

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1480

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 2-2-108, which relates to care of the child;  
9 modifying provision related to charge for medical  
care; and providing an effective date.

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-2-108, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 2-2-108. A. After a petition under the provisions of  
14 this article has been filed, the court may order the child to be  
15 examined and evaluated for medical issues, including behavioral  
16 health diagnoses, by a physician or other appropriate professional  
17 to aid the court in making the proper disposition concerning the  
18 child.

19 B. Whenever a child concerning whom a petition has been filed  
20 appears to be in need of nursing, medical or surgical care, the  
21 court may order the parent or other person responsible for the care  
22 and support of the child to provide such care in a hospital or  
23 otherwise. ~~If the parent or other person fails to provide such~~

1 ~~care, the court may, after due notice, enter an order therefor, and~~  
2 ~~the expense thereof, when approved by the court, shall be a charge~~  
3 ~~upon the county, but the~~ The court may adjudge that the person  
4 having the duty under the law to support the child pay part or all  
5 of the expenses of such care. In an emergency the court may, when  
6 health or condition of the child may require it, cause the child to  
7 be placed in a public hospital or institution for treatment or  
8 special care, or in a private hospital or institution which will  
9 receive the child for like purpose, and consent to emergency  
10 treatment or surgery.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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