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THE STATE SENATE  
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Committee Substitute for  
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House Bill No. 2882

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2882 - By: STEELE,  
NANCE and PETERSON (Pam) of the House and LASTER of the Senate.

[ 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

1 provider shall issue to the persons a certificate signed by the  
2 instructor of the counseling program. The certificate shall state  
3 that the named persons have successfully completed the premarital  
4 counseling requirements. A minimum of eight (8) hours of education  
5 or counseling shall be necessary for successful completion of the  
6 marriage education curriculum.

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

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-5-06 - DO  
14 PASS, As Amended.