

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 HOUSE BILL 1974

 By: Ford

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to criminal procedure; authorizing
9 courts to defer payment of outstanding fines, court
10 costs and fees under certain circumstances; providing
11 for the waiver or reduction of fines, courts costs
12 and fees under certain circumstances; prohibiting the
13 deferment, waiver or reduction of restitution or
14 child support obligations; providing for
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 983c of Title 22, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Beginning November 1, 2019, the court shall have the
20 authority to defer payment of all outstanding fines, courts costs
21 and fees in a criminal case for any person who:

22 1. Served a period of imprisonment in the custody of the
23 Department of Corrections after conviction for a crime;

1 2. Has been released from the custody of the Department of
2 Corrections;

3 3. Has complied with all probation or supervision requirements
4 since being released from the custody of the Department of
5 Corrections; and

6 4. Not less than thirty (30) days after release from custody of
7 the Department of Corrections, has secured admission to and enrolled
8 in an institution which is a member of The Oklahoma State System of
9 Higher Education or a career and technology education program and
10 has provided proof of such admission and enrollment to the court.

11 B. Upon successful graduation or completion of training and
12 course work required for certification, the court shall have the
13 authority to waive or reduce all outstanding fines, court costs and
14 fees owed by the person in every felony or misdemeanor case filed in
15 a district court or criminal case filed in a municipal court of this
16 state.

17 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to amounts
18 owed by the person for restitution to a victim pursuant to a court
19 order or child support obligations pursuant to a court order.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 02/26/2019 - DO
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