



1 3. "Custodial responsibility" refers to legal custody, physical  
2 custody or visitation rights with respect to a child;

3 4. "Deploying parent" means a legal parent of a minor child or  
4 the legal guardian of a child, who is a member of the United States  
5 Armed Forces, civilian personnel or contractor serving in designated  
6 combat zones or duty stations and who is deployed ~~or~~, has been  
7 notified of an impending deployment, or is actively serving in a  
8 duty station outside of the parent's home city;

9 5. "Deployment" means the temporary transfer of a  
10 servicemember, civilian personnel or contractor serving in  
11 designated combat zones in compliance with official orders to  
12 another location in support of combat, contingency operation, or  
13 natural disaster requiring the use of orders for a period of more  
14 than thirty (30) consecutive days, during which family members are  
15 not authorized to accompany the servicemember at government expense.  
16 Deployment shall include any period during which a servicemember,  
17 civilian personnel or contractor serving in designated combat zones  
18 is absent from duty on account of sickness, wounds, leave or other  
19 lawful cause, and shall also include any transfer pursuant to  
20 military orders requiring presence in a foreign country;

21 6. "Guardian" means a person who has been appointed as a  
22 guardian of a minor or incapacitated adult pursuant to the  
23 requirements of Title 30 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The term shall  
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1 include a limited guardian, but shall not include a guardian ad  
2 litem;

3 7. "Nondeploying parent" means a legal parent or guardian who  
4 is not deployed and who has a child or ward in common with a  
5 deploying parent;

6 8. "Servicemember" means a member of either:

7 a. the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy,  
8 Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or

9 b. the active or reserve components of the National  
10 Guard; and

11 9. "Visitation" means the right to take a child for a limited  
12 period of time to a place other than the habitual residence of the  
13 child.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 43 O.S. 2021, Section 150.3, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 150.3 A. In order to ensure an ongoing relationship  
17 with the child while deployed or while serving in a duty station  
18 outside of the parent's home city, pursuant to the Deployed Parents  
19 Custody and Visitation Act, upon application to the court by the  
20 deploying parent, the court shall designate a family member or  
21 another person with a close and substantial relationship to the  
22 child to exercise his or her visitation rights, unless the court  
23 determines it is not in the best interests of the child.

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1 B. Visitation awarded pursuant to this section derives from the  
2 deploying parent's own right to custodial responsibility. Neither  
3 this section nor a court order permitting designation shall be  
4 deemed to create any separate or permanent rights to visitation.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,  
8 dated 02/08/2023 - DO PASS.

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