

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE BILL 1121

 By: Biggs

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to domestic violence; creating the
9 Oklahoma Integrated Domestic Violence Court Act of
10 2017; authorizing counties to establish and maintain
 integrated domestic violence courts; defining term;
11 allowing single judge to preside over multiple
 criminal and civil cases; authorizing the
12 Administrative Office of the Courts to promulgate
 rules, procedures and forms; providing for
13 codification; providing for noncodification; and
 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
18 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

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

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

1 A. Any district or municipal court of this state may establish
2 and maintain an integrated domestic violence court program pursuant
3 to the provisions of this section and subject to the availability of
4 funds.

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

9 C. In order to simplify the process and ensure effective case
10 resolution, a single judge shall preside over related criminal,
11 family and matrimonial matters that arise in the context of domestic
12 violence. Criminal domestic violence charges, protective orders and
13 any actions for divorce, separate maintenance, guardianship,
14 adoption or any other proceeding involving custody or visitation
15 between the same intimate partners may be presented to the
16 integrated domestic violence court.

17 D. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall promulgate
18 rules, procedures and forms necessary to implement an integrated
19 domestic violence court to ensure statewide uniformity in procedures
20 and forms.

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

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND
24 CORRECTIONS, dated 02/08/2017 - DO PASS.