

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL NO. 39

By: Bergstrom

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to outstanding fines and fees; directing automatic deferral of certain fines, court costs and fees; stating certain participants; providing exception; authorizing certain action; repealing Section 1, Chapter 392, O.S.L. 2016 (22 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 983a), which relates to authority to waive fines, court costs and fees; 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 983c of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. On or after November 1, 2019, the court shall direct an automatic twelve-month deferral of all outstanding fines, court costs and fees in a criminal case for any person who:

1. Is eligible to hold a driver license in this state;
2. Served a period of imprisonment in the custody of the State Department of Corrections after conviction for a crime;

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

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

6 B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to amounts
7 owed by the person for restitution to a victim pursuant to a court
8 order or child support obligations pursuant to a court order.

9 C. At the conclusion of the automatic deferral time period, the
10 court shall have the authority to:

11 1. Extend the time period for payment of outstanding fines,
12 court costs or fees;

13 2. Enter into an installment payment plan for the remaining
14 balance of outstanding fines, court costs or fees; or

15 3. Waive all outstanding fines, court costs or fees.

16 SECTION 2. REPEALER Section 1, Chapter 392, O.S.L. 2016
17 (22 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 983a), is hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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