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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1892

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8 An Act relating to domestic violence; amending 21 O.S. 2001, Section 644, as
9 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 403, O.S.L. 2008 (21 O.S. Supp. 2008,
10 Section 644), which relates to assault and battery and domestic abuse; modifying
11 certain definition; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 644, as last amended by Section 1,
14 Chapter 403, O.S.L. 2008 (21 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 644), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 644. A. Assault shall be punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding
16 thirty (30) days, or by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both such fine
17 and imprisonment.

18 B. Assault and battery shall be punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding ninety
19 (90) days, or by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and
20 imprisonment.

21 C. Any person who commits any assault and battery against a current or former spouse, a
22 present spouse of a former spouse, parents, a foster parent, a child, a person otherwise related by blood
23 or marriage, a person with whom the defendant is in a dating relationship as defined by Section 60.1 of
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1 Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an individual with whom the defendant has had a child, a person
2 who formerly lived in the same household as the defendant, or a person living in the same household
3 as the defendant shall be guilty of domestic abuse. Upon conviction, the defendant shall be punished
4 by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or by a fine not exceeding Five
5 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. Upon conviction for a second
6 or subsequent offense, the person shall be punished by imprisonment in the custody of the Department
7 of Corrections for not more than four (4) years, or by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars
8 (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. The provisions of Section 51.1 of this title shall
9 not apply to any second or subsequent offense.

10 D. Any person convicted of domestic abuse as defined in subsection C of this section that results
11 in great bodily injury to the victim shall be guilty of a felony and punished by imprisonment in the
12 custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than ten (10) years, or by imprisonment in the
13 county jail for not more than one (1) year. The provisions of Section 51.1 of this title shall apply to
14 any second or subsequent conviction of a violation of this subsection.

15 E. Any person convicted of domestic abuse as defined in subsection C of this section that was
16 committed in the presence of a child shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less
17 than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year, or by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars
18 (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent
19 domestic abuse as defined in subsection C of this section that was committed in the presence of a child
20 shall be punished by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than
21 one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or by a fine not exceeding Seven Thousand Dollars
22 (\$7,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. The provisions of Section 51.1 of this title shall
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1 not apply to any second or subsequent offense. For every conviction of domestic abuse, the court
2 shall:

3 1. Specifically order as a condition of a suspended sentence or probation that a defendant
4 participate in counseling or undergo treatment to bring about the cessation of domestic abuse as
5 specified in paragraph 2 of this subsection;

6 2. a. The court shall require the defendant to participate in counseling or undergo
7 treatment for domestic abuse by an individual licensed practitioner or a domestic
8 abuse treatment program certified by the Attorney General. If the defendant is
9 ordered to participate in a domestic abuse counseling or treatment program, the
10 order shall require the defendant to attend the program for a minimum of fifty-two
11 (52) weeks, complete the program, and be evaluated before and after attendance
12 of the program by a program counselor or a private counselor.

13 b. A program for anger management, couples counseling, or family and marital
14 counseling shall not solely qualify for the counseling or treatment requirement for
15 domestic abuse pursuant to this subsection. The counseling may be ordered in
16 addition to counseling specifically for the treatment of domestic abuse or per
17 evaluation as set forth below. If, after sufficient evaluation and attendance at
18 required counseling sessions, the domestic violence treatment program or licensed
19 professional determines that the defendant does not evaluate as a perpetrator of
20 domestic violence or does evaluate as a perpetrator of domestic violence and
21 should complete other programs of treatment simultaneously or prior to domestic
22 violence treatment, including but not limited to programs related to the mental
23 health, apparent substance or alcohol abuse or inability or refusal to manage
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1 anger, the defendant shall be ordered to complete the counseling as per the
2 recommendations of the domestic violence treatment program or licensed
3 professional;

- 4 3. a. The court shall set a review hearing no more than one hundred twenty (120) days
5 after the defendant is ordered to participate in a domestic abuse counseling
6 program or undergo treatment for domestic abuse to assure the attendance and
7 compliance of the defendant with the provisions of this subsection and the
8 domestic abuse counseling or treatment requirements. The court may suspend
9 sentencing of the defendant until the defendant has presented proof to the court of
10 enrollment in a program of treatment for domestic abuse by an individual licensed
11 practitioner or a domestic abuse treatment program certified by the Attorney
12 General and attendance at weekly sessions of such program. Such proof shall be
13 presented to the court by the defendant no later than one hundred twenty (120)
14 days after the defendant is ordered to such counseling or treatment. At such time,
15 the court may complete sentencing, beginning the period of the sentence from the
16 date that proof of enrollment is presented to the court, and schedule reviews as
17 required by subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph and paragraphs 4 and 5 of
18 this subsection.
- 19 b. The court shall set a second review hearing after the completion of the counseling
20 or treatment to assure the attendance and compliance of the defendant with the
21 provisions of this subsection and the domestic abuse counseling or treatment
22 requirements. The court shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the defendant
23 during the course of ordered counseling through the final review hearing;
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1 4. The court may set subsequent or other review hearings as the court determines necessary to
2 assure the defendant attends and fully complies with the provisions of this subsection and the domestic
3 abuse counseling or treatment requirements;

4 5. At any review hearing, if the defendant is not satisfactorily attending individual counseling or
5 a domestic abuse counseling or treatment program or is not in compliance with any domestic abuse
6 counseling or treatment requirements, the court may order the defendant to further or continue
7 counseling, treatment, or other necessary services. The court may revoke all or any part of a
8 suspended sentence, deferred sentence, or probation pursuant to Section 991b of Title 22 of the
9 Oklahoma Statutes and subject the defendant to any or all remaining portions of the original sentence;

10 6. At the first review hearing, the court shall require the defendant to appear in court.
11 Thereafter, for any subsequent review hearings, the court may accept a report on the progress of the
12 defendant from individual counseling, domestic abuse counseling, or the treatment program. There
13 shall be no requirement for the victim to attend review hearings; and

14 7. If funding is available, a referee may be appointed and assigned by the presiding judge of the
15 district court to hear designated cases set for review under this subsection. Reasonable compensation
16 for the referees shall be fixed by the presiding judge. The referee shall meet the requirements and
17 perform all duties in the same manner and procedure as set forth in Sections 7003-8.6 and 7303-7.5 of
18 Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes pertaining to referees appointed in juvenile proceedings.

19 The defendant may be required to pay all or part of the cost of the counseling or treatment, in the
20 discretion of the court.

21 F. As used in subsection E of this section, “in the presence of a child” means in the physical
22 presence of a child; or having knowledge that a child is present and may see or hear an act of domestic
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1 violence. For the purposes of subsections C and E of this section, “child” may be any child whether or
2 not related to the victim or the defendant.

3 G. For the purposes of subsections C and ~~E~~ F of this section, any conviction for assault and
4 battery against a current or former spouse, a present spouse of a former spouse, parents, a foster parent,
5 a child, a person otherwise related by blood or marriage, a person with whom the defendant is in a
6 dating relationship as defined by Section 60.1 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an individual with
7 whom the defendant has had a child, a person who formerly lived in the same household as the
8 defendant, or any person living in the same household as the defendant, shall constitute a sufficient
9 basis for a felony charge:

10 1. If that conviction is rendered in any state, county or parish court of record of this or any other
11 state; or

12 2. If that conviction is rendered in any municipal court of record of this or any other state for
13 which any jail time was served; provided, no conviction in a municipal court of record entered prior to
14 November 1, 1997, shall constitute a prior conviction for purposes of a felony charge.

15 H. Any person who commits any assault and battery with intent to cause great bodily harm by
16 strangulation or attempted strangulation against a current or former spouse, a present spouse of a
17 former spouse, parents, a foster parent, a child, a person otherwise related by blood or marriage, a
18 person with whom the defendant is in a dating relationship as defined by Section 60.1 of Title 22 of the
19 Oklahoma Statutes, an individual with whom the defendant has had a child, a person who formerly
20 lived in the same household as the defendant, or a person living in the same household as the defendant
21 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of domestic abuse by strangulation and shall be punished by
22 imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a period of not less than one (1) year
23 nor more than three (3) years, or by a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or by
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1 both such fine and imprisonment. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the defendant shall be
2 punished by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a period of not less than
3 three (3) years nor more than ten (10) years, or by a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars
4 (\$20,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. As used in this subsection, “strangulation”
5 means a any form of asphyxia; including, but not limited to, asphyxia characterized by closure of the
6 blood vessels or air passages of the neck as a result of external pressure on the neck or the closure of
7 the nostrils or mouth as a result of external pressure on the head.

8 I. Any district court of this state and any judge thereof shall be immune from any liability or
9 prosecution for issuing an order that requires a defendant to:

- 10 1. Attend a treatment program for domestic abusers certified by the Attorney General;
- 11 2. Attend counseling or treatment services ordered as part of any suspended or deferred sentence
12 or probation; and
- 13 3. Attend, complete, and be evaluated before and after attendance by a treatment program for
14 domestic abusers, certified by the Attorney General.

15 J. There shall be no charge of fees or costs to any victim of domestic violence, stalking, or
16 sexual assault in connection with the prosecution of a domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault
17 offense in this state.

18 K. In the course of prosecuting any charge of domestic abuse, stalking, harassment, rape, or
19 violation of a protective order, the prosecutor shall provide the court, prior to sentencing or any plea
20 agreement, a local history and any other available history of past convictions of the defendant within
21 the last ten (10) years relating to domestic abuse, stalking, harassment, rape, violation of a protective
22 order, or any other violent misdemeanor or felony convictions.

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L. For purposes of subsection ~~D~~ E of this section, “great bodily injury” means bone fracture, protracted and obvious disfigurement, protracted loss or impairment of the function of a body part, organ or mental faculty, or substantial risk of death.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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