

An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending Section 1, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1997 (22 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 471), which relates to the Oklahoma Drug Court Act; modifying references; amending Section 2, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1997 (22 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 471.1), which relates to authorization of drug court programs; prohibiting blind plea or split sentence in drug court; prohibiting misdemeanor offense in drug court; providing exception for domestic violence case in certain situation; requiring traditional prosecution when certain treatment is required; authorizing the court to request certain assistance; modifying language; requiring traditional prosecution for certain offenders; amending Section 3, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1997 (22 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 471.2), which relates to eligibility for drug court; clarifying language; prohibiting blind plea; prohibiting suspended and split sentences in plea agreement for drug court; prohibiting treatment in a correctional facility or jail as part of plea agreement for drug court; modifying reference; amending Section 11, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1997 (22 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 471.10), which relates to implementation of the Oklahoma Drug Court Act; authorizing the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to select existing assessment instrument for use by all courts; requiring the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts to promulgate rules, procedures and forms; directing the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to develop a training manual with certain assistance; requiring each district court to publish an operational manual; authorizing employment of personnel subject to funds available; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2-503.2, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 53, O.S.L. 1998 (63 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2-503.2), which relates to mandatory assessment for certain violations; prohibiting waiver of certain assessment; providing for assessment in event court fails to set specific amount; making certain amount payable by monthly installments; prohibiting limitation of collection time period for admission to certain program; directing the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector to require a compliance audit annually of certain funds; requiring audit report be distributed to certain persons; changing name of certain fund; expanding use of certain funds; authorizing the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to set salaries and employ personnel for specialty courts; defining term; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.