

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

SENATE BILL 1461

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; requiring certain employers to provide unpaid leave under certain circumstances; establishing penalty; 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 142C of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. An employer of an employee who is a member of the immediate family of a victim of violent crime, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall provide unpaid leave to the employee to attend judicial or other proceedings directly related to the violent crime. For purposes of this section, the immediate family of the victim includes the victim's spouse, child by birth or adoption, stepchild, parent or sibling.

B. Any employer who violates the provisions of subsection A of this section, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

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