

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3104

By: Ownbey of the House

and

Griffin of the Senate

7 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2011,
8 Section 1-1-105, as last amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 342, O.S.L. 2017 (10A O.S. Supp. 2017,
10 Section 1-1-105), which relates to definitions;
11 modifying definitions; amending 10A O.S. 2011,
12 Sections 1-2-101, as last amended by Section 1,
13 Chapter 62, O.S.L. 2016 and 1-2-102, as last amended
14 by Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.
15 2017, Sections 1-2-101 and 1-2-102), which relate to
16 child welfare reporting and investigations; revising
17 reporting requirements for certain health care
18 providers; including infants diagnosed with specified
19 medical conditions; providing for investigation after
20 referral is accepted for a drug-endangered child;
21 modifying duties of certain professionals; and
22 declaring an emergency.

18 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and
19 entire bill and insert

20 "An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2011,
21 Sections 1-1-105, as last amended by Section 1,
22 Chapter 342, O.S.L. 2017, 1-2-101, as last amended by
23 Section 1, Chapter 62, O.S.L. 2016 and 1-2-102, as
24 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 2016
(10A O.S. Supp. 2017, Sections 1-1-105, 1-2-101 and
1-2-102), which relate to definitions, child welfare
reporting and investigations; modifying definitions;
revising reporting requirements for certain health
care providers; including infants diagnosed with

1 specified medical conditions; providing for
2 investigation after referral is accepted for a drug-
3 endangered child; requiring certain plan under
4 certain circumstances; providing minimum standards
5 for certain plan; providing for establishment of Zero
6 to Three Court Program; stating goals of certain
7 program; directing certain state agencies to provide
8 certain services as available; providing for
9 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-1-105, as
12 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 2017 (10A O.S. Supp.
13 2017, Section 1-1-105), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1-1-105. When used in the Oklahoma Children's Code,
15 unless the context otherwise requires:

16 1. "Abandonment" means:

- 17 a. the willful intent by words, actions, or omissions not
18 to return for a child, or
- 19 b. the failure to maintain a significant parental
20 relationship with a child through visitation or
21 communication in which incidental or token visits or
22 communication are not considered significant, or
- 23 c. the failure to respond to notice of deprived
24 proceedings;

25 2. "Abuse" means harm or threatened harm to the health, safety,
26 or welfare of a child by a person responsible for the child's

1 health, safety, or welfare, including but not limited to
2 nonaccidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, or sexual
3 exploitation. Provided, however, that nothing contained in the
4 Oklahoma Children's Code shall prohibit any parent from using
5 ordinary force as a means of discipline including, but not limited
6 to, spanking, switching, or paddling.

7 a. "Harm or threatened harm to the health or safety of a
8 child" means any real or threatened physical, mental,
9 or emotional injury or damage to the body or mind that
10 is not accidental including but not limited to sexual
11 abuse, sexual exploitation, neglect, or dependency.

12 b. "Sexual abuse" includes but is not limited to rape,
13 incest, and lewd or indecent acts or proposals made to
14 a child, as defined by law, by a person responsible
15 for the health, safety, or welfare of the child.

16 c. "Sexual exploitation" includes but is not limited to
17 allowing, permitting, encouraging, or forcing a child
18 to engage in prostitution, as defined by law, by any
19 person eighteen (18) years of age or older or by a
20 person responsible for the health, safety, or welfare
21 of a child, or allowing, permitting, encouraging, or
22 engaging in the lewd, obscene, or pornographic, as
23 defined by law, photographing, filming, or depicting

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1 of a child in those acts by a person responsible for
2 the health, safety, and welfare of the child;

3 3. "Adjudication" means a finding by the court that the
4 allegations in a petition alleging that a child is deprived are
5 supported by a preponderance of the evidence;

6 4. "Adjudicatory hearing" means a hearing by the court as
7 provided by Section 1-4-601 of this title;

8 5. "Age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate" means:

9 a. activities or items that are generally accepted as
10 suitable for children of the same age or level of
11 maturity or that are determined to be developmentally
12 appropriate for a child, based on the development of
13 cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral
14 capacities that are typical for an age or age group,
15 and

16 b. in the case of a specific child, activities or items
17 that are suitable for that child based on the
18 developmental stages attained by the child with
19 respect to the cognitive, emotional, physical, and
20 behavioral capacities of the specific child.

21 In the event that any age-related activities have implications
22 relative to the academic curriculum of a child, nothing in this
23 paragraph shall be construed to authorize an officer or employee of
24 the federal government to mandate, direct, or control a state or

1 local educational agency, or the specific instructional content,
2 academic achievement standards and assessments, curriculum, or
3 program of instruction of a school;

4 6. "Assessment" means a comprehensive review of child safety
5 and evaluation of family functioning and protective capacities that
6 is conducted in response to a child abuse or neglect referral that
7 does not allege a serious and immediate safety threat to a child;

8 7. "Behavioral health" means mental health, substance abuse, or
9 co-occurring mental health and substance abuse diagnoses, and the
10 continuum of mental health, substance abuse, or co-occurring mental
11 health and substance abuse treatment;

12 8. "Child" means any unmarried person under eighteen (18) years
13 of age;

14 9. "Child advocacy center" means a center and the
15 multidisciplinary child abuse team of which it is a member that is
16 accredited by the National Children's Alliance or that is completing
17 a sixth year of reaccreditation. Child advocacy centers shall be
18 classified, based on the child population of a district attorney's
19 district, as follows:

- 20 a. nonurban centers in districts with child populations
21 that are less than sixty thousand (60,000), and
22 b. midlevel nonurban centers in districts with child
23 populations equal to or greater than sixty thousand
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1 (60,000), but not including Oklahoma and Tulsa
2 counties;

3 10. "Child with a disability" means any child who has a
4 physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more
5 of the major life activities of the child, or who is regarded as
6 having such an impairment by a competent medical professional;

7 11. "Child-placing agency" means an agency that arranges for or
8 places a child in a foster family home, group home, adoptive home,
9 or a successful adulthood program;

10 12. "Children's emergency resource center" means a community-
11 based program that may provide emergency care and a safe and
12 structured homelike environment or a host home for children
13 providing food, clothing, shelter and hygiene products to each child
14 served; after-school tutoring; counseling services; life-skills
15 training; transition services; assessments; family reunification;
16 respite care; transportation to or from school, doctors'
17 appointments, visitations and other social, school, court or other
18 activities when necessary; and a stable environment for children in
19 crisis who are in custody of the Department of Human Services if
20 permitted under the Department's policies and regulations, or who
21 have been voluntarily placed by a parent or custodian during a
22 temporary crisis;

23 13. "Community-based services" or "community-based programs"
24 means services or programs which maintain community participation or

1 supervision in their planning, operation, and evaluation.
2 Community-based services and programs may include, but are not
3 limited to, emergency shelter, crisis intervention, group work, case
4 supervision, job placement, recruitment and training of volunteers,
5 consultation, medical, educational, home-based services, vocational,
6 social, preventive and psychological guidance, training, counseling,
7 early intervention and diversionary substance abuse treatment,
8 sexual abuse treatment, transitional living, independent living, and
9 other related services and programs;

10 14. "Concurrent permanency planning" means, when indicated, the
11 implementation of two plans for a child entering foster care. One
12 plan focuses on reuniting the parent and child; the other seeks to
13 find a permanent out-of-home placement for the child with both plans
14 being pursued simultaneously;

15 15. "Court-appointed special advocate" or "CASA" means a
16 responsible adult volunteer who has been trained and is supervised
17 by a court-appointed special advocate program recognized by the
18 court, and when appointed by the court, serves as an officer of the
19 court in the capacity as a guardian ad litem;

20 16. "Court-appointed special advocate program" means an
21 organized program, administered by either an independent, not-for-
22 profit corporation, a dependent project of an independent, not-for-
23 profit corporation or a unit of local government, which recruits,
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1 screens, trains, assigns, supervises and supports volunteers to be
2 available for appointment by the court as guardians ad litem;

3 17. "Custodian" means an individual other than a parent, legal
4 guardian or Indian custodian, to whom legal custody of the child has
5 been awarded by the court. As used in this title, the term
6 "custodian" shall not mean the Department of Human Services;

7 18. "Day treatment" means a nonresidential program which
8 provides intensive services to a child who resides in the child's
9 own home, the home of a relative, group home, a foster home or
10 residential child care facility. Day treatment programs include,
11 but are not limited to, educational services;

12 19. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

13 20. "Dependency" means a child who is homeless or without
14 proper care or guardianship through no fault of his or her parent,
15 legal guardian, or custodian;

16 21. "Deprived child" means a child:

- 17 a. who is for any reason destitute, homeless, or
- 18 abandoned,
- 19 b. who does not have the proper parental care or
- 20 guardianship,
- 21 c. who has been abused, neglected, or is dependent,
- 22 d. whose home is an unfit place for the child by reason
- 23 of depravity on the part of the parent or legal
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1 guardian of the child, or other person responsible for
2 the health or welfare of the child,

3 e. who is a child in need of special care and treatment
4 because of the child's physical or mental condition,
5 and the child's parents, legal guardian, or other
6 custodian is unable or willfully fails to provide such
7 special care and treatment. As used in this
8 paragraph, a child in need of special care and
9 treatment includes, but is not limited to, a child who
10 at birth tests positive for alcohol or a controlled
11 dangerous substance and who, pursuant to a drug or
12 alcohol screen of the child and an assessment of the
13 parent, is determined to be at risk of harm or
14 threatened harm to the health or safety of a child,

15 f. who is a child with a disability deprived of the
16 nutrition necessary to sustain life or of the medical
17 treatment necessary to remedy or relieve a life-
18 threatening medical condition in order to cause or
19 allow the death of the child if such nutrition or
20 medical treatment is generally provided to similarly
21 situated children without a disability or children
22 with disabilities; provided that no medical treatment
23 shall be necessary if, in the reasonable medical
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- 1 judgment of the attending physician, such treatment
2 would be futile in saving the life of the child,
3 g. who, due to improper parental care and guardianship,
4 is absent from school as specified in Section 10-106
5 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, if the child is
6 subject to compulsory school attendance,
7 h. whose parent, legal guardian or custodian for good
8 cause desires to be relieved of custody,
9 i. who has been born to a parent whose parental rights to
10 another child have been involuntarily terminated by
11 the court and the conditions which led to the making
12 of the finding, which resulted in the termination of
13 the parental rights of the parent to the other child,
14 have not been corrected, or
15 j. whose parent, legal guardian, or custodian has
16 subjected another child to abuse or neglect or has
17 allowed another child to be subjected to abuse or
18 neglect and is currently a respondent in a deprived
19 proceeding.

20 Nothing in the Oklahoma Children's Code shall be construed to
21 mean a child is deprived for the sole reason the parent, legal
22 guardian, or person having custody or control of a child, in good
23 faith, selects and depends upon spiritual means alone through
24 prayer, in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized

1 church or religious denomination, for the treatment or cure of
2 disease or remedial care of such child.

3 Nothing contained in this paragraph shall prevent a court from
4 immediately assuming custody of a child and ordering whatever action
5 may be necessary, including medical treatment, to protect the
6 child's health or welfare;

7 22. "Dispositional hearing" means a hearing by the court as
8 provided by Section 1-4-706 of this title;

9 23. "Drug-endangered child" means a child who is at risk of
10 suffering physical, psychological or sexual harm as a result of the
11 use, possession, distribution, manufacture or cultivation of
12 controlled substances, or the attempt of any of these acts, by a
13 person responsible for the health, safety or welfare of the child,
14 as defined in ~~paragraph 51~~ of this section. This term includes
15 circumstances wherein the substance abuse of the person responsible
16 for the health, safety or welfare of the child interferes with that
17 person's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing
18 environment for the child. ~~The term also includes newborns who test~~
19 ~~positive for a controlled dangerous substance, with the exception of~~
20 ~~those substances administered under the care of a physician;~~

21 24. "Emergency custody" means the custody of a child prior to
22 adjudication of the child following issuance of an order of the
23 district court pursuant to Section 1-4-201 of this title or
24 following issuance of an order of the district court pursuant to an

1 emergency custody hearing, as specified by Section 1-4-203 of this
2 title;

3 25. "Facility" means a place, an institution, a building or
4 part thereof, a set of buildings, or an area whether or not
5 enclosing a building or set of buildings used for the lawful custody
6 and treatment of children;

7 26. "Failure to protect" means failure to take reasonable
8 action to remedy or prevent child abuse or neglect, and includes the
9 conduct of a non-abusing parent or guardian who knows the identity
10 of the abuser or the person neglecting the child, but lies, conceals
11 or fails to report the child abuse or neglect or otherwise take
12 reasonable action to end the abuse or neglect;

13 27. "Foster care" or "foster care services" means continuous
14 twenty-four-hour care and supportive services provided for a child
15 in foster placement including, but not limited to, the care,
16 supervision, guidance, and rearing of a foster child by the foster
17 parent;

18 28. "Foster family home" means the private residence of a
19 foster parent who provides foster care services to a child. Such
20 term shall include a nonkinship foster family home, a therapeutic
21 foster family home, or the home of a relative or other kinship care
22 home;

23 29. "Foster parent eligibility assessment" includes a criminal
24 background investigation including, but not limited to, a national

1 criminal history records search based upon the submission of
2 fingerprints, home assessments, and any other assessment required by
3 the Department of Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, or
4 any child-placing agency pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
5 Child Care Facilities Licensing Act;

6 30. "Guardian ad litem" means a person appointed by the court
7 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-4-306 of this title having
8 those duties and responsibilities as set forth in that section. The
9 term "guardian ad litem" shall refer to a court-appointed special
10 advocate as well as to any other person appointed pursuant to the
11 provisions of Section 1-4-306 of this title to serve as a guardian
12 ad litem;

13 31. "Guardian ad litem of the estate of the child" means a
14 person appointed by the court to protect the property interests of a
15 child pursuant to Section 1-8-108 of this title;

16 32. "Group home" means a residential facility licensed by the
17 Department to provide full-time care and community-based services
18 for more than five but fewer than thirteen children;

19 33. "Harm or threatened harm to the health or safety of a
20 child" means any real or threatened physical, mental, or emotional
21 injury or damage to the body or mind that is not accidental
22 including, but not limited to, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation,
23 neglect, or dependency;

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1 34. "Heinous and shocking abuse" includes, but is not limited
2 to, aggravated physical abuse that results in serious bodily,
3 mental, or emotional injury. "Serious bodily injury" means injury
4 that involves:

- 5 a. a substantial risk of death,
- 6 b. extreme physical pain,
- 7 c. protracted disfigurement,
- 8 d. a loss or impairment of the function of a body member,
9 organ, or mental faculty,
- 10 e. an injury to an internal or external organ or the
11 body,
- 12 f. a bone fracture,
- 13 g. sexual abuse or sexual exploitation,
- 14 h. chronic abuse including, but not limited to, physical,
15 emotional, or sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation
16 which is repeated or continuing,
- 17 i. torture that includes, but is not limited to,
18 inflicting, participating in or assisting in
19 inflicting intense physical or emotional pain upon a
20 child repeatedly over a period of time for the purpose
21 of coercing or terrorizing a child or for the purpose
22 of satisfying the craven, cruel, or prurient desires
23 of the perpetrator or another person, or
24 j. any other similar aggravated circumstance;

1 35. "Heinous and shocking neglect" includes, but is not limited
2 to:

- 3 a. chronic neglect that includes, but is not limited to,
4 a persistent pattern of family functioning in which
5 the caregiver has not met or sustained the basic needs
6 of a child which results in harm to the child,
- 7 b. neglect that has resulted in a diagnosis of the child
8 as a failure to thrive,
- 9 c. an act or failure to act by a parent that results in
10 the death or near death of a child or sibling, serious
11 physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse, sexual
12 exploitation, or presents an imminent risk of serious
13 harm to a child, or
- 14 d. any other similar aggravating circumstance;

15 36. "Individualized service plan" means a document written
16 pursuant to Section 1-4-704 of this title that has the same meaning
17 as "service plan" or "treatment plan" where those terms are used in
18 the Oklahoma Children's Code;

19 37. "Infant" means a child who is twelve (12) months of age or
20 younger;

21 38. "Institution" means a residential facility offering care
22 and treatment for more than twenty residents;

23 39. a. "Investigation" means a response to an allegation of
24 abuse or neglect that involves a serious and immediate

1 threat to the safety of the child, making it necessary
2 to determine:

3 (1) the current safety of a child and the risk of
4 subsequent abuse or neglect, and

5 (2) whether child abuse or neglect occurred and
6 whether the family needs prevention- and
7 intervention-related services.

8 b. "Investigation" results in a written response stating
9 one of the following findings:

10 (1) "substantiated" means the Department has
11 determined, after an investigation of a report of
12 child abuse or neglect and based upon some
13 credible evidence, that child abuse or neglect
14 has occurred. When child abuse or neglect is
15 substantiated, the Department may recommend:

16 (a) court intervention if the Department finds
17 the health, safety, or welfare of the child
18 is threatened, or

19 (b) child abuse and neglect prevention- and
20 intervention-related services for the child,
21 parents or persons responsible for the care
22 of the child if court intervention is not
23 determined to be necessary,
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1 (2) "unsubstantiated" means the Department has
2 determined, after an investigation of a report of
3 child abuse or neglect, that insufficient
4 evidence exists to fully determine whether child
5 abuse or neglect has occurred. If child abuse or
6 neglect is unsubstantiated, the Department may
7 recommend, when determined to be necessary, that
8 the parents or persons responsible for the care
9 of the child obtain child abuse and neglect
10 prevention- and intervention-related services, or

11 (3) "ruled out" means a report in which a child
12 protective services specialist has determined,
13 after an investigation of a report of child abuse
14 or neglect, that no child abuse or neglect has
15 occurred;

16 40. "Kinship care" means full-time care of a child by a kinship
17 relation;

18 41. "Kinship guardianship" means a permanent guardianship as
19 defined in this section;

20 42. "Kinship relation" or "kinship relationship" means
21 relatives, stepparents, or other responsible adults who have a bond
22 or tie with a child and/or to whom has been ascribed a family
23 relationship role with the child's parents or the child; provided,
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1 however, in cases where the Indian Child Welfare Act applies, the
2 definitions contained in 25 U.S.C., Section 1903 shall control;

3 43. "Mental health facility" means a mental health or substance
4 abuse treatment facility as defined by the Inpatient Mental Health
5 and Substance Abuse Treatment of Minors Act;

6 44. "Minor" means the same as the term "child" as defined in
7 this section;

8 45. "Minor in need of treatment" means a child in need of
9 mental health or substance abuse treatment as defined by the
10 Inpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment of Minors Act;

11 46. "Multidisciplinary child abuse team" means any team
12 established pursuant to Section 1-9-102 of this title of three or
13 more persons who are trained in the prevention, identification,
14 investigation, prosecution, and treatment of physical and sexual
15 child abuse and who are qualified to facilitate a broad range of
16 prevention- and intervention-related services and services related
17 to child abuse. For purposes of this definition, "freestanding"
18 means a team not used by a child advocacy center for its
19 accreditation;

20 47. "Near death" means a child is in serious or critical
21 condition, as certified by a physician, as a result of abuse or
22 neglect;

23 48. "Neglect" means:
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- 1 a. the failure or omission to provide any of the
2 following:
- 3 (1) adequate nurturance and affection, food,
4 clothing, shelter, sanitation, hygiene, or
5 appropriate education,
 - 6 (2) medical, dental, or behavioral health care,
 - 7 (3) supervision or appropriate caretakers, or
 - 8 (4) special care made necessary by the physical or
9 mental condition of the child,
- 10 b. the failure or omission to protect a child from
11 exposure to any of the following:
- 12 (1) the use, possession, sale, or manufacture of
13 illegal drugs,
 - 14 (2) illegal activities, or
 - 15 (3) sexual acts or materials that are not age-
16 appropriate, or
- 17 c. abandonment.

18 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to mean a child is
19 abused or neglected for the sole reason the parent, legal guardian
20 or person having custody or control of a child, in good faith,
21 selects and depends upon spiritual means alone through prayer, in
22 accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or
23 religious denomination, for the treatment or cure of disease or
24 remedial care of such child. Nothing contained in this paragraph

1 shall prevent a court from immediately assuming custody of a child,
2 pursuant to the Oklahoma Children's Code, and ordering whatever
3 action may be necessary, including medical treatment, to protect the
4 child's health or welfare;

5 49. "Permanency hearing" means a hearing by the court pursuant
6 to Section 1-4-811 of this title;

7 50. "Permanent custody" means the court-ordered custody of an
8 adjudicated deprived child when a parent-child relationship no
9 longer exists due to termination of parental rights or due to the
10 death of a parent or parents;

11 51. "Permanent guardianship" means a judicially created
12 relationship between a child, a kinship relation of the child, or
13 other adult established pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-4-
14 709 of this title;

15 52. "Person responsible for a child's health, safety, or
16 welfare" includes a parent; a legal guardian; custodian; a foster
17 parent; a person eighteen (18) years of age or older with whom the
18 child's parent cohabitates or any other adult residing in the home
19 of the child; an agent or employee of a public or private
20 residential home, institution, facility or day treatment program as
21 defined in Section 175.20 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or
22 an owner, operator, or employee of a child care facility as defined
23 by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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1 53. "Plan of safe care" means a plan developed for an infant
2 with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum
3 Disorder upon release from the care of a health care provider that
4 addresses the health and substance use treatment needs of the infant
5 and mother or caregiver;

6 54. "Protective custody" means custody of a child taken by a
7 law enforcement officer or designated employee of the court without
8 a court order;

9 ~~54.~~ 55. "Putative father" means an alleged father as that term
10 is defined in Section 7700-102 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

11 ~~55.~~ 56. "Reasonable and prudent parent standard" means the
12 standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions
13 that maintain the health, safety, and best interests of a child
14 while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental
15 growth of the child. This standard shall be used by the child's
16 caregiver when determining whether to allow a child to participate
17 in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.
18 For purposes of this definition, the term "caregiver" means a foster
19 parent with whom a child in foster care has been placed, a
20 representative of a group home where a child has been placed or a
21 designated official for a residential child care facility where a
22 child in foster care has been placed;

1 ~~56.~~ 57. "Relative" means a grandparent, great-grandparent,
2 brother or sister of whole or half blood, aunt, uncle or any other
3 person related to the child;

4 ~~57.~~ 58. "Residential child care facility" means a twenty-four-
5 hour residential facility where children live together with or are
6 supervised by adults who are not their parents or relatives;

7 ~~58.~~ 59. "Review hearing" means a hearing by the court pursuant
8 to Section 1-4-807 of this title;

9 ~~59.~~ 60. "Risk" means the likelihood that an incident of child
10 abuse or neglect will occur in the future;

11 ~~60.~~ 61. "Safety threat" means the threat of serious harm due to
12 child abuse or neglect occurring in the present or in the very near
13 future and without the intervention of another person, a child would
14 likely or in all probability sustain severe or permanent disability
15 or injury, illness, or death;

16 ~~61.~~ 62. "Safety analysis" means action taken by the Department
17 in response to a report of alleged child abuse or neglect that may
18 include an assessment or investigation based upon an analysis of the
19 information received according to priority guidelines and other
20 criteria adopted by the Department;

21 ~~62.~~ 63. "Safety evaluation" means evaluation of a child's
22 situation by the Department using a structured, evidence-based tool
23 to determine if the child is subject to a safety threat;

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1 ~~63.~~ 64. "Secure facility" means a facility which is designed
2 and operated to ensure that all entrances and exits from the
3 facility are subject to the exclusive control of the staff of the
4 facility, whether or not the juvenile being detained has freedom of
5 movement within the perimeter of the facility, or a facility which
6 relies on locked rooms and buildings, fences, or physical restraint
7 in order to control behavior of its residents;

8 ~~64.~~ 65. "Sibling" means a biologically or legally related
9 brother or sister of a child. This includes an individual who
10 satisfies at least one of the following conditions with respect to a
11 child:

- 12 a. the individual is considered by state law to be a
13 sibling of the child, or
- 14 b. the individual would have been considered a sibling
15 under state law but for a termination or other
16 disruption of parental rights, such as the death of a
17 parent;

18 ~~65.~~ 66. "Specialized foster care" means foster care provided to
19 a child in a foster home or agency-contracted home which:

- 20 a. has been certified by the Developmental Disabilities
21 Services Division of the Department of Human Services,
- 22 b. is monitored by the Division, and
- 23 c. is funded through the Home- and Community-Based Waiver
24 Services Program administered by the Division;

1 ~~66.~~ 67. "Successful adulthood program" means a program
2 specifically designed to assist a child to enhance those skills and
3 abilities necessary for successful adult living. A successful
4 adulthood program may include, but shall not be limited to, such
5 features as minimal direct staff supervision, and the provision of
6 supportive services to assist children with activities necessary for
7 finding an appropriate place of residence, completing an education
8 or vocational training, obtaining employment, or obtaining other
9 similar services;

10 ~~67.~~ 68. "Temporary custody" means court-ordered custody of an
11 adjudicated deprived child;

12 ~~68.~~ 69. "Therapeutic foster family home" means a foster family
13 home which provides specific treatment services, pursuant to a
14 therapeutic foster care contract, which are designed to remedy
15 social and behavioral problems of a foster child residing in the
16 home;

17 ~~69.~~ 70. "Trafficking in persons" means sex trafficking or
18 severe forms of trafficking in persons as described in Section 7102
19 of Title 22 of the United States Code:

20 a. "sex trafficking" means the recruitment, harboring,
21 transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing or
22 soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial
23 sex act, and

24 b. "severe forms of trafficking in persons" means:

- 1 (1) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is
2 induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which
3 the person induced to perform such act has not
4 attained eighteen (18) years of age, or
5 (2) the recruitment, harboring, transportation,
6 provision, obtaining, patronizing or soliciting
7 of a person for labor or services, through the
8 use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose
9 of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage,
10 debt bondage, or slavery;

11 ~~70.~~ 71. "Transitional living program" means a residential
12 program that may be attached to an existing facility or operated
13 solely for the purpose of assisting children to develop the skills
14 and abilities necessary for successful adult living. The program
15 may include, but shall not be limited to, reduced staff supervision,
16 vocational training, educational services, employment and employment
17 training, and other appropriate independent living skills training
18 as a part of the transitional living program; and

19 ~~71.~~ 72. "Voluntary foster care placement" means the temporary
20 placement of a child by the parent, legal guardian or custodian of
21 the child in foster care pursuant to a signed placement agreement
22 between the Department or a child-placing agency and the child's
23 parent, legal guardian or custodian.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-2-101, as
2 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 62, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.
3 2017, Section 1-2-101), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 1-2-101. A. 1. The Department of Human Services shall
5 establish a statewide centralized hotline for the reporting of child
6 abuse or neglect to the Department.

7 2. The Department shall provide hotline-specific training
8 including, but not limited to, interviewing skills, customer service
9 skills, narrative writing, necessary computer systems, making case
10 determinations, and identifying priority situations.

11 3. The Department is authorized to contract with third parties
12 in order to train hotline workers.

13 4. The Department shall develop a system to track the number of
14 calls received, and of that number:

- 15 a. the number of calls screened out,
- 16 b. the number of referrals assigned,
- 17 c. the number of calls received by persons unwilling to
18 disclose basic personal information including, but not
19 limited to, first and last name, and
- 20 d. the number of calls in which the allegations were
21 later found to be unsubstantiated or ruled out.

22 5. The Department shall electronically record each referral
23 received by the hotline and establish a secure means of retaining
24 the recordings for twelve (12) months. The recordings shall be

1 confidential and subject to disclosure only if a court orders the
2 disclosure of the referral. The Department shall redact any
3 information identifying the reporting party unless otherwise ordered
4 by the court.

5 B. 1. Every person having reason to believe that a child under
6 the age of eighteen (18) years is a victim of abuse or neglect shall
7 report the matter promptly to the Department of Human Services.
8 Reports shall be made to the hotline provided for in subsection A of
9 this section. Any allegation of abuse or neglect reported in any
10 manner to a county office shall immediately be referred to the
11 hotline by the Department. Provided, however, that in actions for
12 custody by abandonment, provided for in Section 2-117 of Title 30 of
13 the Oklahoma Statutes, there shall be no reporting requirement.

14 2. Every physician, surgeon, or other health care professional
15 including doctors of medicine, licensed osteopathic physicians,
16 residents and interns, or any other health care professional
17 attending the birth of a child who or midwife involved in the
18 prenatal care of expectant mothers or the delivery or care of
19 infants shall promptly report to the Department instances in which
20 an infant tests positive for alcohol or a controlled dangerous
21 substance shall promptly report the matter to the Department. This
22 shall include infants who are diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence
23 Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

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1 3. No privilege or contract shall relieve any person from the
2 requirement of reporting pursuant to this section.

3 4. The reporting obligations under this section are individual,
4 and no employer, supervisor, administrator, governing body or entity
5 shall interfere with the reporting obligations of any employee or
6 other person or in any manner discriminate or retaliate against the
7 employee or other person who in good faith reports suspected child
8 abuse or neglect, or who provides testimony in any proceeding
9 involving child abuse or neglect. Any employer, supervisor,
10 administrator, governing body or entity who discharges,
11 discriminates or retaliates against the employee or other person
12 shall be liable for damages, costs and attorney fees. If a child
13 who is the subject of the report or other child is harmed by the
14 discharge, discrimination or retaliation described in this
15 paragraph, the party harmed may file an action to recover damages,
16 costs and attorney fees.

17 5. Every physician, surgeon, ~~or~~ other health care professional
18 or midwife making a report of abuse or neglect as required by this
19 subsection or examining a child to determine the likelihood of abuse
20 or neglect and every hospital or related institution in which the
21 child was examined or treated shall provide, upon request, copies of
22 the results of the examination or copies of the examination on which
23 the report was based and any other clinical notes, x-rays,
24 photographs, and other previous or current records relevant to the

1 case to law enforcement officers conducting a criminal investigation
2 into the case and to employees of the Department of Human Services
3 conducting an investigation of alleged abuse or neglect in the case.

4 C. Any person who knowingly and willfully fails to promptly
5 report suspected child abuse or neglect or who interferes with the
6 prompt reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect may be reported
7 to local law enforcement for criminal investigation and, upon
8 conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person
9 with prolonged knowledge of ongoing child abuse or neglect who
10 knowingly and willfully fails to promptly report such knowledge may
11 be reported to local law enforcement for criminal investigation and,
12 upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a felony. For the
13 purposes of this paragraph, "prolonged knowledge" shall mean
14 knowledge of at least six (6) months of child abuse or neglect.

15 D. 1. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false
16 report pursuant to the provisions of this section or a report that
17 the person knows lacks factual foundation may be reported to local
18 law enforcement for criminal investigation and, upon conviction
19 thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

20 2. If a court determines that an accusation of child abuse or
21 neglect made during a child custody proceeding is false and the
22 person making the accusation knew it to be false at the time the
23 accusation was made, the court may impose a fine, not to exceed Five
24 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and reasonable attorney fees incurred

1 in recovering the sanctions, against the person making the
2 accusation. The remedy provided by this paragraph is in addition to
3 paragraph 1 of this subsection or to any other remedy provided by
4 law.

5 E. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to
6 exempt or prohibit any person from reporting any suspected child
7 abuse or neglect pursuant to subsection B of this section.

8 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-2-102, as
9 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.
10 2017, Section 1-2-102), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 1-2-102. A. 1. Upon receipt of a report that a child
12 may be abused, neglected or drug-endangered, the Department of Human
13 Services shall conduct a safety analysis.

14 2. The Department may employ or contract with active or retired
15 social work, medical and law enforcement professionals who shall be
16 strategically placed throughout the state to:

- 17 a. provide investigation support and to assist
18 caseworkers with assessment decisions and intervention
19 activities,
- 20 b. serve as consultants to caseworkers in all aspects of
21 their duties, and
- 22 c. designate persons who shall act as liaisons within the
23 Department whose primary functions are to develop
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1 relationships with local law enforcement agencies and
2 courts.

3 3. The Department shall forward a report of its assessment or
4 investigation and findings to any district attorney's office which
5 may have jurisdiction to file a petition pursuant to Section 1-4-101
6 of this title.

7 4. The Department shall determine the military status of
8 parents whose children are subject to abuse or neglect. If the
9 Department determines that a parent or guardian is currently serving
10 on active duty in the United States military, the Department shall
11 notify a United States Department of Defense family advocacy program
12 that there is an investigation into the parent or guardian. The
13 Department shall forward a report of its assessment or investigation
14 and findings to the appropriate military law enforcement entity.

15 5. Whenever the Department determines there is a child that
16 meets the definition of a "drug-endangered child", as defined in
17 Section 1-1-105 of this title, or a child has been diagnosed with
18 fetal alcohol syndrome and the referral is accepted for
19 investigation, the Department shall conduct an investigation of the
20 allegations and shall not limit the evaluation of the circumstances
21 to an assessment.

22 6. Whenever the Department determines an infant has been
23 diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or a Fetal Alcohol
24 Spectrum Disorder, but the referral is not accepted for

1 investigation, the Department shall develop a plan of safe care that
2 addresses both the infant and affected family member or caregiver.
3 The plan of safe care shall address, at a minimum, the health and
4 substance use treatment needs of the infant and affected family
5 member or caregiver.

6 B. 1. If, upon receipt of a report alleging abuse or neglect
7 or during the assessment or investigation, the Department determines
8 that:

9 a. the alleged perpetrator is someone other than a person
10 responsible for the child's health, safety, or
11 welfare, and

12 b. the alleged abuse or neglect of the child does not
13 appear to be attributable to failure on the part of a
14 person responsible for the child's health, safety, or
15 welfare to provide protection for the child,

16 the Department shall immediately make a referral, either verbally or
17 in writing, to the appropriate local law enforcement agency for the
18 purpose of conducting a possible criminal investigation.

19 2. After making the referral to the law enforcement agency, the
20 Department shall not be responsible for further investigation
21 unless:

22 a. the Department has reason to believe the alleged
23 perpetrator is a parent of another child, not the
24 subject of the criminal investigation, or is otherwise

1 a person responsible for the health, safety, or
2 welfare of another child,

3 b. notice is received from a law enforcement agency that
4 it has determined the alleged perpetrator is a parent
5 of or a person responsible for the health, safety, or
6 welfare of another child not the subject of the
7 criminal investigation, or

8 c. the appropriate law enforcement agency requests the
9 Department to assist in the investigation. If funds
10 and personnel are available, as determined by the
11 Director of the Department or a designee, the
12 Department may assist law enforcement in interviewing
13 children alleged to be victims of physical or sexual
14 abuse.

15 3. If, upon receipt of a report alleging abuse or neglect or
16 during the assessment or investigation, the Department determines
17 that the alleged abuse or neglect of the child involves:

18 a. a child in the custody of the Office of Juvenile
19 Affairs, and

20 b. at the time of the alleged abuse or neglect, such
21 child was placed in a secure facility operated by the
22 Office of Juvenile Affairs, as defined by Section 2-1-
23 103 of ~~Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title,

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1 the Department shall immediately make a referral, either verbally or
2 in writing, to the appropriate law enforcement agency for the
3 purpose of conducting a possible criminal investigation. After
4 making the referral to the law enforcement agency, the Department
5 shall not be responsible for further investigation.

6 C. 1. Any law enforcement agency receiving a referral as
7 provided in this section shall provide the Department with a copy of
8 the report of any investigation resulting from a referral from the
9 Department.

10 2. Whenever, in the course of any criminal investigation, a law
11 enforcement agency determines that there is cause to believe that a
12 child, other than a child in the custody of the Office of Juvenile
13 Affairs and placed in an Office of Juvenile Affairs secure juvenile
14 facility, may be abused or neglected by reason of the acts,
15 omissions, or failures on the part of a person responsible for the
16 health, safety, or welfare of the child, the law enforcement agency
17 shall immediately contact the Department for the purpose of an
18 investigation.

19 D. If, upon receipt of a report alleging abuse or neglect, the
20 Department determines that the family has been the subject of a
21 deprived petition, the Department shall conduct a thorough
22 investigation of the allegations and shall not limit the evaluation
23 of the circumstances to an assessment. In addition, if the family
24 has been the subject of three ~~(3)~~ or more referrals, the Department

1 shall conduct a thorough investigation of the allegations and shall
2 not limit the evaluation of the circumstances to an assessment.

3 E. For the purposes of this section, "law enforcement" shall
4 include military law enforcement if the subject of an investigation
5 of abuse or neglect is currently serving in any branch of the United
6 States military.

7 F. The Department shall promulgate rules to implement the
8 provisions of this section.

9 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-124 of Title 10A, unless
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 District courts of this state are hereby authorized to establish
13 a "Zero to Three Court Program," which may be established by a judge
14 with jurisdiction over juvenile court matters with the goals of
15 reducing time to permanency of children thirty-six (36) months of
16 age or younger by surrounding at-risk families with support
17 services, reducing incidences of repeat maltreatment among children
18 thirty-six (36) months of age or younger, and promoting effective
19 interaction and the use of resources among both public and private,
20 state and local, child and family services agencies; state and local
21 mental health agencies; and community agencies. The Department of
22 Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
23 Services and the Administrative Offices of the Courts shall

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1 collaborate to provide services to Zero to Three Court Programs as
2 resources are available.

3 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
4 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

7 Passed the Senate the 16th day of April, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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11 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
12 2018.

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1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3104

By: Ownbey of the House

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4 Griffin of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2011,
8 Section 1-1-105, as last amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 342, O.S.L. 2017 (10A O.S. Supp. 2017,
10 Section 1-1-105), which relates to definitions;
11 modifying definitions; amending 10A O.S. 2011,
12 Sections 1-2-101, as last amended by Section 1,
13 Chapter 62, O.S.L. 2016 and 1-2-102, as last amended
14 by Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.
15 2017, Sections 1-2-101 and 1-2-102), which relate to
16 child welfare reporting and investigations; revising
17 reporting requirements for certain health care
18 providers; including infants diagnosed with specified
19 medical conditions; providing for investigation after
20 referral is accepted for a drug-endangered child;
21 modifying duties of certain professionals; and
22 declaring an emergency.

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

24 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-1-105, as
last amended by Section 1, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 2017 (10A O.S. Supp.
2017, Section 1-1-105), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-1-105. When used in the Oklahoma Children's Code,
unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Abandonment" means:

- 1 a. the willful intent by words, actions, or omissions not
2 to return for a child, or
3 b. the failure to maintain a significant parental
4 relationship with a child through visitation or
5 communication in which incidental or token visits or
6 communication are not considered significant, or
7 c. the failure to respond to notice of deprived
8 proceedings;

9 2. "Abuse" means harm or threatened harm to the health, safety,
10 or welfare of a child by a person responsible for the child's
11 health, safety, or welfare, including but not limited to
12 nonaccidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, or sexual
13 exploitation. Provided, however, that nothing contained in the
14 Oklahoma Children's Code shall prohibit any parent from using
15 ordinary force as a means of discipline including, but not limited
16 to, spanking, switching, or paddling.

- 17 a. "Harm or threatened harm to the health or safety of a
18 child" means any real or threatened physical, mental,
19 or emotional injury or damage to the body or mind that
20 is not accidental including but not limited to sexual
21 abuse, sexual exploitation, neglect, or dependency.
22 b. "Sexual abuse" includes but is not limited to rape,
23 incest, and lewd or indecent acts or proposals made to
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1 a child, as defined by law, by a person responsible
2 for the health, safety, or welfare of the child.

3 c. "Sexual exploitation" includes but is not limited to
4 allowing, permitting, encouraging, or forcing a child
5 to engage in prostitution, as defined by law, by any
6 person eighteen (18) years of age or older or by a
7 person responsible for the health, safety, or welfare
8 of a child, or allowing, permitting, encouraging, or
9 engaging in the lewd, obscene, or pornographic, as
10 defined by law, photographing, filming, or depicting
11 of a child in those acts by a person responsible for
12 the health, safety, and welfare of the child;

13 3. "Adjudication" means a finding by the court that the
14 allegations in a petition alleging that a child is deprived are
15 supported by a preponderance of the evidence;

16 4. "Adjudicatory hearing" means a hearing by the court as
17 provided by Section 1-4-601 of this title;

18 5. "Age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate" means:

19 a. activities or items that are generally accepted as
20 suitable for children of the same age or level of
21 maturity or that are determined to be developmentally
22 appropriate for a child, based on the development of
23 cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral
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1 capacities that are typical for an age or age group,
2 and

3 b. in the case of a specific child, activities or items
4 that are suitable for that child based on the
5 developmental stages attained by the child with
6 respect to the cognitive, emotional, physical, and
7 behavioral capacities of the specific child.

8 In the event that any age-related activities have implications
9 relative to the academic curriculum of a child, nothing in this
10 paragraph shall be construed to authorize an officer or employee of
11 the federal government to mandate, direct, or control a state or
12 local educational agency, or the specific instructional content,
13 academic achievement standards and assessments, curriculum, or
14 program of instruction of a school;

15 6. "Assessment" means a comprehensive review of child safety
16 and evaluation of family functioning and protective capacities that
17 is conducted in response to a child abuse or neglect referral that
18 does not allege a serious and immediate safety threat to a child;

19 7. "Behavioral health" means mental health, substance abuse, or
20 co-occurring mental health and substance abuse diagnoses, and the
21 continuum of mental health, substance abuse, or co-occurring mental
22 health and substance abuse treatment;

23 8. "Child" means any unmarried person under eighteen (18) years
24 of age;

1 9. "Child advocacy center" means a center and the
2 multidisciplinary child abuse team of which it is a member that is
3 accredited by the National Children's Alliance or that is completing
4 a sixth year of reaccreditation. Child advocacy centers shall be
5 classified, based on the child population of a district attorney's
6 district, as follows:

- 7 a. nonurban centers in districts with child populations
8 that are less than sixty thousand (60,000), and
- 9 b. midlevel nonurban centers in districts with child
10 populations equal to or greater than sixty thousand
11 (60,000), but not including Oklahoma and Tulsa
12 counties;

13 10. "Child with a disability" means any child who has a
14 physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more
15 of the major life activities of the child, or who is regarded as
16 having such an impairment by a competent medical professional;

17 11. "Child-placing agency" means an agency that arranges for or
18 places a child in a foster family home, group home, adoptive home,
19 or a successful adulthood program;

20 12. "Children's emergency resource center" means a community-
21 based program that may provide emergency care and a safe and
22 structured homelike environment or a host home for children
23 providing food, clothing, shelter and hygiene products to each child
24 served; after-school tutoring; counseling services; life-skills

1 training; transition services; assessments; family reunification;
2 respite care; transportation to or from school, doctors'
3 appointments, visitations and other social, school, court or other
4 activities when necessary; and a stable environment for children in
5 crisis who are in custody of the Department of Human Services if
6 permitted under the Department's policies and regulations, or who
7 have been voluntarily placed by a parent or custodian during a
8 temporary crisis;

9 13. "Community-based services" or "community-based programs"
10 means services or programs which maintain community participation or
11 supervision in their planning, operation, and evaluation.
12 Community-based services and programs may include, but are not
13 limited to, emergency shelter, crisis intervention, group work, case
14 supervision, job placement, recruitment and training of volunteers,
15 consultation, medical, educational, home-based services, vocational,
16 social, preventive and psychological guidance, training, counseling,
17 early intervention and diversionary substance abuse treatment,
18 sexual abuse treatment, transitional living, independent living, and
19 other related services and programs;

20 14. "Concurrent permanency planning" means, when indicated, the
21 implementation of two plans for a child entering foster care. One
22 plan focuses on reuniting the parent and child; the other seeks to
23 find a permanent out-of-home placement for the child with both plans
24 being pursued simultaneously;

1 15. "Court-appointed special advocate" or "CASA" means a
2 responsible adult volunteer who has been trained and is supervised
3 by a court-appointed special advocate program recognized by the
4 court, and when appointed by the court, serves as an officer of the
5 court in the capacity as a guardian ad litem;

6 16. "Court-appointed special advocate program" means an
7 organized program, administered by either an independent, not-for-
8 profit corporation, a dependent project of an independent, not-for-
9 profit corporation or a unit of local government, which recruits,
10 screens, trains, assigns, supervises and supports volunteers to be
11 available for appointment by the court as guardians ad litem;

12 17. "Custodian" means an individual other than a parent, legal
13 guardian or Indian custodian, to whom legal custody of the child has
14 been awarded by the court. As used in this title, the term
15 "custodian" shall not mean the Department of Human Services;

16 18. "Day treatment" means a nonresidential program which
17 provides intensive services to a child who resides in the child's
18 own home, the home of a relative, group home, a foster home or
19 residential child care facility. Day treatment programs include,
20 but are not limited to, educational services;

21 19. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

22 20. "Dependency" means a child who is homeless or without
23 proper care or guardianship through no fault of his or her parent,
24 legal guardian, or custodian;

1 21. "Deprived child" means a child:

- 2 a. who is for any reason destitute, homeless, or
3 abandoned,
- 4 b. who does not have the proper parental care or
5 guardianship,
- 6 c. who has been abused, neglected, or is dependent,
- 7 d. whose home is an unfit place for the child by reason
8 of depravity on the part of the parent or legal
9 guardian of the child, or other person responsible for
10 the health or welfare of the child,
- 11 e. who is a child in need of special care and treatment
12 because of the child's physical or mental condition,
13 and the child's parents, legal guardian, or other
14 custodian is unable or willfully fails to provide such
15 special care and treatment. As used in this
16 paragraph, a child in need of special care and
17 treatment includes, but is not limited to, a child who
18 at birth tests positive for alcohol or a controlled
19 dangerous substance and who, pursuant to a drug or
20 alcohol screen of the child and an assessment of the
21 parent, is determined to be at risk of harm or
22 threatened harm to the health or safety of a child,
- 23 f. who is a child with a disability deprived of the
24 nutrition necessary to sustain life or of the medical

1 treatment necessary to remedy or relieve a life-
2 threatening medical condition in order to cause or
3 allow the death of the child if such nutrition or
4 medical treatment is generally provided to similarly
5 situated children without a disability or children
6 with disabilities; provided that no medical treatment
7 shall be necessary if, in the reasonable medical
8 judgment of the attending physician, such treatment
9 would be futile in saving the life of the child,

10 g. who, due to improper parental care and guardianship,
11 is absent from school as specified in Section 10-106
12 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, if the child is
13 subject to compulsory school attendance,

14 h. whose parent, legal guardian or custodian for good
15 cause desires to be relieved of custody,

16 i. who has been born to a parent whose parental rights to
17 another child have been involuntarily terminated by
18 the court and the conditions which led to the making
19 of the finding, which resulted in the termination of
20 the parental rights of the parent to the other child,
21 have not been corrected, or

22 j. whose parent, legal guardian, or custodian has
23 subjected another child to abuse or neglect or has
24 allowed another child to be subjected to abuse or

1 neglect and is currently a respondent in a deprived
2 proceeding.

3 Nothing in the Oklahoma Children's Code shall be construed to
4 mean a child is deprived for the sole reason the parent, legal
5 guardian, or person having custody or control of a child, in good
6 faith, selects and depends upon spiritual means alone through
7 prayer, in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized
8 church or religious denomination, for the treatment or cure of
9 disease or remedial care of such child.

10 Nothing contained in this paragraph shall prevent a court from
11 immediately assuming custody of a child and ordering whatever action
12 may be necessary, including medical treatment, to protect the
13 child's health or welfare;

14 22. "Dispositional hearing" means a hearing by the court as
15 provided by Section 1-4-706 of this title;

16 23. "Drug-endangered child" means a child who is at risk of
17 suffering physical, psychological or sexual harm as a result of the
18 use, possession, distribution, manufacture or cultivation of
19 controlled substances, or the attempt of any of these acts, by a
20 person responsible for the health, safety or welfare of the child,
21 as defined in ~~paragraph 51~~ of this section. This term includes
22 circumstances wherein the substance abuse of the person responsible
23 for the health, safety or welfare of the child interferes with that
24 person's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing

1 environment for the child. ~~The term also includes newborns who test~~
2 ~~positive for a controlled dangerous substance, with the exception of~~
3 ~~those substances administered under the care of a physician;~~

4 24. "Emergency custody" means the custody of a child prior to
5 adjudication of the child following issuance of an order of the
6 district court pursuant to Section 1-4-201 of this title or
7 following issuance of an order of the district court pursuant to an
8 emergency custody hearing, as specified by Section 1-4-203 of this
9 title;

10 25. "Facility" means a place, an institution, a building or
11 part thereof, a set of buildings, or an area whether or not
12 enclosing a building or set of buildings used for the lawful custody
13 and treatment of children;

14 26. "Failure to protect" means failure to take reasonable
15 action to remedy or prevent child abuse or neglect, and includes the
16 conduct of a non-abusing parent or guardian who knows the identity
17 of the abuser or the person neglecting the child, but lies, conceals
18 or fails to report the child abuse or neglect or otherwise take
19 reasonable action to end the abuse or neglect;

20 27. "Foster care" or "foster care services" means continuous
21 twenty-four-hour care and supportive services provided for a child
22 in foster placement including, but not limited to, the care,
23 supervision, guidance, and rearing of a foster child by the foster
24 parent;

1 28. "Foster family home" means the private residence of a
2 foster parent who provides foster care services to a child. Such
3 term shall include a nonkinship foster family home, a therapeutic
4 foster family home, or the home of a relative or other kinship care
5 home;

6 29. "Foster parent eligibility assessment" includes a criminal
7 background investigation including, but not limited to, a national
8 criminal history records search based upon the submission of
9 fingerprints, home assessments, and any other assessment required by
10 the Department of Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, or
11 any child-placing agency pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
12 Child Care Facilities Licensing Act;

13 30. "Guardian ad litem" means a person appointed by the court
14 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-4-306 of this title having
15 those duties and responsibilities as set forth in that section. The
16 term "guardian ad litem" shall refer to a court-appointed special
17 advocate as well as to any other person appointed pursuant to the
18 provisions of Section 1-4-306 of this title to serve as a guardian
19 ad litem;

20 31. "Guardian ad litem of the estate of the child" means a
21 person appointed by the court to protect the property interests of a
22 child pursuant to Section 1-8-108 of this title;

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1 32. "Group home" means a residential facility licensed by the
2 Department to provide full-time care and community-based services
3 for more than five but fewer than thirteen children;

4 33. "Harm or threatened harm to the health or safety of a
5 child" means any real or threatened physical, mental, or emotional
6 injury or damage to the body or mind that is not accidental
7 including, but not limited to, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation,
8 neglect, or dependency;

9 34. "Heinous and shocking abuse" includes, but is not limited
10 to, aggravated physical abuse that results in serious bodily,
11 mental, or emotional injury. "Serious bodily injury" means injury
12 that involves:

- 13 a. a substantial risk of death,
- 14 b. extreme physical pain,
- 15 c. protracted disfigurement,
- 16 d. a loss or impairment of the function of a body member,
17 organ, or mental faculty,
- 18 e. an injury to an internal or external organ or the
19 body,
- 20 f. a bone fracture,
- 21 g. sexual abuse or sexual exploitation,
- 22 h. chronic abuse including, but not limited to, physical,
23 emotional, or sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation
24 which is repeated or continuing,

- i. torture that includes, but is not limited to, inflicting, participating in or assisting in inflicting intense physical or emotional pain upon a child repeatedly over a period of time for the purpose of coercing or terrorizing a child or for the purpose of satisfying the craven, cruel, or prurient desires of the perpetrator or another person, or
- j. any other similar aggravated circumstance;

35. "Heinous and shocking neglect" includes, but is not limited to:

- a. chronic neglect that includes, but is not limited to, a persistent pattern of family functioning in which the caregiver has not met or sustained the basic needs of a child which results in harm to the child,
- b. neglect that has resulted in a diagnosis of the child as a failure to thrive,
- c. an act or failure to act by a parent that results in the death or near death of a child or sibling, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or presents an imminent risk of serious harm to a child, or
- d. any other similar aggravating circumstance;

36. "Individualized service plan" means a document written pursuant to Section 1-4-704 of this title that has the same meaning

1 as "service plan" or "treatment plan" where those terms are used in
2 the Oklahoma Children's Code;

3 37. "Infant" means a child who is twelve (12) months of age or
4 younger;

5 38. "Institution" means a residential facility offering care
6 and treatment for more than twenty residents;

7 39. a. "Investigation" means a response to an allegation of
8 abuse or neglect that involves a serious and immediate
9 threat to the safety of the child, making it necessary
10 to determine:

11 (1) the current safety of a child and the risk of
12 subsequent abuse or neglect, and

13 (2) whether child abuse or neglect occurred and
14 whether the family needs prevention- and
15 intervention-related services.

16 b. "Investigation" results in a written response stating
17 one of the following findings:

18 (1) "substantiated" means the Department has
19 determined, after an investigation of a report of
20 child abuse or neglect and based upon some
21 credible evidence, that child abuse or neglect
22 has occurred. When child abuse or neglect is
23 substantiated, the Department may recommend:
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1 (a) court intervention if the Department finds
2 the health, safety, or welfare of the child
3 is threatened, or

4 (b) child abuse and neglect prevention- and
5 intervention-related services for the child,
6 parents or persons responsible for the care
7 of the child if court intervention is not
8 determined to be necessary,

9 (2) "unsubstantiated" means the Department has
10 determined, after an investigation of a report of
11 child abuse or neglect, that insufficient
12 evidence exists to fully determine whether child
13 abuse or neglect has occurred. If child abuse or
14 neglect is unsubstantiated, the Department may
15 recommend, when determined to be necessary, that
16 the parents or persons responsible for the care
17 of the child obtain child abuse and neglect
18 prevention- and intervention-related services, or

19 (3) "ruled out" means a report in which a child
20 protective services specialist has determined,
21 after an investigation of a report of child abuse
22 or neglect, that no child abuse or neglect has
23 occurred;

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1 40. "Kinship care" means full-time care of a child by a kinship
2 relation;

3 41. "Kinship guardianship" means a permanent guardianship as
4 defined in this section;

5 42. "Kinship relation" or "kinship relationship" means
6 relatives, stepparents, or other responsible adults who have a bond
7 or tie with a child and/or to whom has been ascribed a family
8 relationship role with the child's parents or the child; provided,
9 however, in cases where the Indian Child Welfare Act applies, the
10 definitions contained in 25 U.S.C., Section 1903 shall control;

11 43. "Mental health facility" means a mental health or substance
12 abuse treatment facility as defined by the Inpatient Mental Health
13 and Substance Abuse Treatment of Minors Act;

14 44. "Minor" means the same as the term "child" as defined in
15 this section;

16 45. "Minor in need of treatment" means a child in need of
17 mental health or substance abuse treatment as defined by the
18 Inpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment of Minors Act;

19 46. "Multidisciplinary child abuse team" means any team
20 established pursuant to Section 1-9-102 of this title of three or
21 more persons who are trained in the prevention, identification,
22 investigation, prosecution, and treatment of physical and sexual
23 child abuse and who are qualified to facilitate a broad range of
24 prevention- and intervention-related services and services related

1 to child abuse. For purposes of this definition, "freestanding"
2 means a team not used by a child advocacy center for its
3 accreditation;

4 47. "Near death" means a child is in serious or critical
5 condition, as certified by a physician, as a result of abuse or
6 neglect;

7 48. "Neglect" means:

8 a. the failure or omission to provide any of the
9 following:

- 10 (1) adequate nurturance and affection, food,
11 clothing, shelter, sanitation, hygiene, or
12 appropriate education,
13 (2) medical, dental, or behavioral health care,
14 (3) supervision or appropriate caretakers, or
15 (4) special care made necessary by the physical or
16 mental condition of the child,

17 b. the failure or omission to protect a child from
18 exposure to any of the following:

- 19 (1) the use, possession, sale, or manufacture of
20 illegal drugs,
21 (2) illegal activities, or
22 (3) sexual acts or materials that are not age-
23 appropriate, or

24 c. abandonment.

1 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to mean a child is
2 abused or neglected for the sole reason the parent, legal guardian
3 or person having custody or control of a child, in good faith,
4 selects and depends upon spiritual means alone through prayer, in
5 accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or
6 religious denomination, for the treatment or cure of disease or
7 remedial care of such child. Nothing contained in this paragraph
8 shall prevent a court from immediately assuming custody of a child,
9 pursuant to the Oklahoma Children's Code, and ordering whatever
10 action may be necessary, including medical treatment, to protect the
11 child's health or welfare;

12 49. "Permanency hearing" means a hearing by the court pursuant
13 to Section 1-4-811 of this title;

14 50. "Permanent custody" means the court-ordered custody of an
15 adjudicated deprived child when a parent-child relationship no
16 longer exists due to termination of parental rights or due to the
17 death of a parent or parents;

18 51. "Permanent guardianship" means a judicially created
19 relationship between a child, a kinship relation of the child, or
20 other adult established pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-4-
21 709 of this title;

22 52. "Person responsible for a child's health, safety, or
23 welfare" includes a parent; a legal guardian; custodian; a foster
24 parent; a person eighteen (18) years of age or older with whom the

1 child's parent cohabitates or any other adult residing in the home
2 of the child; an agent or employee of a public or private
3 residential home, institution, facility or day treatment program as
4 defined in Section 175.20 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or
5 an owner, operator, or employee of a child care facility as defined
6 by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

7 53. "Plan of safe care" means a plan developed for an infant
8 with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum
9 Disorder upon release from the care of a health care provider that
10 addresses the health and substance use treatment needs of the infant
11 and mother or caregiver;

12 54. "Protective custody" means custody of a child taken by a
13 law enforcement officer or designated employee of the court without
14 a court order;

15 ~~54.~~ 55. "Putative father" means an alleged father as that term
16 is defined in Section 7700-102 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

17 ~~55.~~ 56. "Reasonable and prudent parent standard" means the
18 standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions
19 that maintain the health, safety, and best interests of a child
20 while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental
21 growth of the child. This standard shall be used by the child's
22 caregiver when determining whether to allow a child to participate
23 in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.
24 For purposes of this definition, the term "caregiver" means a foster

1 parent with whom a child in foster care has been placed, a
2 representative of a group home where a child has been placed or a
3 designated official for a residential child care facility where a
4 child in foster care has been placed;

5 ~~56.~~ 57. "Relative" means a grandparent, great-grandparent,
6 brother or sister of whole or half blood, aunt, uncle or any other
7 person related to the child;

8 ~~57.~~ 58. "Residential child care facility" means a twenty-four-
9 hour residential facility where children live together with or are
10 supervised by adults who are not their parents or relatives;

11 ~~58.~~ 59. "Review hearing" means a hearing by the court pursuant
12 to Section 1-4-807 of this title;

13 ~~59.~~ 60. "Risk" means the likelihood that an incident of child
14 abuse or neglect will occur in the future;

15 ~~60.~~ 61. "Safety threat" means the threat of serious harm due to
16 child abuse or neglect occurring in the present or in the very near
17 future and without the intervention of another person, a child would
18 likely or in all probability sustain severe or permanent disability
19 or injury, illness, or death;

20 ~~61.~~ 62. "Safety analysis" means action taken by the Department
21 in response to a report of alleged child abuse or neglect that may
22 include an assessment or investigation based upon an analysis of the
23 information received according to priority guidelines and other
24 criteria adopted by the Department;

1 ~~62.~~ 63. "Safety evaluation" means evaluation of a child's
2 situation by the Department using a structured, evidence-based tool
3 to determine if the child is subject to a safety threat;

4 ~~63.~~ 64. "Secure facility" means a facility which is designed
5 and operated to ensure that all entrances and exits from the
6 facility are subject to the exclusive control of the staff of the
7 facility, whether or not the juvenile being detained has freedom of
8 movement within the perimeter of the facility, or a facility which
9 relies on locked rooms and buildings, fences, or physical restraint
10 in order to control behavior of its residents;

11 ~~64.~~ 65. "Sibling" means a biologically or legally related
12 brother or sister of a child;

13 ~~65.~~ 66. "Specialized foster care" means foster care provided to
14 a child in a foster home or agency-contracted home which:

- 15 a. has been certified by the Developmental Disabilities
16 Services Division of the Department of Human Services,
- 17 b. is monitored by the Division, and
- 18 c. is funded through the Home- and Community-Based Waiver
19 Services Program administered by the Division;

20 ~~66.~~ 67. "Successful adulthood program" means a program
21 specifically designed to assist a child to enhance those skills and
22 abilities necessary for successful adult living. A successful
23 adulthood program may include, but shall not be limited to, such
24 features as minimal direct staff supervision, and the provision of

1 supportive services to assist children with activities necessary for
2 finding an appropriate place of residence, completing an education
3 or vocational training, obtaining employment, or obtaining other
4 similar services;

5 ~~67.~~ 68. "Temporary custody" means court-ordered custody of an
6 adjudicated deprived child;

7 ~~68.~~ 69. "Therapeutic foster family home" means a foster family
8 home which provides specific treatment services, pursuant to a
9 therapeutic foster care contract, which are designed to remedy
10 social and behavioral problems of a foster child residing in the
11 home;

12 ~~69.~~ 70. "Trafficking in persons" means sex trafficking or
13 severe forms of trafficking in persons as described in Section 7102
14 of Title 22 of the United States Code:

15 a. "sex trafficking" means the recruitment, harboring,
16 transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing or
17 soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial
18 sex act, and

19 b. "severe forms of trafficking in persons" means:

20 (1) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is
21 induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which
22 the person induced to perform such act has not
23 attained eighteen (18) years of age, or
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1 (2) the recruitment, harboring, transportation,
2 provision, obtaining, patronizing or soliciting
3 of a person for labor or services, through the
4 use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose
5 of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage,
6 debt bondage, or slavery;

7 ~~70.~~ 71. "Transitional living program" means a residential
8 program that may be attached to an existing facility or operated
9 solely for the purpose of assisting children to develop the skills
10 and abilities necessary for successful adult living. The program
11 may include, but shall not be limited to, reduced staff supervision,
12 vocational training, educational services, employment and employment
13 training, and other appropriate independent living skills training
14 as a part of the transitional living program; and

15 ~~71.~~ 72. "Voluntary foster care placement" means the temporary
16 placement of a child by the parent, legal guardian or custodian of
17 the child in foster care pursuant to a signed placement agreement
18 between the Department or a child-placing agency and the child's
19 parent, legal guardian or custodian.

20 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-2-101, as
21 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 62, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.
22 2017, Section 1-2-101), is amended to read as follows:
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1 Section 1-2-101. A. 1. The Department of Human Services shall
2 establish a statewide centralized hotline for the reporting of child
3 abuse or neglect to the Department.

4 2. The Department shall provide hotline-specific training
5 including, but not limited to, interviewing skills, customer service
6 skills, narrative writing, necessary computer systems, making case
7 determinations, and identifying priority situations.

8 3. The Department is authorized to contract with third parties
9 in order to train hotline workers.

10 4. The Department shall develop a system to track the number of
11 calls received, and of that number:

- 12 a. the number of calls screened out,
- 13 b. the number of referrals assigned,
- 14 c. the number of calls received by persons unwilling to
15 disclose basic personal information including, but not
16 limited to, first and last name, and
- 17 d. the number of calls in which the allegations were
18 later found to be unsubstantiated or ruled out.

19 5. The Department shall electronically record each referral
20 received by the hotline and establish a secure means of retaining
21 the recordings for twelve (12) months. The recordings shall be
22 confidential and subject to disclosure only if a court orders the
23 disclosure of the referral. The Department shall redact any
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1 information identifying the reporting party unless otherwise ordered
2 by the court.

3 B. 1. Every person having reason to believe that a child under
4 the age of eighteen (18) years is a victim of abuse or neglect shall
5 report the matter promptly to the Department of Human Services.
6 Reports shall be made to the hotline provided for in subsection A of
7 this section. Any allegation of abuse or neglect reported in any
8 manner to a county office shall immediately be referred to the
9 hotline by the Department. Provided, however, that in actions for
10 custody by abandonment, provided for in Section 2-117 of Title 30 of
11 the Oklahoma Statutes, there shall be no reporting requirement.

12 2. Every physician, surgeon, or other health care professional
13 including doctors of medicine, licensed osteopathic physicians,
14 residents and interns, or any other health care professional
15 ~~attending the birth of a child who~~ involved in the prenatal care of
16 expectant mothers or the delivery or care of infants shall promptly
17 report to the Department instances in which an infant tests positive
18 for alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance ~~shall promptly~~
19 ~~report the matter to the Department.~~ This shall include infants who
20 are diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol
21 Spectrum Disorder.

22 3. No privilege or contract shall relieve any person from the
23 requirement of reporting pursuant to this section.

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1 4. The reporting obligations under this section are individual,
2 and no employer, supervisor, administrator, governing body or entity
3 shall interfere with the reporting obligations of any employee or
4 other person or in any manner discriminate or retaliate against the
5 employee or other person who in good faith reports suspected child
6 abuse or neglect, or who provides testimony in any proceeding
7 involving child abuse or neglect. Any employer, supervisor,
8 administrator, governing body or entity who discharges,
9 discriminates or retaliates against the employee or other person
10 shall be liable for damages, costs and attorney fees. If a child
11 who is the subject of the report or other child is harmed by the
12 discharge, discrimination or retaliation described in this
13 paragraph, the party harmed may file an action to recover damages,
14 costs and attorney fees.

15 5. Every physician, surgeon, or other health care professional
16 making a report of abuse or neglect as required by this subsection
17 or examining a child to determine the likelihood of abuse or neglect
18 and every hospital or related institution in which the child was
19 examined or treated shall provide, upon request, copies of the
20 results of the examination or copies of the examination on which the
21 report was based and any other clinical notes, x-rays, photographs,
22 and other previous or current records relevant to the case to law
23 enforcement officers conducting a criminal investigation into the
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1 case and to employees of the Department of Human Services conducting
2 an investigation of alleged abuse or neglect in the case.

3 C. Any person who knowingly and willfully fails to promptly
4 report suspected child abuse or neglect or who interferes with the
5 prompt reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect may be reported
6 to local law enforcement for criminal investigation and, upon
7 conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person
8 with prolonged knowledge of ongoing child abuse or neglect who
9 knowingly and willfully fails to promptly report such knowledge may
10 be reported to local law enforcement for criminal investigation and,
11 upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a felony. For the
12 purposes of this paragraph, "prolonged knowledge" shall mean
13 knowledge of at least six (6) months of child abuse or neglect.

14 D. 1. Any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false
15 report pursuant to the provisions of this section or a report that
16 the person knows lacks factual foundation may be reported to local
17 law enforcement for criminal investigation and, upon conviction
18 thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

19 2. If a court determines that an accusation of child abuse or
20 neglect made during a child custody proceeding is false and the
21 person making the accusation knew it to be false at the time the
22 accusation was made, the court may impose a fine, not to exceed Five
23 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and reasonable attorney fees incurred
24 in recovering the sanctions, against the person making the

1 accusation. The remedy provided by this paragraph is in addition to
2 paragraph 1 of this subsection or to any other remedy provided by
3 law.

4 E. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to
5 exempt or prohibit any person from reporting any suspected child
6 abuse or neglect pursuant to subsection B of this section.

7 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-2-102, as
8 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.
9 2017, Section 1-2-102), is amended to read as follows:

10 Section 1-2-102. A. 1. Upon receipt of a report that a child
11 may be abused, neglected or drug-endangered, the Department of Human
12 Services shall conduct a safety analysis.

13 2. The Department may employ or contract with active or retired
14 social work, medical and law enforcement professionals who shall be
15 strategically placed throughout the state to:

- 16 a. provide investigation support and to assist
17 caseworkers with assessment decisions and intervention
18 activities,
- 19 b. serve as consultants to caseworkers in all aspects of
20 their duties, and
- 21 c. designate persons who shall act as liaisons within the
22 Department whose primary functions are to develop
23 relationships with local law enforcement agencies and
24 courts.

1 3. The Department shall forward a report of its assessment or
2 investigation and findings to any district attorney's office which
3 may have jurisdiction to file a petition pursuant to Section 1-4-101
4 of this title.

5 4. The Department shall determine the military status of
6 parents whose children are subject to abuse or neglect. If the
7 Department determines that a parent or guardian is currently serving
8 on active duty in the United States military, the Department shall
9 notify a United States Department of Defense family advocacy program
10 that there is an investigation into the parent or guardian. The
11 Department shall forward a report of its assessment or investigation
12 and findings to the appropriate military law enforcement entity.

13 5. Whenever the Department determines there is a child that
14 meets the definition of a "drug-endangered child", as defined in
15 Section 1-1-105 of this title, or a child has been diagnosed with
16 fetal alcohol syndrome and the referral is accepted for
17 investigation, the Department shall conduct an investigation of the
18 allegations and shall not limit the evaluation of the circumstances
19 to an assessment.

20 6. Whenever the Department determines an infant has been
21 diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or a Fetal Alcohol
22 Spectrum Disorder, but the referral is not accepted for
23 investigation, the Department shall develop a plan of safe care that
24 addresses both the infant and affected family member or caregiver.

1 The plan of safe care shall address, at a minimum, the health and
2 substance use treatment needs of the infant and affected family
3 member or caregiver.

4 B. 1. If, upon receipt of a report alleging abuse or neglect
5 or during the assessment or investigation, the Department determines
6 that:

7 a. the alleged perpetrator is someone other than a person
8 responsible for the child's health, safety, or
9 welfare, and

10 b. the alleged abuse or neglect of the child does not
11 appear to be attributable to failure on the part of a
12 person responsible for the child's health, safety, or
13 welfare to provide protection for the child,

14 the Department shall immediately make a referral, either verbally or
15 in writing, to the appropriate local law enforcement agency for the
16 purpose of conducting a possible criminal investigation.

17 2. After making the referral to the law enforcement agency, the
18 Department shall not be responsible for further investigation
19 unless:

20 a. the Department has reason to believe the alleged
21 perpetrator is a parent of another child, not the
22 subject of the criminal investigation, or is otherwise
23 a person responsible for the health, safety, or
24 welfare of another child,

1 b. notice is received from a law enforcement agency that
2 it has determined the alleged perpetrator is a parent
3 of or a person responsible for the health, safety, or
4 welfare of another child not the subject of the
5 criminal investigation, or

6 c. the appropriate law enforcement agency requests the
7 Department to assist in the investigation. If funds
8 and personnel are available, as determined by the
9 Director of the Department or a designee, the
10 Department may assist law enforcement in interviewing
11 children alleged to be victims of physical or sexual
12 abuse.

13 3. If, upon receipt of a report alleging abuse or neglect or
14 during the assessment or investigation, the Department determines
15 that the alleged abuse or neglect of the child involves:

16 a. a child in the custody of the Office of Juvenile
17 Affairs, and

18 b. at the time of the alleged abuse or neglect, such
19 child was placed in a secure facility operated by the
20 Office of Juvenile Affairs, as defined by Section 2-1-
21 103 of ~~Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title,

22 the Department shall immediately make a referral, either verbally or
23 in writing, to the appropriate law enforcement agency for the
24 purpose of conducting a possible criminal investigation. After

1 making the referral to the law enforcement agency, the Department
2 shall not be responsible for further investigation.

3 C. 1. Any law enforcement agency receiving a referral as
4 provided in this section shall provide the Department with a copy of
5 the report of any investigation resulting from a referral from the
6 Department.

7 2. Whenever, in the course of any criminal investigation, a law
8 enforcement agency determines that there is cause to believe that a
9 child, other than a child in the custody of the Office of Juvenile
10 Affairs and placed in an Office of Juvenile Affairs secure juvenile
11 facility, may be abused or neglected by reason of the acts,
12 omissions, or failures on the part of a person responsible for the
13 health, safety, or welfare of the child, the law enforcement agency
14 shall immediately contact the Department for the purpose of an
15 investigation.

16 D. If, upon receipt of a report alleging abuse or neglect, the
17 Department determines that the family has been the subject of a
18 deprived petition, the Department shall conduct a thorough
19 investigation of the allegations and shall not limit the evaluation
20 of the circumstances to an assessment. In addition, if the family
21 has been the subject of three ~~(3)~~ or more referrals, the Department
22 shall conduct a thorough investigation of the allegations and shall
23 not limit the evaluation of the circumstances to an assessment.

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1 E. For the purposes of this section, "law enforcement" shall
2 include military law enforcement if the subject of an investigation
3 of abuse or neglect is currently serving in any branch of the United
4 States military.

5 F. The Department shall promulgate rules to implement the
6 provisions of this section.

7 SECTION 9. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

11 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2018.

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