

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1382

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2021,  
9 Sections 1116.2 and 1116.6, which relate to  
10 postadjudication review boards; removing requirement  
11 that review board shall be subject to the Oklahoma  
12 Open Meeting Act; requiring certain information be  
13 included in certain report; amending 25 O.S. 2021,  
14 Section 304, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 123,  
15 O.S.L. 2022 (25 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 304), which  
16 relates to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; providing  
17 exception; and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 1116.2, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1116.2 A. There is hereby established a  
22 postadjudication review board in each judicial district in the  
23 state. Members and alternate members of the postadjudication review  
24 boards shall be residents of or employed within the judicial  
district in which the board serves and shall be appointed by the  
Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth after

1 consultation with judges in the judicial district having juvenile  
2 docket responsibility, provided that in the event of a conflict of  
3 interest or for any reason when circumstances or the appearances of  
4 justice dictate, the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children  
5 and Youth may transfer the appointment decision to the entire  
6 Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth whose decision shall be  
7 final and further, provided, that any aggrieved aspirant may appeal  
8 the decision denying appointment by the Director of the Oklahoma  
9 Commission on Children and Youth within five (5) days to the  
10 Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth whose decision shall be  
11 final. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth may establish  
12 additional postadjudication review boards as needed for each county  
13 within a judicial district.

14 B. A postadjudication review board for each judicial district  
15 shall consist of at least five (5) members. Alternate review board  
16 members may be appointed to serve in the absence of a regularly  
17 appointed board ~~member~~ members. Alternate board members shall be  
18 appointed in the same manner as regularly appointed board members.  
19 On and after September 1, 1991, currently serving board members  
20 shall serve until appointments are made by the Commission on  
21 Children and Youth. The Commission on Children and Youth shall  
22 complete initial appointments to the review boards no later than  
23 June 30, 1992.

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1 C. Board members shall be appointed for a term of three (3)  
2 years. Members shall serve after the expiration of their terms  
3 until their respective successors shall have been appointed.  
4 Vacancies shall be filled for the duration of unexpired terms. The  
5 review board members shall be appointed according to the following  
6 guidelines:

7 1. One member shall be a person who has training or experience  
8 in issues concerning child welfare, or a person who has demonstrated  
9 an interest in children through voluntary community service or  
10 professional activities;

11 2. Whenever possible, at least one member of the board shall be  
12 an individual who has served as a foster parent, provided that no  
13 person on the review board shall participate as a board member in  
14 any review hearing in which the person is a party; and

15 3. No more than one person employed by any child welfare agency  
16 or juvenile court may be appointed to a board at the same time,  
17 provided such person shall not participate in any review hearing in  
18 which the person is professionally involved.

19 D. Each postadjudication review board shall annually elect a  
20 chair and shall notify the Commission on Children and Youth as to  
21 the name and address of the chair. A list of the members of each  
22 local board and its officers shall be filed with the Presiding Judge  
23 of the judicial district and each judge within the district having  
24 juvenile docket responsibility.

1 E. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a person  
2 participating in a judicial proceeding as a postadjudication review  
3 board member or a postadjudication review advisory board or  
4 postadjudication review board coordinator is acting in good faith.  
5 When acting in good faith, a participant shall be immune from any  
6 civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Each  
7 postadjudication review board shall meet as often as is necessary at  
8 a place it designates to carry out the duties of the board  
9 established by Section 1116.3 of this title. The review board shall  
10 meet at least twice annually. ~~Each review board shall be subject to~~  
11 ~~the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, except that the~~  
12 ~~actual case reviews shall be held in executive session; provided,~~  
13 ~~however, that upon~~ Upon the request of the board, members or  
14 prospective members of other existing review boards, students or  
15 researchers may attend and observe but not participate in board  
16 hearings subject to restrictions and conditions imposed by the  
17 board. Members and employees of the State Postadjudication Review  
18 Advisory Board who are exercising their oversight responsibilities  
19 pursuant to Section 1116.6 of this title may attend and observe but  
20 not participate in board hearings. All parties shall maintain  
21 confidentiality, and the names of the children in placement shall  
22 not be published. Temporary ad hoc review boards may be created in  
23 counties in which there is no active review board. The Director of  
24 the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth may appoint active or

1 alternate members of existing review boards to serve as members of  
2 local boards that are unable to meet quorum requirements and to  
3 temporarily constitute members of a new board where no current board  
4 exists. A member appointed to temporary service shall be fully  
5 qualified as provided by law, and such service shall terminate when  
6 the basis for the appointment is remedied or upon the order of the  
7 Director.

8 F. As a condition of membership thereto, members and alternates  
9 of the postadjudication review boards shall attend the next  
10 available orientation program after appointment to the board.  
11 Failure to attend an orientation program, at the discretion of the  
12 Commission on Children and Youth, may result in the removal of the  
13 board member. Members of postadjudication review boards shall  
14 attend the annual meeting or training programs or both such meeting  
15 and training programs as are authorized and directed by the  
16 Commission on Children and Youth.

17 G. Members of postadjudication review boards shall serve  
18 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel and  
19 training expenses from monies appropriated by the Legislature for  
20 such purposes, as provided by the State Travel Reimbursement Act.  
21 The Commission on Children and Youth shall provide members of  
22 postadjudication review boards with necessary operating supplies and  
23 postage fees or members shall be reimbursed for these expenses.

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1 H. The Commission on Children and Youth shall be responsible  
2 for developing procedures for the removal of a member from a  
3 postadjudication review board. The grounds for the removal of a  
4 postadjudication review board member shall include but not be  
5 limited to:

- 6 1. Failure to attend board meetings as required by the  
7 Commission on Children and Youth;
- 8 2. Engaging in illegal conduct involving moral turpitude;
- 9 3. Engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or  
10 misrepresentation; or
- 11 4. Wrongful disclosure of information as provided by Section  
12 1116.4 of this title.

13 I. Necessary staff assistance required by the postadjudication  
14 review boards may be provided by the bailiff or bailiffs, or other  
15 person designated by the court, of the judges with juvenile docket  
16 responsibility in the judicial district. Upon the request of the  
17 presiding judge, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may  
18 authorize additional staff to be paid from local court funds to  
19 assist the review board.

20 The Administrative Director of the Courts may include such  
21 additional funding requests in the annual budget for the courts as  
22 are necessary to provide staff and administrative support for the  
23 review boards.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 1116.6, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1116.6 A. There is hereby created a State  
4 Postadjudication Review Advisory Board which shall meet at least  
5 twice each calendar year. The Advisory Board shall have the duty of  
6 overseeing the implementation of the state postadjudication review  
7 program in coordination with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and  
8 Youth.

9 B. The Advisory Board shall consist of twenty-one (21) members  
10 appointed by the Governor as follows:

11 1. Eight of the members shall be members of the various review  
12 boards throughout the state;

13 2. Five of the members shall be judges of the district court;

14 3. Five of the members shall represent the general public and  
15 may be foster parents;

16 4. One of the members appointed after the effective date of  
17 this act shall be a foster parent representing foster parents who  
18 have a current contract with the Department of Human Services to  
19 provide foster care services;

20 5. One of the members appointed after the effective date of  
21 this act shall be a foster parent representing child-placing  
22 agencies which have current contracts with the Department to provide  
23 foster care services; and

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1           6. One of the members appointed after the effective date of  
2 this act shall be a foster parent nominated by any local or  
3 statewide foster parent association.

4           The members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The  
5 administrative heads of the divisions which have foster care  
6 responsibilities within the Department of Human Services and the  
7 Office of Juvenile Affairs or their designees shall serve as ex  
8 officio members of the Board.

9           C. The Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and  
10 Youth shall be the clerk of the Advisory Board.

11           The Advisory Board shall have the duty to:

12           1. Assist in the training of the members of the review boards;

13           2. Serve, in coordination with the Oklahoma Commission on  
14 Children and Youth, as a clearinghouse for reports and information  
15 concerning the foster care review program and the review boards as  
16 they relate to foster care;

17           3. Make recommendations to the courts, the Oklahoma Commission  
18 on Children and Youth, the Governor, the Legislature, the Department  
19 of Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, and other state  
20 agencies providing services to children regarding proposed statutory  
21 revisions, and amendments to court rules and procedures, and review  
22 and make recommendations on permanency planning, foster care and  
23 child welfare service delivery policies, guidelines, and procedures;



1 4. Work with both public and private agencies concerned with  
2 foster care and adoption exchanges to inform the public of the need  
3 for temporary and permanent homes and other services needed by  
4 deprived children; and

5 5. Specifically:

6 a. identify, analyze, and recommend solutions to any  
7 issue concerning child welfare and foster care  
8 services within the child welfare delivery system,

9 b. participate in the statewide planning and promotion of  
10 foster parent involvement in local planning for child  
11 welfare services, and

12 c. develop recommendations concerning foster care  
13 training to improve the quality of foster care  
14 services.

15 D. The State Postadjudication Review Advisory Board may  
16 designate multidisciplinary committees on the local level to act as  
17 advocates for foster parents in order to assist in the resolution of  
18 specific complaints concerning foster care and to help facilitate  
19 the relationship between the Department of Human Services, the  
20 Office of Juvenile Affairs, child-placing agencies, and the foster  
21 parents.

22 E. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, with the  
23 assistance of the State Postadjudication Review Advisory Board,  
24 shall be responsible for developing and administering training

1 procedures and rules for the administration of the state  
2 postadjudication review board system.

3 F. The State Postadjudication Review Advisory Board shall  
4 submit a report of the activities of the review boards, including  
5 the findings and recommendations of such review boards, to the  
6 Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth on or before May 1 of each  
7 year. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the  
8 following:

- 9 1. The location of each review board;
- 10 2. The names of the members of each board;
- 11 3. The number of cases reviewed by each board; and
- 12 4. The recommendation categories made by each board.

13 G. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall  
14 incorporate, as appropriate, the findings and recommendations of the  
15 review boards in the annual report required by Section 601.9 of this  
16 title.

17 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 304, as  
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 123, O.S.L. 2022 (25 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
19 Section 304), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 304. As used in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act:

- 21 1. "Public body" means the governing bodies of all  
22 municipalities located within this state, boards of county  
23 commissioners of the counties in this state, boards of public and  
24 higher education in this state and all boards, bureaus, commissions,

1 agencies, trusteeships, authorities, councils, committees, public  
2 trusts or any entity created by a public trust including any  
3 committee or subcommittee composed of any of the members of a public  
4 trust or other legal entity receiving funds from the Rural Economic  
5 Action Plan Fund as authorized by Section 2007 of Title 62 of the  
6 Oklahoma Statutes, task forces or study groups in this state  
7 supported in whole or in part by public funds or entrusted with the  
8 expending of public funds, or administering public property, and  
9 shall include all committees or subcommittees of any public body.  
10 Public body shall not include the state judiciary, the Council on  
11 Judicial Complaints when conducting, discussing, or deliberating any  
12 matter relating to a complaint received or filed with the Council,  
13 the Legislature, or administrative staffs of public bodies  
14 including, but not limited to, faculty meetings and athletic staff  
15 meetings of institutions of higher education when those staffs are  
16 not meeting with the public body, or entry-year assistance  
17 committees. Furthermore, public body shall not include the  
18 multidisciplinary teams provided for in Section 1-9-102 of Title 10A  
19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, in Section ~~2 of this act~~ 10-115 of Title  
20 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, and in subsection C of Section 1-502.2  
21 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes or any school board meeting for  
22 the sole purpose of considering recommendations of a  
23 multidisciplinary team and deciding the placement of any child who  
24 is the subject of the recommendations. Furthermore, public body

1 shall not include meetings conducted by stewards designated by the  
2 Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission pursuant to Section 203.4 of Title  
3 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes when the stewards are officiating at  
4 races or otherwise enforcing rules of the Commission. Furthermore,  
5 public body shall not include the board of directors of a Federally  
6 Qualified Health Center or the postadjudication review boards  
7 provided for in Sections 1116.2 and 1116.3 of Title 10 of the  
8 Oklahoma Statutes;

9 2. "Meeting" means the conduct of business of a public body by  
10 a majority of its members being personally together or, as  
11 authorized by Section 307.1 of this title, together pursuant to a  
12 videoconference. Meeting shall not include informal gatherings of a  
13 majority of the members of the public body when no business of the  
14 public body is discussed;

15 3. "Regularly scheduled meeting" means a meeting at which the  
16 regular business of the public body is conducted;

17 4. "Special meeting" means any meeting of a public body other  
18 than a regularly scheduled meeting or emergency meeting;

19 5. "Emergency meeting" means any meeting called for the purpose  
20 of dealing with an emergency. For purposes of the Oklahoma Open  
21 Meeting Act, an emergency is defined as a situation involving injury  
22 to persons or injury and damage to public or personal property or  
23 immediate financial loss when the time requirements for public  
24 notice of a special meeting would make such procedure impractical

1 and increase the likelihood of injury or damage or immediate  
2 financial loss;

3 6. "Continued or reconvened meeting" means a meeting which is  
4 assembled for the purpose of finishing business appearing on an  
5 agenda of a previous meeting. For the purposes of the Oklahoma Open  
6 Meeting Act, only matters on the agenda of the previous meeting at  
7 which the announcement of the continuance is made may be discussed  
8 at a continued or reconvened meeting;

9 7. "Videoconference" means a conference among members of a  
10 public body remote from one another who are linked by interactive  
11 telecommunication devices or technology and/or technology permitting  
12 both visual and auditory communication between and among members of  
13 the public body and/or between and among members of the public body  
14 and members of the public. During any videoconference, both the  
15 visual and auditory communications functions shall attempt to be  
16 utilized; and

17 8. "Teleconference" means a conference among members of a  
18 public body remote from one another who are linked by  
19 telecommunication devices and/or technology permitting auditory  
20 communication between and among members of the public body and/or  
21 between and among members of the public body and members of the  
22 public.

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SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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