

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2588

By: Humphrey

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to alternative court programs;
8 directing the Administrative Office of the Courts to
9 create and implement a consolidation plan for
10 alternative court programs; placing alternative court
11 programs under the supervision and control of the
12 Administrative Office of the Courts; stating
13 requirements of consolidation; providing time
14 limitation; requiring collaboration with certain
15 state agencies, entities and program providers;
16 requiring submission of annual report; providing for
17 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3001 of Title 22, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. Upon the effective date of this act, the Administrative
Office of the Courts shall create and implement a plan to
consolidate all alternative court programs in the State of Oklahoma
including, but not limited to, drug courts as authorized pursuant to
the Oklahoma Drug Court Act, mental health courts as authorized
pursuant to the Anna McBride Act, and domestic violence courts as

1 authorized pursuant to Section 61 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma
2 Statutes. The alternative court programs shall be placed under the
3 supervision and control of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

4 B. The alternative court structure within the Administrative
5 Office of the Courts shall be organized in a manner that, among
6 other things, provides for centralized services and combines the
7 administrative functions of the various alternative court programs
8 in order to increase efficiencies and eliminate the duplication and
9 overlapping of said functions.

10 C. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall have three (3)
11 years from the effective date of this act to implement and establish
12 the new organizational structure within the Administrative Office of
13 the Courts.

14 D. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall collaborate
15 with the District Attorneys Council, the various alternative court
16 programs, program providers, and any other state agencies deemed
17 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

18 E. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall prepare
19 annually and distribute to the chair of the Criminal Justice and
20 Corrections Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representative and
21 the chair of the Judiciary committee of the Oklahoma State Senate a
22 report detailing the status of the consolidation, and the
23 administrative costs, if any, required to administer and fully
24 implement the provisions of this act.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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