

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

By: Martinez and Biggs of the  
House

and

Bice of the Senate

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An Act relating to domestic violence; creating the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Court Act of 2017; providing short title; authorizing establishment of domestic violence courts; defining term; allowing appointment of judge to preside over multiple criminal and civil cases; authorizing the Administrative Office of the Courts to promulgate rules, procedures and forms; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; 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 not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Domestic Violence Court Act of 2017".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 61 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. Subject to the availability of funds, any district or  
2 municipal court of record of this state may establish and maintain a  
3 domestic violence court program pursuant to the provisions of this  
4 section.

5       B. For purposes of this section, "domestic violence court"  
6 means a specialized judicial process for domestic matters both civil  
7 and criminal in nature that arise out of the same family or domestic  
8 circumstance.

9       C. The presiding judge of a district or municipal court of  
10 record may appoint an individual judge to preside over related  
11 criminal, family and matrimonial matters that arise in the context  
12 of domestic violence. Criminal domestic violence charges,  
13 protective orders and any actions for divorce, separate maintenance,  
14 guardianship, adoption or any other proceeding involving custody or  
15 visitation between the same parties may be presented to the domestic  
16 violence court.

17       D. The Administrative Office of the Courts may promulgate  
18 rules, procedures and forms necessary to implement a domestic  
19 violence court to ensure statewide uniformity.

20       SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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