1 SENATE FLOOR VERSION February 18, 2020 2 AS AMENDED 3 SENATE BILL NO. 1832 By: Leewright 4 5 6 [parenting coordinators - certain training for attorneys - effective date] 7 8 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43 O.S. 2011, Section 120.6, is amended to read as follows: 11 12 Section 120.6. A. Each judicial district shall adopt local rules governing the qualifications of a parenting coordinator; 13 provided, however, the qualifications adopted shall not exceed the 14 qualifications established in subsection B of this section. 15 B. To be qualified as a parenting coordinator, a person shall: 16 Have a master's degree in a mental health or behavioral 17 health field, shall have training and experience in family mediation 18 and shall be a certified mediator under the laws of this state; or 19 20 2. Be a licensed mental health professional or licensed attorney practicing in an area related to families. 21 C. Parenting coordinators who are not licensed attorneys shall 22 not be considered as engaging in the unauthorized practice of law 23 24

| 1 | while performing actions within the scope of his or her duties as a |
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| 2 | parenting coordinator. |
| 3 | D. A licensed attorney serving as a parenting coordinator |
| 4 | pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section shall attend |
| 5 | at least eight (8) hours of education and training each calendar |
| 6 | year related to family law which may include, but not be limited to, |
| 7 | juvenile law, domestic violence and child abuse and neglect. |
| 8 | SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020. |
| 9 | COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY February 18, 2020 - DO PASS AS AMENDED |
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