

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

SENATE BILL 121

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to fines and fees; allowing for an alternative means of payment of certain past due criminal fees and court costs; making certain options known to defendants; providing for codification; 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 to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1115.1B of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act applies only to the payment of:

1. A fine and/or court costs associated with the conviction of a misdemeanor offense by a defendant; or

2. A judgement for fines and/or court costs of a defendant convicted of any offense, if a failure to pay warrant has been issued in the case.

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the court may adopt an alternative procedure for collecting an outstanding payment described in subsection A of this section. Under this procedure, a

1 peace officer who is authorized to make a lawful arrest of a  
2 defendant pursuant to an outstanding warrant:

3 1. May inform the defendant of:

- 4 a. the option of making an immediate payment of the fine  
5 and related court costs for the outstanding warrant or  
6 warrants by use of a credit or debit card,
- 7 b. the defendant's available alternative to making an  
8 immediate payment, and
- 9 c. may accept, on behalf of the court, the defendant's  
10 immediate payment of the fine and related court costs  
11 by use of a credit or debit card, after which the  
12 peace officer must release the defendant.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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