

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 645

By: Nichols

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2001, Section 852.1, which relates to child endangerment; adding exposure to certain paraphernalia used for methamphetamine manufacture; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 852.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 852.1 A. A person who is the parent, guardian, or person having custody or control over a child as defined in Section 7001-1.3 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, commits child endangerment when the person knowingly permits physical or sexual abuse of a child or who knowingly permits a child to be present at a location where a controlled dangerous substance is being manufactured or attempted to be manufactured as defined in Section 2-101 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or who knowingly permits any child to be exposed to any contaminated paraphernalia used for methamphetamine manufacture. However, it is an affirmative defense to this paragraph if the person had a reasonable apprehension that any action to stop the abuse would result in substantial bodily harm to the person or the child.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any parent, guardian or other person having custody or control of a child for the sole reason that the parent, guardian or other person in good faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for the treatment or cure of disease or remedial care for such child.

This subsection shall in no way limit or modify the protections afforded said child in Section 852 of this title or Section 7006-1.1 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than four (4) years in the State Penitentiary or by the imposition of a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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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