

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 6, 2022

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1964

By: Nollan of the House

5 and

6 Rader of the Senate

7
8 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2021,
9 Section 2-4-107, which relates to the salaries and
10 expenses of juvenile bureau employees; modifying how
11 salary for director is set; requiring that salary be
12 set by board of county commissioners; and eliminating
13 the director salary cap.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-4-107, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 2-4-107. A. ~~1.~~ The salary of the juvenile bureau
18 director and shall be fixed by the board of county commissioners of
19 the county. Salaries of all other employees of the bureau and any
20 detention home established pursuant to Section 2-4-108 of this title
21 shall be fixed by the judge of the Juvenile Division, subject to the
22 general administrative authority of the county commissioners of the
23 contracting county. The salary of the director shall not exceed
24 ninety percent (90%) of salaries of county Class A officers.

1 ~~2.~~ The salary of any other employee of the juvenile bureau
2 shall not exceed eighty-five percent (85%) of Class A county
3 officers.

4 B. The judge of the Juvenile Division, subject to the general
5 administrative authority of the county commissioners of the
6 contracting county, may fix a limit on the amount of expenses that
7 may be incurred by the director and assistants to the director, such
8 limit to be in the judgment of the judge adequate to care for the
9 expenses necessary to carrying out the orders of the court in an
10 efficient and expedient manner. The director and assistants to the
11 director and other personnel of the court shall keep and maintain
12 their offices at the place where the office of the judge of the
13 court is kept, unless the judge of the Juvenile Division, subject to
14 the general administrative authority of the county commissioners of
15 the contracting county, shall direct otherwise. The offices of the
16 director and assistants to the director shall contain adequate
17 equipment, desk space and consultation rooms necessary for
18 appropriate office procedure.

19 C. In addition to their salaries, the director and assistants
20 to the director shall be reimbursed at the same rate as state
21 employees for mileage traveled by them in the investigation of court
22 cases and in supervising probationers. The director and assistants
23 may also receive reimbursement, at the rate and in the manner
24 applicable to other county officers, for actual and necessary

1 expenses incurred by them in attending conferences, meetings,
2 seminars or official business of the court either within or outside
3 of the State of Oklahoma.

4 D. In all counties having a juvenile bureau, the budget of the
5 juvenile bureau for salaries and expenses of the director,
6 counselors and other employees shall be established and funded as
7 follows:

8 1. All expenses incurred in complying with the provisions of
9 this article shall be a county charge or funded by a special sales
10 tax dedicated to juvenile programs and expenses;

11 2. The salaries and other compensation of all employees of the
12 juvenile bureau shall be fixed by the judge within the limit of the
13 total appropriations therefor; and

14 3. It is made the duty of the county excise board to make the
15 necessary appropriation and levy for the payment of salaries of the
16 director and all other employees, together with the expenses of
17 administering the bureau, consistent with the duty to do likewise
18 with the budget estimates of other county officers under the board's
19 jurisdiction, as required by the Constitution and laws of this
20 state.

21 ~~4.~~ E. Except in instances where it is entitled to
22 representation because of insurance coverage, the district attorney
23 of the county in which the juvenile bureau is located shall
24 represent the juvenile bureau and any employee who was acting in his

1 or her official capacity at the time of the act or omission
2 complained of in any lawsuit. If the district attorney has a
3 conflict of interest or otherwise declines to represent the juvenile
4 bureau or its employees, the county commissioners may request the
5 assistance of the Attorney General or authorize the employment of
6 private counsel for the juvenile bureau and its employees in their
7 official capacity.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
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