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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3294

By: Pettigrew and Ferguson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S.

1991, Section 231, which relates to public assistance; clarifying language; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 1991, Section 231, is amended to read as follows:

Section 231. Any person who shall make application for ~~aid for dependent children~~ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families with the Department of ~~Public Welfare~~ Human Services, or any of its county offices or other subagencies, must, in order to be eligible for further assistance payments, where the person or persons legally responsible for such support is willfully and without lawful excuse failing to furnish necessary food, clothing, shelter or medical attendance for such child or children, within three (3) months from the day of application request the district attorney of the county where such applicant resides to file criminal charges against the person or persons legally responsible for the support of such child or children, and cooperate fully in prosecuting such charges to completion when filed by the district attorney.

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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