

SHORT TITLE: Crimes; making it a crime to harbor a runaway child;
stating penalty; codification; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

SENATE BILL NO. 321

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes; making it a crime to harbor a runaway child; requiring certain notification; providing exception; stating misdemeanor penalty; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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:

It shall be unlawful for a person to harbor any child who voluntarily leaves home without intent to return and without intent to contact a parent or custodial adult within forty-eight (48) hours of leaving the home. Any person knowing that a child has run away from home without intent to return or make contact with the home shall, within forty-eight (48) hours of making contact with the child, report the location of the child to a law enforcement officer, the parent or custodial adult of the child. Provided, however, when there is reason to believe the child has left home due to any abuse or neglect from a parent, custodial adult or any other person living in the home of the child, the person shall notify the Department of Human Services as provided in Section 846 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Any person who harbors a runaway child in violation of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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