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April 12, 2017

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FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

By: Martinez and Biggs of the
House

and

Bice, Loveless, and
Bergstrom of the Senate

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[ domestic violence - Oklahoma Domestic Violence
Court Act of 2017 - codification - noncodification -
effective date ]
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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:

A. Subject to the availability of funds, any district or municipal court of record of this state may establish and maintain a

1 domestic violence court program pursuant to the provisions of this
2 section.

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

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

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

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

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
20 April 12, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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