
SHORT TITLE: Marriage and family; providing civil action for child stealing; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

SENATE BILL NO. 438

By: Snyder

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to marriage and family; providing for civil action for child stealing; stating remedies; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 111.2 of Title 43, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any person, including a parent, who intentionally removes, causes the removal of or detains any child under eighteen (18) years of age with intent to deny another person's right to custody of the child under an existing court order shall be liable in an action at law or suit in equity. Remedies available pursuant to this section may include, but not be limited to actions for:

1. Damages for negligent or intentional mental and emotional distress;
2. Loss of service, society and companionship;
3. Compensatory damages incurred in searching for the missing child;
4. Punitive damages;
5. Injunctive relief; and
6. Attorney fees.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

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