

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1740

By: DeWitt, Tibbs, Sears and
Kern of the House

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4 Justice of the Senate
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8 An Act relating to schools; creating the Protection
9 for School Employees Act; defining terms; allowing
10 certain person to seek relief under act; prohibiting
11 school employee from obtaining a protective order
12 against certain persons; providing procedures to file
13 for protective order; providing for emergency
14 temporary order of protection under certain
15 circumstance; requiring forms be provided by court
16 clerk; requiring certain entity to develop form;
17 prohibiting assessment of certain fees and costs;
18 authorizing assessment of certain fees and costs
19 under certain circumstance; providing waiver;
20 authorizing assessment of fees and costs upon certain
21 finding; providing procedure for issuance of
22 emergency temporary order of protection; requiring
23 certain entity to develop form; requiring inclusion
24 of certain information in order; providing procedures
for service of certain documents; providing for
statewide validity and transfer; requiring submission
of return of service; requiring hearing within
certain period of time upon certain finding;
providing for continuance; providing for automatic
renewal; providing time limit for service of process
upon the defendant; requiring court order for
dismissal; authorizing court to impose certain terms
and conditions; requiring certain entity to develop
form; authorizing service of protective orders by
certain persons; providing time limitation
requirements; providing procedures for modifying,
extending, or vacating a protective order;
authorizing victim support at court proceedings;
providing procedures for sending orders to certain
agencies; requiring access to certain information;

1 providing penalties for violating protective order;
2 authorizing certain counseling; providing for
3 statewide validity of orders; providing for seizure
4 of weapons under certain circumstances; providing
5 procedures for seizure and forfeiture of weapons;
6 providing for arrest without warrant under certain
7 circumstance; requiring inclusion of certain
8 information on orders; authorizing issuance of
9 emergency temporary order of protection and
10 restraining order upon certain considerations;
11 providing for expungement of protective orders;
12 setting eligibility criteria for expungement;
13 providing procedures for expungement; defining terms;
14 requiring petition, notice, answer, and hearing
15 within certain time periods; requiring no objection
16 or certain court findings; construing effects of
17 sealing certain records; directing sealing of certain
18 records; allowing certain persons access to sealed
19 records; prohibiting denial of application by
20 employers for failure to disclose sealed information;
21 construing application of act; allowing destruction
22 of certain records after certain time period;
23 allowing certain evidence from sealed records for
24 certain purpose; 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 24-100.11 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protection for
School Employees Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.12 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 As used in the Protection for School Employees Act:

2 1. "Abuse" means any act of physical harm or the threat of
3 imminent physical harm, which is committed by an adult against a
4 school employee;

5 2. "School employee" includes each officer or employee in the
6 service of a school district or career technology center who is
7 employed, appointed, or elected by popular vote;

8 3. "Stalking" means the willful, malicious, and repeated
9 following of a school employee by an adult with the intent of
10 placing the school employee in reasonable fear of death or great
11 bodily injury; and

12 4. "Harassment" means a knowing and willful course or pattern
13 of conduct which seriously alarms or annoys the school employee and
14 which serves no legitimate purpose. The course of conduct must be
15 such as would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial
16 emotional distress, and must actually cause substantial distress to
17 the school employee. "Harassment" shall include, but not be limited
18 to, harassing or obscene telephone calls in violation of Section
19 1172 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes and fear of death or
20 bodily injury.

21 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.13 of Title 70, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. A school employee who is a victim of abuse, stalking, or
2 harassment may seek relief under the provisions of the Protection
3 for School Employees Act. A school employee shall not be allowed to
4 obtain a protective order against a student in the district
5 receiving services in compliance with the Individuals with
6 Disabilities in Education Act.

7 1. The school employee seeking relief may file a petition for a
8 protective order with the district court in the county in which the
9 school employee resides, the county in which the defendant resides,
10 or the county in which the abuse occurred. Prior to filing a
11 petition for a protective order with the district court, the school
12 employee seeking relief must file a complaint against the defendant
13 with the proper law enforcement agency. The school employee seeking
14 relief shall provide a copy of the complaint that was filed with the
15 law enforcement agency when filing the petition for a protective
16 order. The filing of a petition for a protective order shall not
17 require jurisdiction or venue of the criminal offense if either the
18 school employee or defendant resides in the county.

19 2. When the abuse occurs when the court is not open for
20 business, the school employee may request an emergency temporary
21 order of protection.

22 B. The petition forms shall be provided by the clerk of the
23 court. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall develop a
24 standard form for the petition.

1 C. 1. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no filing
2 fee, service of process fee, attorney fee, or any other fee or cost
3 shall be charged the school employee at any time for filing a
4 petition for a protective order whether a protective order is
5 granted or not granted. The court may assess court costs, service
6 of process fees, attorney fees, other fees and filing fees against
7 the defendant at the hearing on the petition, if a protective order
8 is granted against the defendant. The court shall have authority to
9 waive the costs and fees if the court finds that the defendant does
10 not have the ability to pay the costs and fees.

11 2. If the court makes specific findings that a petition for a
12 protective order has been filed frivolously, the court may assess
13 attorney fees and court costs against the school employee.

14 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.14 of Title 70, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. If a school employee requests an emergency temporary order
18 of protection pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 3
19 of this act, the court shall hold an ex parte hearing on the same
20 day the petition is filed if the court finds sufficient grounds
21 within the scope of the Protection for School Employees Act stated
22 in the petition to hold such a hearing. The court may, for good
23 cause shown at the hearing, issue any emergency temporary order of
24 protection that it finds necessary to protect the school employee

1 from immediate and present danger of abuse, stalking, or harassment.
2 The emergency temporary order of protection shall be in effect until
3 after the full hearing is conducted. Provided, if the defendant,
4 after having been served, does not appear at the hearing, the
5 emergency temporary order of protection shall remain in effect until
6 the defendant is served with the final protective order. If the
7 terms of the final protective order are the same as those in the
8 emergency temporary order of protection, or are less restrictive,
9 then it is not necessary to serve the defendant with the final
10 protective order.

11 B. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall develop a
12 standard form for emergency temporary orders of protection.

13 C. An emergency temporary order of protection authorized by
14 this section shall include the name, sex, race, date of birth of the
15 defendant, and the dates of issue and expiration of the protective
16 order.

17 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.15 of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. 1. A copy of the petition, notice of hearing and a copy of
21 any emergency temporary order of protection issued by the court
22 shall be served upon the defendant in the same manner as a bench
23 warrant. In addition, if the service is to be in another county,
24 the court clerk may issue service to the sheriff by facsimile or

1 other electronic transmission for service by the sheriff. Any fee
2 for service of an emergency temporary order of protection, petition
3 for protective order, and notice of hearing shall only be charged
4 pursuant to subsection C of Section 3 of this act and, if charged,
5 shall be the same as the service fee of the sheriff plus mileage
6 expenses.

7 2. An emergency temporary order of protection shall be given
8 priority for service and can be served twenty-four (24) hours a day
9 when the location of the defendant is known. When service cannot be
10 made upon the defendant by the sheriff, the sheriff may contact
11 another law enforcement officer, a private investigator, or private
12 process server to serve the defendant.

13 3. An emergency temporary order of protection, a petition for
14 protective order, and a notice of hearing shall have statewide
15 validity and may be transferred to any law enforcement jurisdiction
16 to effect service upon the defendant.

17 4. The return of service shall be submitted to the office of
18 the sheriff in the court where the petition, notice of hearing, or
19 order was issued.

20 B. 1. Within twenty (20) days of filing the petition for a
21 protective order, the court shall schedule a full hearing on the
22 petition, if the court finds sufficient grounds within the scope of
23 the Protection for School Employees Act stated in the petition to
24 hold such a hearing, regardless of whether an emergency temporary

1 order of protection has been previously issued, requested, or
2 denied.

3 2. If service has not been made on the defendant at the time of
4 the hearing, the court shall continue the hearing.

5 3. A petition for a protective order shall automatically renew
6 every twenty (20) days until the defendant is served. The time
7 limit in which to serve the defendant shall not exceed ninety (90)
8 days.

9 4. Failure to serve the defendant shall not be grounds for
10 dismissal of a petition or an ex parte order unless the school
11 employee requests dismissal.

12 C. At the hearing, the court may impose any terms and
13 conditions in the protective order that the court reasonably
14 believes are necessary to bring about the cessation of the abuse,
15 stalking, or harassment of the school employee, and may order the
16 defendant to obtain abuse counseling or treatment in a program at
17 the expense of the defendant.

18 D. Final protective orders authorized by this section shall be
19 on a standard form developed by the Administrative Director of the
20 Courts.

21 E. When necessary to protect the school employee and when
22 authorized by the court, protective orders granted pursuant to the
23 provisions of this section may be served upon the defendant by a
24 peace officer, sheriff, constable, or policeman or other officer

1 whose duty it is to preserve the peace, as defined by Section 99 of
2 Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 F. 1. Any protective order issued on or after the effective
4 date of this act, pursuant to subsection C of this section shall be
5 for a fixed period not to exceed a period of three (3) years unless
6 extended, modified, vacated, or rescinded upon motion by either
7 party or if the court approves any consent agreement entered into by
8 the school employee and defendant.

9 2. The court shall notify the parties at the time of the
10 issuance of the protective order of the duration of the protective
11 order.

12 3. Upon the filing of a motion by either party to modify,
13 extend, or vacate a protective order, a hearing shall be scheduled
14 and notice given to the parties. At the hearing, the issuing court
15 may take such action as is necessary under the circumstances.

16 G. The court may allow the school employee to be accompanied by
17 a victim support person at court proceedings. A victim support
18 person shall not make legal arguments; however, a victim support
19 person who is not a licensed attorney may offer the school employee
20 comfort or support and may remain in close proximity to the school
21 employee.

22 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.16 of Title 70, unless
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the return of service of
2 any emergency temporary order of protection or final protective
3 order, the clerk of the issuing court shall send certified copies of
4 the order to all appropriate law enforcement agencies designated by
5 the school employee. A certified copy of any extension,
6 modification, vacation, cancellation, or consent agreement
7 concerning a final protective order shall be sent within twenty-four
8 (24) hours by the clerk of the issuing court to those law
9 enforcement agencies receiving the original orders pursuant to this
10 section and to any law enforcement agencies designated by the court.

11 B. Any law enforcement agency receiving copies of the documents
12 listed in subsection A of this section shall be required to ensure
13 that other law enforcement agencies have access twenty-four (24)
14 hours a day to the information contained in the documents which may
15 include entry of information about the emergency temporary order of
16 protection or final protective order in the National Crime
17 Information Center database.

18 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.17 of Title 70, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Except as otherwise provided by this section, any person
22 who:

23 1. Has been served with an emergency temporary order of
24 protection or final protective order and is in violation of the

1 protective order shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor
2 punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars
3 (\$1,000.00) or by a term of imprisonment in the county jail of not
4 more than one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment;

5 2. After a previous conviction of a violation of a protective
6 order, is convicted of a second offense pursuant to the provisions
7 of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
8 fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than
9 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by a term of imprisonment in
10 the county jail of not less than ten (10) days nor more than one (1)
11 year, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and

12 3. After a previous conviction of a violation of a protective
13 order, is convicted of a third or subsequent offense pursuant to the
14 provisions of this section shall be guilty of a felony punishable by
15 a fine of not less than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) nor more
16 than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by a term of imprisonment
17 in the custody of the Department of Corrections of not less than one
18 (1) year nor more than three (3) years, or by both such fine and
19 imprisonment.

20 B. 1. Any person who has been served with an emergency
21 temporary order of protection or final protective order who violates
22 the protective order and causes physical injury or physical
23 impairment to the school employee shall, upon conviction, be guilty
24 of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand

1 Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by a term of imprisonment in the county jail
2 of not less than twenty (20) days nor more than one (1) year, or by
3 both such fine and imprisonment.

4 2. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent
5 violation of a protective order which causes physical injury or
6 physical impairment to a school employee shall be guilty of a felony
7 punishable by a fine of not less than Three Thousand Dollars
8 (\$3,000.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by a
9 term of imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections
10 of not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or by
11 both such fine and imprisonment.

12 3. In determining the term of imprisonment required by this
13 section, the jury or sentencing judge shall consider the degree of
14 physical injury or physical impairment to the school employee.

15 C. The minimum sentence of imprisonment issued pursuant to the
16 provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection A and paragraph 1 of
17 subsection B of this section shall not be subject to statutory
18 provisions for suspended sentences, deferred sentences, or
19 probation; provided, the court may subject any remaining penalty
20 under the jurisdiction of the court to the statutory provisions for
21 suspended sentences, deferred sentences, or probation.

22 D. In addition to any other penalty specified by this section,
23 the court shall require a defendant to undergo anger management
24 training.

1 E. At no time, under any proceeding, may a school employee
2 protected by a protective order be held to be in violation of that
3 protective order. Only a defendant against whom a protective order
4 has been issued may be held to have violated the order.

5 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.18 of Title 70, unless
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 All orders issued pursuant to the provisions of the Protection
9 for School Employees Act shall have statewide validity, unless
10 specifically modified or terminated by a judge of the district
11 court.

12 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.19 of Title 70, unless
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. Each peace officer of this state shall seize any weapon or
16 instrument when the peace officer has probable cause to believe the
17 weapon or instrument has been used to commit an act of abuse as
18 defined by Section 2 of this act, provided an arrest is made, if
19 possible, at the same time.

20 B. After any such seizure, the district attorney shall file a
21 notice of seizure and forfeiture as provided in this section within
22 ten (10) days of the seizure, or any weapon or instrument seized
23 pursuant to this section shall be returned to the owner.

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1 C. The seizure and forfeiture provisions of Section 991a-19 of
2 Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be followed for any seizure
3 and forfeiture of property pursuant to this section. No weapon or
4 instrument seized pursuant to this section or monies from the sale
5 of any seized weapon or instrument shall be turned over to the
6 person from whom the property was seized if a forfeiture action has
7 been filed within the time required by subsection B of this section,
8 unless authorized by this section. Provided further, the owner may
9 prove at the forfeiture hearing that the conduct giving rise to the
10 seizure was justified, and if the owner proves justification, the
11 seized property shall be returned to the owner. Any proceeds gained
12 from this seizure shall be placed in the Crime Victims Compensation
13 Revolving Fund.

14 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.20 of Title 70, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A peace officer, without a warrant, may arrest and take into
18 custody a person if the peace officer has reasonable cause to
19 believe that:

20 1. An emergency temporary order of protection or final
21 protective order has been issued and served upon the person,
22 pursuant to the provisions of the Protection for School Employees
23 Act;

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1 2. A true copy and proof of service of the order has been filed
2 with the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction of the area in
3 which the school employee resides or a certified copy of the order
4 and proof of service is presented to the peace officer;

5 3. The person named in the order has received notice of the
6 order and has had a reasonable time to comply with the order; and

7 4. The person named in the order has violated the order or is
8 then acting in violation of the order.

9 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.21 of Title 70, unless
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 In addition to any other provisions required by the Protection
13 for School Employees Act, or otherwise required by law, each
14 emergency temporary order of protection or final protective order
15 issued pursuant to the Protection for School Employees Act shall
16 have a statement printed in bold-faced type or in capital letters
17 containing the following information:

18 1. The filing or nonfiling of criminal charges and the
19 prosecution of the case shall not be determined by a person who is
20 protected by the protective order, but shall be determined by the
21 prosecutor;

22 2. No person, including a person who is protected by the order,
23 may give permission to anyone to ignore or violate any provision of
24 the order. During the time in which the order is valid, every

1 provision of the order shall be in full force and effect unless a
2 court changes the order;

3 3. The order will be in effect for three (3) years unless
4 extended, modified, vacated, or rescinded by the court;

5 4. A violation of the order is punishable by a fine of not more
6 than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment of not
7 more than one (1) year in the county jail, or by both such fine and
8 imprisonment. A violation of the order which causes injury is
9 punishable by imprisonment of not less than twenty (20) days nor
10 more than one (1) year in the county jail, or by a fine of not more
11 than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and
12 imprisonment; and

13 5. Possession of a firearm or ammunition by a defendant while
14 an order is in effect may subject the defendant to prosecution for a
15 violation of federal law even if the order does not specifically
16 prohibit the defendant from possession of a firearm or ammunition.

17 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.22 of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 The court shall consider the safety of the school employee where
21 the defendant is alleged to have violated a protective order,
22 committed assault and battery, or stalked the school employee prior
23 to the release of the alleged defendant from custody on bond. The
24 court, after consideration and to ensure the safety of the school

1 employee, may issue an emergency temporary order of protection
2 pursuant to the Protection for School Employees Act. The court may
3 also issue to the school employee an order restraining the alleged
4 defendant from any activity or action from which they may be
5 restrained under the Protection for School Employees Act. The
6 protective order shall remain in effect until either a plea has been
7 accepted, sentencing has occurred in the case, the case has been
8 dismissed, or until further order of the court dismissing the
9 protective order.

10 SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.23 of Title 70, unless
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. Persons authorized to file a motion for expungement of
14 protective order, issued pursuant to the Protection for School
15 Employees Act, must be within one of the following categories:

16 1. An emergency temporary order of protection was issued to the
17 school employee but later terminated due to dismissal of the
18 petition before the full hearing, or denial of the petition upon
19 full hearing, or failure of the school employee to appear for full
20 hearing, and at least ninety (90) days have passed since the date
21 set for full hearing;

22 2. The school employee filed a petition for a protective order
23 and failed to appear for the full hearing and at least ninety (90)
24 days have passed since the date last set by the court for the full

1 hearing, including the last date set for any continuance,
2 postponement, or rescheduling of the hearing;

3 3. The school employee or defendant has had the protective
4 order vacated and three (3) years have passed since the order to
5 vacate was entered; or

6 4. The defendant is deceased.

7 B. For purposes of this section:

8 1. "Expungement" means the sealing of protective order court
9 records from public inspection, but not from law enforcement
10 agencies, the court, or the district attorney;

11 2. "School employee" means the person who sought the protective
12 order for cause; and

13 3. "Defendant" means the person to whom the protective order
14 was directed.

15 C. 1. Any defendant qualified under subsection A of this
16 section may petition the district court of the district in which the
17 protective order pertaining to the defendant is located for the
18 expungement and sealing of the court records from public inspection.
19 The face of the petition shall state whether the defendant in the
20 protective order has been convicted of any violation of the
21 protective order and whether any prosecution or complaint is pending
22 in this state or any other state for a violation or alleged
23 violation of the protective order that is sought to be expunged.
24 The petition shall further state the authority pursuant to

1 subsection A of this section for eligibility for requesting the
2 expungement. The school employee shall be mailed a copy of the
3 petition by certified mail within ten (10) days of filing the
4 petition. A written answer or objection may be filed by the school
5 employee within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice and
6 petition.

7 2. Upon the filing of a petition, the court shall set a date
8 for a hearing and shall provide at least a thirty-day notice of the
9 hearing to all parties to the protective order, the district
10 attorney, and any other person or agency whom the court has reason
11 to believe may have relevant information related to the sealing of
12 the protective order court record.

13 3. Without objection from the school employee or upon a finding
14 that the harm to the privacy of the defendant or dangers of
15 unwarranted adverse consequences outweigh the public safety
16 interests in retaining the records, the court may order the court
17 record, or any part thereof, to be sealed from public inspection.
18 Any order entered pursuant to this section shall not limit or
19 restrict any law enforcement agency, the district attorney or the
20 court from accessing said records without the necessity of a court
21 order. Any order entered pursuant to this subsection may be
22 appealed by any party to the protective order or by the district
23 attorney to the Oklahoma Supreme Court in accordance with the rules
24 of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

1 4. Upon the entry of an order to expunge and seal from public
2 inspection a protective order court record, or any part thereof, the
3 subject official actions shall be deemed never to have occurred, and
4 the defendant and public may properly reply, upon any inquiry in the
5 matter, that no such action ever occurred and that no such record
6 exists with respect to the defendant.

7 5. Inspection of the protective order court records included in
8 the expungement order issued pursuant to this section may thereafter
9 be permitted only upon petition by the defendant or school employee,
10 or without petition by the district attorney or a law enforcement
11 agency in the due course of investigation of a crime.

12 6. Employers, educational institutions, state and local
13 government agencies, officials, and employees shall not require, in
14 any application or interview or otherwise, an applicant to disclose
15 any information contained in sealed protective order court records.
16 An applicant need not, in answer to any question concerning the
17 records, provide information that has been sealed, including any
18 reference to or information concerning the sealed information, and
19 may state that no such action has ever occurred. The application
20 may not be denied solely because of the refusal of the applicant to
21 disclose protective order court records information that has been
22 sealed.

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1 7. The provisions of this section shall apply to all protective
2 order court records existing in the district courts of this state
3 on, before and after the effective date of this section.

4 8. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the
5 physical destruction of any court records, except as otherwise
6 provided by law for records no longer required to be maintained by
7 the court.

8 9. For the purposes of this section, sealed materials which are
9 recorded in the same document as unsealed material may be recorded
10 in a separate document, and sealed, then obliterated in the original
11 document.

12 10. For the purposes of this act, the district court index
13 reference of sealed material shall be destroyed, removed, or
14 obliterated.

15 11. Any record ordered to be sealed pursuant to this section
16 may be obliterated or destroyed after a period of ten (10) years.

17 12. Nothing herein shall prohibit the introduction of evidence
18 regarding actions sealed pursuant to the provisions of this section
19 at any hearing or trial for purposes of impeaching the credibility
20 of a witness or as evidence of character testimony pursuant to
21 Section 2608 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22 SECTION 14. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.
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