

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1423

By: Biggs and Cooksey of the  
House

and

David of the Senate

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 455, which relates to testimony by witnesses; expanding scope of certain prohibited act; updating language; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Testimony and production of documents

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 455, is amended to read as follows:

Section 455. A. Every person who willfully prevents or attempts to prevent any person from giving testimony or producing any record, document or other object, who has been duly summoned or subpoenaed or endorsed on the criminal information or juvenile petition as a witness, or who makes a report of abuse or neglect pursuant to ~~Sections 7103 and 7104~~ Section 1-2-101 of Title ~~10~~ 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes or Section 10-104 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, or who is a witness to any reported crime, or threatens or procures physical or mental harm through force or fear with the intent to prevent any witness from appearing in court to give his or her testimony or produce any record, document or other object, or to alter his or her testimony is, upon conviction, guilty of a felony punishable by not less than one (1) year nor more than ten (10) years in the ~~State Penitentiary~~ custody of the Department of Corrections.

B. Every person who threatens physical harm through force or fear or causes or procures physical harm to be done to any person or harasses any person or causes a person to be harassed because of testimony given by such person in any civil or criminal trial or proceeding, or who makes a report of abuse or neglect pursuant to ~~Sections 7103 and 7104~~ Section 1-2-101 of Title ~~40~~ 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes or Section 10-104 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, is, upon conviction, guilty of a felony punishable by not less than one (1) year nor more than ten (10) years in the ~~State Penitentiary~~ custody of the Department of Corrections.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 17th day of April, 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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