

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2543

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to marriage; amending 43 O.S. 2001,
7 Section 107.2, which relates to court authority to
8 require certain educational programs; making marital
9 counseling mandatory; specifying requirements;
10 requiring filing of certain proof with petition; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43 O.S. 2001, Section 107.2, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 107.2 A. In all actions for divorce, the parties
16 seeking a divorce shall attend marital counseling before the filing
17 of the petition. The parties shall receive no less than one (1)
18 hour of divorce counseling from a licensed therapist or faith-based
19 counselor. Proof of completion of requirement shall be filed with
20 the petition for divorce.

21 B. In all actions for divorce, separate maintenance,
22 guardianship, paternity, custody or visitation, including
23 modifications or enforcements of a prior court order, where the
24 interest of a child under eighteen (18) years of age is involved,

1 the court may require all adult parties to attend an educational
2 program concerning, as appropriate, the impact of separate parenting
3 and coparenting on children, the implications for visitation and
4 conflict management, development of children, separate financial
5 responsibility for children and such other instruction as deemed
6 necessary by the court. The program shall be educational in nature
7 and not designed for individual therapy.

8 B. C. Each judicial district may adopt its own local rules
9 governing the ~~program~~ implementation of subsections A and B of this
10 section.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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