

SHORT TITLE: Delinquency of minors; providing penalties for certain parent or guardian who allows delinquency of child; codification; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

SENATE BILL NO. 798

By: Leftwich and Helton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to delinquency of minors; providing penalties for certain parent or guardian who allows delinquency of child; providing for deposit of certain fines in court fund; requiring court to order certain parent or guardian to pay for and attend certain parenting classes; allowing prosecution for other crimes; 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 858.3 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any parent or guardian of a child under eighteen (18) years of age who knowingly and willfully allows the child to become delinquent shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined, for the first offense, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and for a second or succeeding offense, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The fine shall be payable to the court clerk to be deposited in the court fund.

B. For each offense, the parent shall be ordered to attend parenting classes focusing on raising non-delinquent children. The parent shall be required to pay for the classes and to return to court with proof of successful completion of the classes. Failure to successfully complete court-ordered parenting classes shall be

punishable as indirect contempt of court as defined by Section 565 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The penalties prescribed by this section shall not be recorded on the custodial parent's or guardian's criminal record.

D. Nothing in this section shall prohibit prosecution for any other crime.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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