

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 6, 2008

House Bill No. 2810

HOUSE BILL NO. 2810 - By: PETERSON (PAM), BIGHORSE, KERN AND PITTMAN
of the House.

An Act relating to marriage; creating the Protective Parent Reform Act;
prohibiting certain circumstances to act as a cause for the modification of
custody; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 112.4 of Title 43, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protective Parent Reform Act".

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
6 Statutes as Section 112.5 of Title 43, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
7 reads as follows:

8 A court shall not restrict or modify the custody or visitation between a parent and a
9 child based solely on one or more of the following actions taken by that parent:

10 1. A good faith allegation based on a reasonable belief supported by fact that the
11 parent's child or any other child present with the parent's child is the victim of:

12 a. child abuse,

13 b. neglect,

1 c. the effects of domestic violence, or

2 d. the effects of family violence; or

3 2. A lawful and good faith action in response to the reasonable belief provided for in
4 paragraph 1 of this section to protect the child or seek treatment for the child, including
5 but not limited to reporting these allegations to the appropriate authorities.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, dated 03-05-08 -
8 DO PASS, As Coauthored.