custody of the child until he reaches nineteen (19) years of age in order for the child to complete the previously adopted plan of rehabilitation or achieve reasonable treatment objectives. If

the court sustains a motion to retain custody, the delinquent child during the extended period shall be considered as a child for purposes of receiving services from the Department. If a criminal offense is committed by the individual during the extended period, said offense shall be considered as having been committed by an adult. Except to the extent necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section, an individual after age eighteen (18) years is considered an adult for purposes of other applicable law.

C. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall not place a child under ten (10) years of age in an institution maintained for delinquent children.

D. The court may retain jurisdiction over a child adjudged delinquent beyond the age of seventeen (17) years to the extent necessary for the child to complete payment of restitution or court costs. The court may institute contempt proceedings pursuant to Sections 565 through 567 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes against any person adjudged delinquent and ordered to pay restitution or court costs who neglects or refuses to pay such restitution or court costs. Any child referred to in this subsection over whom the court retains jurisdiction solely for payment of restitution or court costs shall not be considered to be in the custody of or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

E. Following a hearing, the court may order that any child shall be discharged by the Department of Juvenile Justice of the Office of Juvenile Affairs provided the child is on parole status and the court deems the discharge in the best interest of the child and public. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall give a fifteen-day notice to the district attorney before discharging from legal custody any child committed and confined in a secure facility.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7302-6.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7302-6.3 A. The Board of Juvenile Affairs shall promulgate written rules, outline policies and procedures governing the operation of those facilities operated by or through contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice wherein juveniles may be housed. Said policies and procedures shall include, but not be limited to, standards of cleanliness, temperature and lighting, availability of medical and dental care, provision of food, furnishings, clothing and toilet articles, supervision, appropriate and permissible use of restriction and confinement, procedures for enforcing rules of conduct consistent with due process of law and visitation privileges.

B. The policies prescribed shall, at a minimum, ensure that:

1. A child shall not be punished by physical force, deprivation of nutritious meals, deprivation of family visits or solitary confinement;

2. A child shall have the opportunity to participate in physical exercise each day;

3. A child shall be allowed daily access to showers and the child's own clothing or individualized clothing which is clean. When a child is participating in an outdoor adventure program that takes the child away from the permanent facility, the child shall be provided with the opportunity to wash with soap and water daily;

4. A child shall have constant access to writing materials and may send mail without limitation, censorship or prior reading, and may receive mail without prior reading, except that mail may be opened in the presence of the child, without being read, to inspect for contraband, as defined by Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes or as otherwise defined by rules promulgated by the Board of Juvenile Affairs, or to inspect for material harmful to minors, as defined by Section 1040.75 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. When based on legitimate facility interests of order and security as determined by the facility superintendent, mail addressed to a child

or sent by a child may be read, censored, or rejected, except that mail addressed to a child from the attorney of the child or sent by the child to the attorney of said child shall not be opened, censored, or withheld in any way. The child shall be notified when incoming or outgoing mail is withheld in part or in full;

5. A child shall have reasonable opportunity to communicate and to visit with the child's family on a regular basis and to communicate with persons in the community;

6. A child shall have immediate access to medical care as needed and shall receive necessary psychological and psychiatric services;

7. A child in the custody or care of the Department shall be provided access to education including teaching, educational materials and books, provided, that such policies shall provide emphasis upon basic literacy skills, including but not limited to curricula requirements stressing reading, writing, mathematics, science, vocational-technical education, and other courses of instruction designed to assure that such children will be capable of being assimilated into society as productive adults capable of self-support and full participation;

8. A child shall have reasonable access to an attorney upon request;

9. A child shall be afforded a grievance procedure, including an appeal procedure;

10. A child's mental health needs and mental well-being will be met, protected and served through provision of guidance, counseling and treatment programs, staffed by competent, professionally qualified persons, serving under the supervision of licensed psychologists, psychiatrists or licensed clinical social workers as defined by the regulations of the State Board of Licensed Social Workers; and

11. Upon leaving the custody of the Department, a child shall be afforded a copy of the literacy progress section of the individualized service plan developed for the child for continued use at the next school placement of the child.

C. Any contract or agreement between the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the care and treatment of children in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice shall provide that the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall comply with the provisions of subsections A and B of this section and the provisions of Section 7302-6.4 of this title.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7302-6.6, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7302-6.6 A. The Office of Juvenile Affairs through its Department of Juvenile Justice shall have the supervision, management, operation and control of the children's institution located at Tecumseh, formerly known and designated as Girls' Town and now known as Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center, ~~and the youth camp located at Lake Tenkiller,~~ and all property, equipment and supplies related thereto. All contracts, leases, or other agreements entered into by the Department of Human Services on behalf of the Center prior to July 1, 1995, shall be administered by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

B. The Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center shall maintain facilities and bed-space capacity for programs that are consistent with providing statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention services.

C. It shall be the duty of the State Fire Marshal and the Commissioner of Public Health, to cause regular, periodic, not less than quarterly, unannounced inspections of said institution, utilizing adequately trained and qualified inspection personnel, to determine and evaluate conditions and programs being maintained and

carried on at said institution in their respective areas of agency jurisdiction. Such inspections shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Compliance with minimum fire, life and health safety standards; compliance with minimum standards governing general sanitation of the institution, with particular emphasis upon food storage, preparation, serving and transportation, respectively. Reports of such inspections will be made in writing, itemizing and identifying any deficiencies and recommending corrective measures, and shall be filed with the Board of Juvenile Affairs, the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Deputy Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Governor, the Attorney General, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Office of Juvenile System Oversight and the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall file copies of the reports of the inspections and recommendations of the accrediting agencies listed in subsection B of this section with the Office of Juvenile System Oversight.

D. The Department of Juvenile Justice is authorized and directed to establish, subject to the limits of funds available therefor, a diversity of placement alternatives for children committed to the custody of the Department including, but not limited to, foster family homes, foster family group homes, and group homes. All child care services and facilities operated by the Department shall be accredited by the American Correctional Association, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or the Child Welfare League of America, as appropriate for the service or facility. The Department may directly contract for accreditation fees, training or training conferences with the organization accrediting the service or facility as required by this subsection.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7302-6.9, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7302-6.9 ~~A.~~ It is the intent of the Legislature that the ~~program~~ facilities and residential programs established pursuant to ~~this section~~ benefit the state by providing a two-phase regimented juvenile training program under which certain adjudicated juveniles are subject to a controlled and regimented environment that affirms or contracted by the Office of Juvenile Affairs through the Department of Juvenile Justice affirm the dignity of self and respect for others; ~~promotes~~ promote the value of education, work, and self-discipline; and ~~develops~~ develop useful skills and abilities that can be applied when the juvenile is reintegrated into the community.

~~B. 1.~~ ~~The Office of Juvenile Affairs through the Department of Juvenile Justice shall establish, maintain, and operate a regimented juvenile training program. Juveniles eligible for participation in the program shall be assessed and deemed appropriate for the program by the Department of Juvenile Justice. The juveniles eligible for the program shall include juveniles adjudicated delinquent or in need of supervision in this state or another state. However, no more than one-third (1/3) of the juveniles allowed to participate in the program during any particular time period shall be from other states. No juvenile adjudicated in this state or any other state for murder or any offense which, if committed or attempted in this state, would be a crime or attempt to commit a crime requiring registration as a sex offender pursuant to Section 582 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be eligible for the program. Juveniles from other states shall be placed in the program pursuant to provisions of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and rules promulgated by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.~~

~~2.~~ ~~Three percent (3%) of any fees received by a program for a delinquent from another state shall be deposited in the Office of Juvenile Affairs Revolving Fund.~~

~~3. A juvenile may be eliminated from the program upon a determination by the Department of Juvenile Justice that a physical or mental condition will prevent full participation in the program by such offender.~~

~~C. The regimented juvenile training program shall consist of two phases, which shall be administered as follows:~~

~~1. Phase I: An intensive physical training and discipline phase in a secure facility or a nonsecure facility, for a period of not more than one hundred twenty (120) days and administered by the Department of Juvenile Justice. The Department may operate Phase I at facilities operated by the Office of Juvenile Affairs or contract for such services;~~

~~2. Phase II: A community reintegration phase for juveniles who have completed Phase I of the program, which is administered by the Office, as follows:~~

~~a. if appropriate juvenile diversion services are available, the Department of Juvenile Justice may contract for such services, and~~

~~b. if appropriate diversion services are not available, the juvenile shall be subject to a period of supervision under the Department of Juvenile Justice;~~

~~3. A juvenile in the regimented juvenile training program shall be required to participate in the reintegration phase for a period to be determined by the Department of Juvenile Justice; and~~

~~4. In addition to the requirements set forth in this subsection, juveniles shall be required to participate in a job training and educational component, as deemed appropriate by the Department of Juvenile Justice. The educational component shall include classroom work comprised of basic academic and/or vocational instruction. Educational services for juveniles adjudicated by another state shall be funded pursuant to Section 1-113 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

~~D. If a juvenile fails to progress through or complete the initial phase of the regimented juvenile training program, the Department of Juvenile Justice may reassign the juvenile to another appropriate facility. In addition, if a juvenile fails to progress through or complete the second phase of the program, the Department may return the juvenile to Phase I of the program for completion of all or part of the earlier phase; except that a juvenile shall not be returned for participation in the initial phase more than once.~~

~~E. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall establish standards, which shall be enforced by the Department of Juvenile Justice, for the regimented juvenile training program and each of the phases thereof described in this section. Supportive services deemed necessary by the Department shall be made available under the phases of the regimented juvenile training program, as deemed appropriate by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.~~

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7303-1.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7303-1.2 A. 1. Upon the filing of a petition, or upon the assumption of custody pursuant to the provisions of Section 7303-1.1 of this title, the district court of the county in which a child:

- a. resides,
- b. is found, or
- c. is alleged to be or is found to be in need of supervision,

shall have jurisdiction of any child who is or is alleged to be in need of supervision and shall have jurisdiction of the parent, guardian, legal custodian, legal guardian or stepparent of said child, regardless of where the parent, guardian, legal custodian, legal guardian or stepparent is found; and shall have jurisdiction of any other adult person living in the home of such child. For any child who is or is alleged to be delinquent, the district court of

the county where the cause of action arose shall have jurisdiction of the child and of the parent, guardian, legal custodian, legal guardian or stepparent of said child, regardless where the parent, guardian, legal custodian, legal guardian or stepparent is found; and shall have jurisdiction of any other adult person living in the home of such child.

2. When jurisdiction shall have been obtained over a child who is or is alleged to be in need of supervision, such may be retained until the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age and when jurisdiction shall have been obtained over a child who is or is alleged to be a delinquent, jurisdiction may be retained until the child becomes nineteen (19) years of age upon the court's own motion, motion by the district attorney or motion by the Department of Juvenile Justice, as provided in subsection B of Section 7302-5.4 of this title.

3. For the convenience of the parties and in the interest of justice, a proceeding under the Oklahoma Juvenile Code, Section 7301-1.1 et seq. of this title, may be transferred to the district court in any other county.

4. Any arrest or detention under the Oklahoma Juvenile Code or any adjudication in a juvenile proceeding shall not be considered an arrest, detention or conviction for purposes of employment, civil rights, or any statute, regulation, license, questionnaire, application, or any other public or private purposes, unless otherwise provided by law.

B. The district court in which a petition is filed or the district court in which custody has been assumed pursuant to the provisions of Section 7303-1.1 of this title may retain jurisdiction of a delinquent child in such proceeding notwithstanding the fact that the child is subject to the jurisdiction of another district court within the state. Any adjudication and disposition made by

the court in which said petition is filed shall control over prior orders in regard to the child.

C. The district court in which a petition is filed which alleges that a child is in need of supervision can issue any temporary order or grant any interlocutory relief authorized by this Code notwithstanding the fact that another district court within the state has jurisdiction of the child.

D. If the district court in which a petition is filed pursuant to either subsection B or subsection C of this section sustains the petition, the district court shall have the jurisdiction to make a final determination on the juvenile petition or to transfer the proceedings to a court having prior jurisdiction over the child. Where the other proceeding is pending in the same judicial district in which the juvenile petition is filed, the chief judge of the judicial district shall determine if the proceedings shall be consolidated and, if consolidated, which judge shall try the issues when the judges to whom the cases have been assigned are unable to agree on the procedure that should be followed.

E. 1. A municipality with a population of at least twenty-five thousand (25,000) may, by written resolution filed with the district court as defined in this subsection, assume jurisdiction of cases involving children under eighteen (18) years of age charged with violating any municipal ordinance identified in the resolution. Any other municipality may enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with the district court pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Sections 1001 through 1008 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to assume jurisdiction of cases involving children under eighteen (18) years of age charged with violating any municipal ordinance as agreed by the district court, the district attorney and the municipality. For the purposes of this subsection, "district court" shall mean the district court judicial district or districts in which the contracting municipality is situated. The

chief juvenile judge of the district court judicial district is hereby authorized to enter into the interlocal cooperation agreement as provided for in this section for and on behalf of said judicial district if the judge determines that the agreement is constitutional and complies with state and federal law. Provided, if there is no chief juvenile judge in the judicial district, then the presiding judge of the judicial administrative district that includes the contracting judicial district may enter into the agreement for and on behalf of said judicial district if the judge determines that the agreement is constitutional and complies with state and federal law.

2. A child under eighteen (18) years of age who is taken into custody for the alleged violation of a municipal ordinance relating to truancy may be held pursuant to Section 10-109 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. In no event shall the child be placed in a jail, lockup, or detention facility. In no event shall the child be placed in a juvenile detention facility for more than twenty-four (24) hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, prior to an initial court appearance and for an additional twenty-four (24) hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, immediately following an initial court appearance; provided, however, this provision shall not restrict or prohibit placing the child in a community intervention center pursuant to Section 7302-3.5 of this title.

3. A child under eighteen (18) years of age who is taken into custody for the alleged violation of a municipal ordinance relating to curfews may be held temporarily under the custodial care of a peace officer or other person employed by a police department only until the child's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or other responsible adult assumes custody or, if such a person cannot be located within a reasonable time of the taking of the child into custody or if such a person refuses to assume custody, until temporary shelter is found for the child. In no event shall

the child be placed in a jail, lockup, or detention facility. In no event shall the child be placed in a juvenile detention facility for more than twenty-four (24) hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, prior to an initial court appearance and for an additional twenty-four (24) hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, immediately following an initial court appearance; provided however, this provision shall not restrict or prohibit placing the child in a community intervention center pursuant to Section 7302-3.5 of this title. The temporary custody provided for by this paragraph shall be utilized as a means of returning the child to the child's home or other place of shelter.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, a child less than eighteen (18) years of age, who is taken into custody for the alleged violation of a municipal ordinance, and who can be prosecuted in municipal court for such offense pursuant to jurisdiction assumed by the municipal court pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection, may be temporarily detained by the municipality in a municipal juvenile facility, as defined by this paragraph, but only pursuant to the following conditions:

- a. the municipality shall immediately take all reasonable steps to attempt to locate the child's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or another responsible adult and determine if said parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or other responsible adult is willing to appear at the municipal juvenile facility and assume personal custody of the child upon the child's release from such facility,
- b. the child shall be released to the personal custody of the child's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or other responsible adult as soon as

practicable and upon the written promise of such person to return the child to municipal court to answer the municipal charges on the date and at the time set by the municipal court and to assume responsibility for costs for damages by the child if the child causes damages while committing any acts in violation of municipal ordinances listed in this section after being released. Municipalities may enact ordinances providing penalties for failure to comply with the written promise and for refusal to assume custody of a child in a timely manner,

- c. the child shall be detained in the municipal juvenile facility for no longer than twenty-four (24) hours; provided, if the child's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney or other responsible adult fails to appear at the municipal juvenile facility and assume personal custody of the child within said twenty-four-hour period, then custody or release of the child shall be determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 7303-1.1 of this title,
- d. the child shall be provided with adequate fresh drinking water,
- e. the child shall be provided with adequate food not less than three times in a twenty-four-hour period,
- f. the child shall be provided with adequate bathroom facilities and bedding, and
- g. the child shall be provided with any necessary medical care and treatment.

Prior to the temporary detention of any child pursuant to the authority of this subsection, the municipal juvenile facility shall be certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs pursuant to the applicable certification standards set by the Board of Juvenile

Affairs, and each member of the staff of the municipal juvenile facility shall have satisfactorily completed a training program provided or approved by the Department of Juvenile Justice. In furtherance of this subsection, the Office of Juvenile Affairs is directed to and shall establish standards for the certification of municipal juvenile facilities, with said standards to include, but not be limited to, the conditions set forth in subparagraphs a through g, inclusive, of this paragraph, and the Department of Juvenile Justice is directed to and shall provide or approve an appropriate training program for staff members of such facilities. In lieu of operating a municipal juvenile facility with trained municipal employees, the municipality may contract with an independent public or private facility properly certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs for performance of the detention services authorized by the provisions of this paragraph. For the purposes of this section, a "municipal juvenile facility" shall mean a secure facility which is entirely separate from any jail, adult lockup, or other adult facility, or is spatially separate if contained inside any jail, adult lockup, or other adult facility which is certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs for use for the temporary detention of juveniles as authorized by the provisions of this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph shall not restrict or limit the use of municipal juvenile facilities for detention of juveniles who are detained pursuant to other provisions of law. In no event shall a juvenile be held in an adult facility that does not meet the definition of a municipal juvenile facility.

5. Pursuant to an interlocal cooperation agreement between a municipality and the district court, as authorized by the provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection, a child less than eighteen (18) years of age may be charged, prosecuted and, if convicted, fined for violating a municipal ordinance for which provision is made in paragraph 1 of this subsection; provided, that the maximum fine

which may be imposed shall not exceed the maximum fine authorized by law. When assessing punishment, the court also may require appropriate community service work, not to exceed ninety (90) hours, in lieu of or in addition to a fine if the product of multiplying the number of hours of community service work by the prevailing minimum wage plus any fine imposed does not result in a number which exceeds the maximum fine authorized by law, or restitution, or both community service work and restitution. If the child fails to complete the community service, a parent or guardian of the child who knew or should have known that the child failed to complete the community service may be fined an amount that is equal to the number of community service hours that are uncompleted by the child multiplied by the hourly minimum wage amount. In addition, during any calendar year that any child:

- a. fails to appear for a court date on more than one occasion,
- b. is convicted of two or more of the municipal offenses for which provision is made in paragraph 1 of this subsection, which offenses occurred on different days, or
- c. fails to pay any fine or cost properly assessed by a municipal court,

and after the expiration of ninety (90) days, the court clerk shall mail notice of such occurrence to the Department of Public Safety, which department shall thereafter suspend or deny driving privileges for such child for six (6) months. The suspension may be modified as provided in Section 6-107.2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. In addition, the court may require the child to receive counseling or other community-based services, as necessary.

If a child is prosecuted for an offense in a municipal court, the child shall not be prosecuted for the offense in the district

court. The municipal court may also impose costs as authorized by law.

6. Any fines and costs properly assessed against any child and which remain unpaid after three (3) months may be assessed by the municipal judge against the child's parent, parents, legal guardian or legal custodian and collected and paid as provided for in Articles XXVII and XXVIII of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided however, prior to such latter assessment, the court clerk shall give such child's parent, parents, legal guardian or legal custodian notice by certified mail to their place of residence or personal service of such action proposed to be taken.

7. All municipal arrest records, prosecution records, court records, and court proceedings for cases involving children less than eighteen (18) years of age charged with violating municipal ordinances shall be kept confidential and shall not be open to public inspection except by order of the municipal court or as otherwise provided by Article VII of this Code and Section 620.6 of this title. Municipal conviction records involving children less than eighteen (18) years of age convicted of violating municipal ordinances shall be open to public inspection.

F. Funds generated from fines paid pursuant to an interlocal cooperation agreement between a municipality and the district court pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this section shall be earmarked and used by the municipality only for the following purposes:

1. To fund local programs which address problems of juvenile crime;

2. To fund the costs of prosecutions authorized pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this section;

3. To fund the costs of detention authorized pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this section;

4. To fund administrative costs related to local programs that address problems of juvenile crime or related to the prosecution, detention, or punishment authorized pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this section; and

5. To fund the costs of community intervention centers authorized pursuant to Section 7302-3.5 of this title.

Such earmarked funds shall not be used by the municipality for any purpose other than the purposes set forth in paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7303-4.6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2005 (10 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 7303-4.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7303-4.6 A. If the court finds that the allegations of a petition alleging a child to be delinquent or in need of supervision are supported by the evidence, the court shall sustain the petition, and shall make an order of adjudication setting forth whether the child is delinquent or in need of supervision and shall adjudge the child as a ward of the court.

B. A court may defer delinquency adjudication proceedings or proceedings to determine if a child is in need of supervision for one hundred eighty (180) days if the child:

1. Is alleged to have committed or attempted to commit a delinquent offense that if committed by an adult would be a misdemeanor or that if committed by an adult would be grand larceny of property valued at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or less;

2. Waives the privilege against self-incrimination and testifies, under oath, that the allegations are true;

3. Has not been previously adjudicated a delinquent; and

4. Presents to the court an oral or written request to attend a Teen Court program or graduated sanctions program.

C. A court may defer delinquency adjudication proceedings for the duration of the juvenile drug court program if the child is participating in such a program.

D. The Teen Court program, graduated sanctions program, or juvenile drug court must be approved by the court.

E. The court shall dismiss the case with prejudice at the conclusion of the deferral period if the child presents satisfactory evidence that the Teen Court program, graduated sanctions program or a juvenile drug court has been successfully completed.

F. The court may require a child who requests a Teen Court program to pay a fee, as determined by the court, not to exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to cover the costs of administration. The fee shall be deposited in the court clerk's official depository account. Eighty percent (80%) of the costs so paid shall be distributed to the organization sponsoring the Teen Court to be used for Teen Court operating expenses. The remaining twenty percent (20%) of the cost shall be paid by the court clerk to the court fund.

G. A court may defer delinquency proceedings or proceedings to determine if a child is in need of supervision for one hundred eighty (180) days for any child that has not been previously adjudicated delinquent, if the child and, if required by the court, the parent or legal guardian of the child agree to participate in an alternative diversion program for first-time offenders that has been approved by the court. The court shall dismiss the case with prejudice at the conclusion of the deferral period if the child presents satisfactory evidence that the alternative diversion program for first-time offenders has been successfully completed. The records of a case dismissed pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of Article VII of the Oklahoma Juvenile Code.

H. A court may defer delinquency proceedings for one hundred eighty (180) days for any child that has not been previously adjudicated delinquent, if the child agrees to participate in a ~~military mentor~~ counseling program that has been approved by the court. The court shall dismiss the case with prejudice at the conclusion of the deferral period if the child presents satisfactory evidence that the ~~military mentor~~ counseling program has been successfully completed. The records of a case dismissed pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of Article VII of the Oklahoma Juvenile Code.

I. As used in this section:

1. "Alternative diversion programs for first-time offenders" means programs for juveniles who have been identified by law enforcement personnel, the district attorney, or the court as having committed acts which are not serious enough to warrant adjudication through the juvenile court process, but which do indicate a need for intervention to prevent further development toward juvenile delinquency. The program shall be administered, pursuant to contact with the Department of Juvenile Justice, by organizations designated as youth services agencies by law;

2. "Graduated sanctions program" means a program administered by the Office of Juvenile Affairs as defined in Section 7301-1.3 of this title or as otherwise approved by the court;

3. "Juvenile drug court", "juvenile drug court program" or "program" means a highly structured judicial intervention process for substance abuse treatment of eligible juveniles as set forth in Section 7303-5.5 of this title;

4. "Military mentor program" means a program administered by the Oklahoma Military Department as provided in Section 7303-5.3 of this title;

5. "Supervising staff" means a community provider assigned to monitor juveniles in the program, a state or local agency

representative or a certified treatment provider participating in the program, or a person designated by the judge to perform drug court investigations; and

6. "Teen Court program" means a program which provides an alternative judicial forum for cases involving juvenile offenders, in which teenage participants, under the supervision of an adult coordinator, may serve in various capacities within the courtroom, including jurors, lawyers, bailiffs and judges. Such program also may include participation by volunteer adult attorneys. The Teen Court hears cases involving juvenile offenders who are referred to the Teen Court by the district attorney or the district court and assesses sentences such as participation in community work projects, counseling or rehabilitation programs.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7303-5.3, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 473, O.S.L. 2002 (10 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 7303-5.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7303-5.3 A. The following kinds of orders of disposition may be made in respect to children adjudicated in need of supervision or delinquent:

1. The court may place the child on probation or under supervision in the home of the child, or in the custody of a suitable person, upon such conditions as the court shall determine. The court may require the parent or other person to give security by bond, with surety or sureties approved by the court, for compliance with such order. If the child is placed on probation, the court may impose a probation supervision fee of not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per month, if the court finds that the child or parent or legal guardian of the child has the ability to pay the fee. In counties having a juvenile bureau, the fee shall be paid to the juvenile bureau; in all other counties, the fee shall be paid to the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

2. If it is consistent with the welfare of the child, the child shall be placed with the parent or legal guardian of the child, but if it appears to the court that the conduct of such parent, guardian, legal guardian, stepparent or other adult person living in the home has contributed to the child becoming delinquent or in need of supervision, the court may issue a written order specifying conduct to be followed by such parent, guardian, legal custodian, stepparent or other adult person living in the home with respect to such child. The conduct specified shall be such as would reasonably prevent the child from continuing to be delinquent or in need of supervision. Such order shall remain in effect for a period of not more than one (1) year to be specified by the court, and the order may be extended or renewed by the court.

a. If it is consistent with the welfare of the child, in cases where the child has been adjudicated to be in need of supervision due to repeated absence from school, the court may order counseling and treatment for the child and the parents of the child to be provided by the local school district, the county, the Department or a private individual or entity. Prior to final disposition, the court shall require that it be shown by the appropriate school district that a child found to be truant has been evaluated for learning disabilities, hearing and visual impairments and other impediments which could constitute an educational handicap or has been evaluated to determine whether the child has a disability if it is suspected that the child may require special education services in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The results of such tests shall be made available to the court for

use by the court in determining the disposition of the case.

- b. In issuing orders to a parent, guardian, legal guardian, stepparent or other adult person living in the home of a child adjudicated to be a delinquent child or in making other disposition of said delinquent child, the court may consider the testimony of said parent, guardian, legal guardian, stepparent or other adult person concerning the behavior of the juvenile and the ability of such person to exercise parental control over the behavior of the juvenile.
- c. In any dispositional order involving a child age sixteen (16) or older, the court shall make a determination, where appropriate, of the services needed to assist the child to make the transition to independent living.

No child who has been adjudicated in need of supervision only upon the basis of truancy or noncompliance with the mandatory school attendance law shall be placed in a public or private institutional facility or be removed from the custody of the lawful parent, guardian or custodian of the child.

3. The court may commit the child to the custody of a private institution or agency, including any institution established and operated by the county, authorized to care for children or to place them in family homes. In committing a child to a private institution or agency, the court shall select one that is licensed by any state department supervising or licensing private institutions and agencies; or, if such institution or agency is in another state, by the analogous department of that state. Whenever the court shall commit a child to any institution or agency, it shall transmit with the order of commitment a summary of its information concerning the child, and such institution or agency

shall give to the court such information concerning the child as the court may at any time require.

4. The court may order the child to receive counseling or other community-based services as necessary.

5. The court may order the child to participate in a military mentor program administered by the Oklahoma Military Department, if such program:

- a. is staffed by National Guard or qualified civilian personnel who are trained by the Oklahoma Military Department pursuant to training standards established by the Department of Juvenile Justice and meets screening requirements established by the Department of Juvenile Justice,
- b. provides for adequate supervision of the child, and
- c. is designed to develop useful skills and abilities of the child and/or integrate the child into community service activities or public works projects.

The Office of Juvenile Affairs through its Department of Juvenile Justice and the Oklahoma Military Department are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement to provide for the effective development and implementation of this paragraph.

6. The court may commit the child to the custody of the Office of Juvenile Affairs under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Any order adjudicating the child to be delinquent and committing the child to the Department of Juvenile Justice shall be for an indeterminate period of time. ~~If the adjudication is for distribution of a controlled dangerous substance or possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance, the court may require that the offender be placed in a regimented juvenile training program as described in Section 7302-6.9 of this title, or a secure facility operated or contracted for by the Office of Juvenile Affairs. The placement must occur within sixty (60) days~~

~~of disposition unless extended by the court for an additional sixty (60) days.~~

7. If the child has been placed outside the home, and it appears to the court that the parent, guardian, legal custodian, or stepparent, or other adult person living in the home has contributed to the child becoming delinquent or in need of supervision, the court may order that the parent, guardian, legal custodian, stepparent, or other adult living in the home be made subject to any treatment or placement plan prescribed by the Department or other person or agency receiving custody of the child.

8. With respect to a child adjudicated a delinquent child, the court may:

- a. for acts involving criminally injurious conduct as defined in Section 142.3 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, order the child to pay a victim compensation assessment in an amount not to exceed that amount specified in Section 142.18 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The court shall forward a copy of the adjudication order to the Crime Victims Compensation Board for purposes of Section 142.11 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Except as otherwise provided by law, such adjudication order shall be kept confidential by the Board,
- b. order the child to engage in a term of community service without compensation. The state or any political subdivision shall not be liable if a loss or claim results from any acts or omission of a child ordered to engage in a term of community service pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph,
- c. if it is consistent with the welfare of the child, require community service or restitution or both community service and restitution for acts of

delinquency. The immunities provided by Sections 227 and 228 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall apply to community services directed pursuant to this section. The court may order the parents or custodial parent of any child living with the parents or custodial parent to supervise the performance of community service by the child. The court may order the parents or custodial parent of any child living with the parents or custodial parent at the time of the criminal or delinquent act of the child to remit the amount of restitution ordered by the court. The court may consider any hardship of such order on the parents or custodial parent of the child. The parents or custodial parent may be represented by an attorney in the matter of the order for remittance of the restitution by the parents or custodial parent. Provided however, if the court orders the parents or custodial parent to remit the amount of restitution as provided for in this paragraph, in addition to any other dispositional orders of the court, the court shall order the child to perform community service for the number of hours commensurate with the number of hours it would require under federal or state minimum wage to earn the amount paid by such child's parents or custodial parent under the order to remit restitution,

- d. order the child to pay the fine which would have been imposed had such child been convicted of such crime as an adult. Any such fine collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in a special Work Restitution Fund to be established by the court to allow children otherwise unable to pay restitution to

work in community service projects in the private or public sector to earn money to compensate their victims,

- e. order the cancellation or denial of driving privileges as provided by Sections 6-107.1 and 6-107.2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- f. in accordance with the guidelines approved and adopted by the Oklahoma Supreme Court for the implementation of the Serious and Habitual Juvenile Offender Program, make the following orders: sanction detention in the residence of the child or facility designated by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the juvenile bureau for such purpose for up to five (5) days; weekend detention in a place other than a juvenile detention facility or shelter; tracking; or house arrest with electronic monitoring. On and after the adoption of guidelines by the Oklahoma Supreme Court for the implementation of the Serious and Habitual Juvenile Offender Program, the provisions of subparagraphs a through e of this paragraph shall be subject to said guidelines,
- g. in accordance with the guidelines approved and adopted by the Oklahoma Supreme Court for the implementation of the Serious and Habitual Juvenile Offender Program, impose sanctions for the violation of preadjudicatory or postadjudicatory violations of probation.

9. The court may dismiss the petition or otherwise terminate its jurisdiction at any time for good cause shown.

10. In any dispositional order removing a child from the home of the child, the court shall, in addition to the findings required by subsection B of Section 7303-1.4 of this title, make a determination that, in accordance with the best interests of the

child and the protection of the public, reasonable efforts have been made to provide for the return of the child to the child's own home, or that efforts to reunite the family are not required as provided in subsection B of Section 7303-1.4 of this title, and reasonable efforts are being made to finalize an alternate permanent placement for the child.

B. Prior to adjudication or as directed by a law enforcement subpoena or court order, a school district may disclose educational records to the court or juvenile justice system for purposes of determining the ability of the juvenile justice system to effectively serve a child. Any disclosure of educational records shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). If the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child adjudicated a delinquent child asserts that the child is being home schooled pursuant to Section 10-105 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the court or the Office of Juvenile Affairs may require the parent to provide a copy of the written, joint agreement to that effect between the school administrator of the school district where the child attends school and the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child.

C. With respect to a child adjudicated a delinquent child for a violent offense, within thirty (30) days of the date of the adjudication either the juvenile bureau in counties which have a juvenile bureau or the Office of Juvenile Affairs in all other counties shall notify the superintendent of the school district in which the child is enrolled or intends to enroll of the delinquency adjudication and the offense for which the child was adjudicated.

D. No child who has been adjudicated in need of supervision may be placed in a state training school.

E. No child charged in a state or municipal court with a violation of state or municipal traffic laws or ordinances, or convicted therefor, may be incarcerated in jail for the violation

unless the charge for which the arrest was made would constitute a felony if the child were an adult. Nothing contained in this subsection shall prohibit the detention of a juvenile for traffic-related offenses prior to the filing of a petition in the district court alleging delinquency as a result of the acts and nothing contained in this section shall prohibit detaining a juvenile pursuant to Section 7303-1.2 of this title.

F. The court may revoke or modify a disposition order and may order redispotion. The child whose disposition is being considered for revocation or modification at said hearing shall have the right to be represented by counsel, to present evidence in the child's behalf and to be confronted by witnesses against the child. Any revocation, modification or redispotion of the court in whole or in part shall be subject to review on appeal, as in other appeals of criminal cases. Bail may be allowed pending appeal.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7303-8.6, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7303-8.6 When a child is committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice under the provisions of this article, the court shall order the child to be delivered by the sheriff or by a private contractor pursuant to the provisions of Section 7304-1.3 of this title to an institution, or other place, designated by the Department, and the cost of transportation shall be paid from the county's general fund. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall not be ordered to provide transportation as provided for in this section for a juvenile who has been committed to the custody of the Department and is destined for a secure institution.

SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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