

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3023 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Justin Humphrey

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 3023

By: Humphrey

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to whistleblower protection; stating public policy; defining term; prescribing criminal punishment for certain actions; providing for incarceration; providing for imposition of fine; providing for civil cause of action; specifying recoverable damages; providing for award of attorney fees; providing for award of costs; 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 25001 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is the public policy of this state to protect those persons disclosing wrongdoing by state agencies, political subdivisions, public trusts, and those in the private sector who have supervisory or other controls over persons in their workplace who report

1 wrongdoing without fear or threat of retaliation. Such persons
2 reporting wrongdoing shall be known as "whistleblowers".

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 25002 of Title 74, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. As used in this section "retaliation" means any threat or
7 action to terminate, demote, refusal to promote, threaten or
8 intimidate a whistle blower who reports wrongdoing.

9 B. Any public official and/or employee, employer or employee
10 who supervises a whistleblower that engages in an action or activity
11 that violated public policy as defined in Section 1 of this act for
12 reporting wrongdoing shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
13 incarceration for up to one (1) year and a Five Thousand Dollar
14 (\$5,000.00) fine, and liable civilly for all economic, emotional and
15 mental anguish directly caused thereby together with punitive
16 damages, and such person shall be prohibited from holding any public
17 office or employment.

18 C. Any whistle blower who successfully prosecutes an action
19 under this act shall be entitled to a reasonable attorney fee
20 together with costs.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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