

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL 2882

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(Pam) of the House

and

Laster of the Senate

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

[marriage - amending 43 O.S. 2001, Section 5.1 -
premarital counseling - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43 O.S. 2001, Section 5.1, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 5.1 A. The clerk of the district court shall reduce
the fee for a marriage license as prescribed by Section 31 of Title
28 of the Oklahoma Statutes to persons who have successfully
completed a premarital counseling program meeting the conditions
specified by this section.

B. 1. A premarital counseling program shall be conducted by a
health professional ~~or~~, an official representative of a religious
institution, or a person trained by the principal authors or duly
authorized agents of the principal authors of nationally recognized
marriage education curriculum including, but not limited to,
Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP). Upon
successful completion of the program, the counseling program
provider shall issue to the persons a certificate signed by the
instructor of the counseling program. The certificate shall state
that the named persons have successfully completed the premarital
counseling requirements. A minimum of eight (8) hours of education

or counseling shall be necessary for successful completion of the marriage education curriculum.

2. For purposes of this subsection, the term "health professional" means a person licensed or certified by this state to practice psychiatry or psychology; a licensed social worker with experience in marriage counseling; a licensed marital and family therapist; or a licensed professional counselor.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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