

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2479

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Office of Juvenile Affairs;  
8 amending 10A O.S. 2011, Sections 2-7-101 and 2-7-201,  
9 as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 386, O.S.L.  
10 2016 (10A O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 2-7-201), which  
11 relate to the Board of Juvenile Affairs; modifying  
12 appointment of members of the Board; authorizing  
13 Governor to appoint Executive Director; providing for  
14 determination of compensation; and declaring an  
15 emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-101, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 2-7-101. A. There is hereby created, ~~effective~~  
20 ~~February 1, 1995,~~ the Board of Juvenile Affairs which shall consist  
21 of ~~seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Governor with the~~  
22 ~~advice and consent of the Senate.~~

23 ~~B. One member shall be appointed from each congressional~~  
24 ~~district and any remaining members shall be appointed from the state~~  
~~at large. However, when congressional districts are redrawn each~~  
~~member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which such~~

1 ~~modification becomes effective shall complete the current term of~~  
2 ~~office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such~~  
3 ~~modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn~~  
4 ~~districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which the~~  
5 ~~modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts~~  
6 ~~which are not represented by a board member until such time as each~~  
7 ~~of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board~~  
8 ~~member. No appointments may be made after July 1 of the year in~~  
9 ~~which the modification becomes effective if such appointment would~~  
10 ~~result in more than two members serving from the same modified~~  
11 ~~district. The terms of office of the members serving on the Board~~  
12 ~~on the effective date of this act shall expire at the end of the~~  
13 ~~current term of the member.~~

14 ~~C. 1. All appointments made by the Governor pursuant to this~~  
15 ~~act shall be as follows:~~

- 16 ~~a. one member appointed by the Governor shall be a~~  
17 ~~resident of the First Congressional District,~~
- 18 ~~b. one member appointed by the Governor shall be a~~  
19 ~~resident of the Second Congressional District,~~
- 20 ~~c. one member appointed by the Governor shall be a~~  
21 ~~resident of the Third Congressional District,~~
- 22 ~~d. one member appointed by the Governor shall be a~~  
23 ~~resident of the Fourth Congressional District,~~

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- 1           e. ~~one member appointed by the Governor shall be a~~  
2           ~~resident of the Fifth Congressional District,~~  
3           f. ~~one member appointed by the Governor shall be~~  
4           ~~appointed at large, and~~  
5           g. ~~one member appointed by the Governor shall be~~  
6           ~~appointed at large.~~

7 ~~All members~~ the following seven (7) members:

8           1. Three members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and  
9 consent of the House of Representatives and the Senate;

10           2. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives; and

12           3. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
13 Senate.

14           B. 1. Each member shall be appointed for terms of four (4)  
15 years. All terms shall expire on the first day of July of the year  
16 in which the terms of each member expire serve at the pleasure of  
17 his or her appointing authority and may be removed or replaced  
18 without cause.

19           2. Thereafter an appointment shall be made by the Governor  
20 within ninety (90) days after a vacancy has occurred due to  
21 resignation, death, or any cause resulting in an unexpired term. In  
22 the event of a vacancy on the Board due to resignation, death, or  
23 for any cause resulting in an unexpired term, if not filled within  
24 ninety (90) days following the vacancy, the Board may appoint a

1 ~~provisional member to serve in the interim until the Governor makes~~  
2 ~~an appointment~~ The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile  
3 Affairs shall be an ex officio member of the Board, but shall be  
4 entitled to vote only in case of a tie vote.

5 3. A member may be reappointed to succeed himself or herself  
6 for one additional term.

7 ~~D.~~ C. To be eligible for appointment to the Board a person  
8 shall:

- 9 1. Be a citizen of the United States;
- 10 2. Be a resident of this state;
- 11 3. Be a qualified elector of this state; and
- 12 4. Not have been convicted of a felony pursuant to the laws of  
13 this state, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the United  
14 States.

15 ~~E.~~ D. Members appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall  
16 include persons having experience in social work, juvenile justice,  
17 criminal justice, community-based youth services, criminal-justice-  
18 related behavioral sciences, indigent defense, and education. In  
19 making the appointments, the Governor shall also give consideration  
20 to urban, rural, gender, and minority representation.

21 ~~F.~~ ~~Any member of the Board may be removed from office in the~~  
22 ~~manner provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to~~  
23 ~~impeachment.~~

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1        ~~G.~~ E. 1. The Board shall hold meetings as necessary at a place  
2 and time to be fixed by the Board. The Board shall elect, at its  
3 first meeting, one of its members to serve as chair and another of  
4 its members to serve as vice-chair. At the first meeting in each  
5 calendar year thereafter, the chair and vice-chair for the ensuing  
6 year shall be elected. Special meetings may be called by the chair  
7 or by five members of the Board by delivery of written notice to  
8 each member of the Board. A majority of members serving on the  
9 Board shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

10        2. Members of the Board shall receive necessary travel expenses  
11 according to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act,  
12 but shall receive no other compensation. Travel expenses shall be  
13 paid from funds available to the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

14        ~~H.~~ F. The Board shall:

15        1. Adopt and promulgate rules for its government and may adopt  
16 an official seal for the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

17        2. Appoint and fix the compensation of the Executive Director  
18 of the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

19        3. Be the rulemaking body for the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

20        4. Review and approve the budget request of the Office of  
21 Juvenile Affairs to the Governor;

22        5. Assist the Office of Juvenile Affairs in conducting periodic  
23 reviews and planning activities related to the goals, objectives,  
24 priorities, and policies of the Office;

1           6. Provide a public forum for receiving comments and  
2 disseminating information to the public and the regulated community  
3 regarding goals, objectives, priorities, and policies of the Office  
4 of Juvenile Affairs at least quarterly. The Board shall have the  
5 authority to adopt nonbinding resolutions requesting action by the  
6 Office of Juvenile Affairs in response to comments received or upon  
7 the Board's own initiative; and

8           7. Establish contracting procedures for the Office of Juvenile  
9 Affairs and guidelines for rates of payment for services provided by  
10 contract.

11         ~~F.~~ G. 1. As the rulemaking body of the Office of Juvenile  
12 Affairs, the Board is specifically charged with the duty of  
13 promulgating rules which will implement the duties and  
14 responsibilities of the Office pursuant to the Oklahoma Juvenile  
15 Code.

16           2. Effective July 1, 1995, any administrative policies adopted  
17 by the Commission for Human Services related to personnel and other  
18 administrative issues and any rules promulgated relating to the  
19 custody, care and supervision of children adjudicated to be  
20 delinquent or in need of supervision shall be and remain in effect  
21 until amended or new rules are promulgated by the Board of Juvenile  
22 Affairs.

23           3. Any rules adopted by the Commission for Human Services  
24 related to personnel and other administrative issues and the

1 custody, care and supervision of children adjudicated to be  
2 delinquent or in need of supervision and subject to review by the  
3 Legislature during the 1st Session of the 45th Oklahoma Legislature  
4 may be finally adopted and promulgated by the Board of Juvenile  
5 Affairs pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

6 4. Starting April 1, 1995, the Board of Juvenile Affairs shall  
7 conduct an internal review of current permanent and emergency rules  
8 relating to the custody, care and supervision of children  
9 adjudicated to be delinquent or in need of supervision to determine  
10 whether such rules need to be amended, or repealed, reinstated, or  
11 recodified. By January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted  
12 permanent rules to implement the programs and functions within its  
13 jurisdiction and shall submit such rules for legislative review  
14 pursuant to Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act.

15 5. The Board of Juvenile Affairs shall develop performance  
16 standards for programs implemented, either directly or pursuant to  
17 contract, by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-201, as  
19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 386, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.  
20 2018, Section 2-7-201), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 2-7-201. A. ~~The Board of Juvenile Affairs shall~~  
22 ~~appoint the~~ Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs  
23 shall be appointed by the Governor. The Executive Director shall  
24 serve at the pleasure of the ~~Board~~ Governor and may be removed or

1 replaced without cause. Compensation for the Executive Director  
2 shall be determined pursuant to Section 3601.2 of Title 74 of the  
3 Oklahoma Statutes.

4 B. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs  
5 shall be qualified for such position by character, ability,  
6 education, training, and successful administrative experience in one  
7 of the following: Corrections, juvenile justice, juvenile  
8 delinquency, criminal justice, law, police science, criminology,  
9 psychology, sociology, administration, education, or a related  
10 social science.

11 C. The Executive Director shall provide for the administration  
12 of the Office of Juvenile Affairs and shall:

13 1. Be the executive officer and supervise the activities of the  
14 Office of Juvenile Affairs;

15 2. Pursuant to legislative authorization employ, discharge,  
16 appoint or contract with, and fix the duties and compensation of  
17 such assistants, attorneys, law enforcement officers, probation  
18 officers, psychologists, social workers, medical professionals,  
19 administrative, clerical and technical, investigators, aides and  
20 such other personnel, either on a full-time, part-time, fee or  
21 contractual basis, as in the judgment and discretion of the  
22 Executive Director shall be deemed necessary in the performance or  
23 carrying out of any of the purposes, objectives, responsibilities,  
24 or statutory provisions relating to the Office of Juvenile Affairs,



1 or to assist the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile  
2 Affairs in the performance of official duties and functions;

3 3. Establish internal policies and procedures for the proper  
4 and efficient administration of the Office of Juvenile Affairs; and

5 4. Exercise all incidental powers which are necessary and  
6 proper to implement the purposes of the Office of Juvenile Affairs  
7 pursuant to the Oklahoma Juvenile Code.

8 D. The Executive Director shall employ an attorney to be  
9 designated the "General Counsel" who shall be the legal advisor for  
10 the Office of Juvenile Affairs. Except as provided in this  
11 subsection, the General Counsel is authorized to appear for and  
12 represent the Board and Office in any litigation that may arise in  
13 the discharge of the duties of the Board and Office.

14 It shall continue to be the duty of the Attorney General to give  
15 an official opinion to the Executive Director of the Office of  
16 Juvenile Affairs and the Office of Juvenile Affairs and to prosecute  
17 and defend actions therefor, if requested to do so. The Attorney  
18 General may levy and collect costs, expenses of litigation and a  
19 reasonable attorney fee for such legal services from the Office.  
20 The Office shall not contract for representation by private legal  
21 counsel unless approved by the Attorney General. Such contract for  
22 private legal counsel shall be in the best interests of the state.  
23 The Attorney General shall be notified by the Office of Juvenile  
24 Affairs or its counsel of all lawsuits against the Office of

1 Juvenile Affairs or officers or employees thereof, that seek  
2 injunctive relief which would impose obligations requiring the  
3 expenditure of funds in excess of unencumbered monies in the  
4 agency's appropriations or beyond the current fiscal year. The  
5 Attorney General shall review any such cases and may represent the  
6 interests of the state, if the Attorney General considers it to be  
7 in the best interest of the state to do so, in which case the  
8 Attorney General shall be paid as provided in this subsection.  
9 Representation of multiple defendants in such actions may, at the  
10 discretion of the Attorney General, be divided with counsel for the  
11 Office as necessary to avoid conflicts of interest.

12 E. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs  
13 shall have the authority to commission certified employees within  
14 the Office of Juvenile Affairs as peace officers. The authority of  
15 employees so commissioned shall only include the authority to  
16 investigate crimes committed against the Office or crimes committed  
17 in the course of any program administered by the Office. Employees  
18 so commissioned shall also have the authority to serve and execute  
19 process, bench warrants, and other court orders in any judicial or  
20 administrative proceeding in which the agency is a party or  
21 participant. Use and possession of firearms for this purpose only  
22 shall be permitted. To become qualified as peace officers for the  
23 commission, employees shall first obtain a certificate as provided  
24 for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 F. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs,  
2 based upon rules established by the Board of Juvenile Affairs, shall  
3 have the authority to appoint and commission campus police for  
4 secure juvenile facilities and their adjacent grounds under the  
5 jurisdiction of the Office of Juvenile Affairs in the same manner  
6 and with the same powers as campus police appointed by governing  
7 boards of state institutions for higher education under the  
8 provisions of Section 360.15 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
9 Statutes.

10 G. In the event of the Executive Director's temporary absence,  
11 the Executive Director may delegate the exercise of such powers and  
12 duties to a designee during the Executive Director's absence. In  
13 the event of a vacancy in the position of Executive Director, the  
14 ~~Board of Juvenile Affairs~~ Governor shall appoint a new Executive  
15 Director. The Board may designate an interim or acting Executive  
16 Director who is authorized to exercise such powers and duties until  
17 a permanent Executive Director is employed.

18 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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