

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1046

By: Weaver of the Senate  
and  
Manger of the House

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6 An Act relating to domestic abuse; amending 21 O.S.  
7 2021, Section 644, which relates to assault and  
8 battery; making first offense of domestic abuse  
9 against a pregnant woman a felony; increasing certain  
10 term of imprisonment; and declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 644, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 644. A. Assault shall be punishable by imprisonment in  
15 a county jail not exceeding thirty (30) days, or by a fine of not  
16 more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both such fine and  
17 imprisonment.

18 B. Assault and battery shall be punishable by imprisonment in a  
19 county jail not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by a fine of not more  
20 than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and  
21 imprisonment.

22 C. Any person who commits any assault and battery against a  
23 current or former intimate partner or a family or household member  
24 as defined by Section 60.1 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes

1 shall be guilty of domestic abuse. Upon conviction, the defendant  
2 shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more  
3 than one (1) year, or by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars  
4 (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. Upon conviction  
5 for a second or subsequent offense, the person shall be punished by  
6 imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not  
7 more than four (4) years, or by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand  
8 Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. The  
9 provisions of Section 51.1 of this title shall apply to any second  
10 or subsequent offense.

11 D. 1. Any person who, with intent to do bodily harm and  
12 without justifiable or excusable cause, commits any assault,  
13 battery, or assault and battery upon an intimate partner or a family  
14 or household member as defined by Section 60.1 of Title 22 of the  
15 Oklahoma Statutes with any sharp or dangerous weapon, upon  
16 conviction, is guilty of domestic assault or domestic assault and  
17 battery with a dangerous weapon which shall be a felony and  
18 punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of  
19 Corrections not exceeding ten (10) years, or by imprisonment in a  
20 county jail not exceeding one (1) year. The provisions of Section  
21 51.1 of this title shall apply to any second or subsequent  
22 conviction for a violation of this paragraph.

23 2. Any person who, without such cause, shoots an intimate  
24 partner or a family or household member as defined by Section 60.1

1 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes by means of any deadly weapon  
2 that is likely to produce death shall, upon conviction, be guilty of  
3 domestic assault and battery with a deadly weapon which shall be a  
4 felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department  
5 of Corrections not exceeding life. The provisions of Section 51.1  
6 of this title shall apply to any second or subsequent conviction for  
7 a violation of this paragraph.

8 E. 1. Any person convicted of domestic abuse committed against  
9 a pregnant woman with knowledge of the pregnancy shall be guilty of  
10 a ~~misdemeanor~~ felony, punishable by imprisonment in the ~~county jail~~  
11 custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than ~~one (1)~~  
12 year five (5) years.

13 2. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense of  
14 domestic abuse against a pregnant woman with knowledge of the  
15 pregnancy shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment in  
16 the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than ten  
17 (10) years.

18 3. Any person convicted of domestic abuse committed against a  
19 pregnant woman with knowledge of the pregnancy and a miscarriage  
20 occurs or injury to the unborn child occurs shall be guilty of a  
21 felony, punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department  
22 of Corrections for not less than twenty (20) years.

23 F. Any person convicted of domestic abuse as defined in  
24 subsection C of this section that results in great bodily injury to

1 the victim shall be guilty of a felony and punished by imprisonment  
2 in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than  
3 ten (10) years, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more  
4 than one (1) year. The provisions of Section 51.1 of this title  
5 shall apply to any second or subsequent conviction of a violation of  
6 this subsection.

7 G. Any person convicted of domestic abuse as defined in  
8 subsection C of this section that was committed in the presence of a  
9 child shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not  
10 less than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year, or by a fine  
11 not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such  
12 fine and imprisonment. Any person convicted of a second or  
13 subsequent domestic abuse as defined in subsection C of this section  
14 that was committed in the presence of a child shall be punished by  
15 imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not  
16 less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or by a fine  
17 not exceeding Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00), or by both such  
18 fine and imprisonment. The provisions of Section 51.1 of this title  
19 shall apply to any second or subsequent offense. For every  
20 conviction of a domestic abuse crime in violation of any provision  
21 of this section committed against an intimate partner or a family or  
22 household member as defined by Section 60.1 of Title 22 of the  
23 Oklahoma Statutes, the court shall:

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1           1. Specifically order as a condition of a suspended or deferred  
2 sentence that a defendant participate in counseling or undergo  
3 treatment to bring about the cessation of domestic abuse as  
4 specified in paragraph 2 of this subsection;

5           2.    a.    The court shall require the defendant to complete an  
6                   assessment and follow the recommendations of a  
7                   batterers' intervention program certified by the  
8                   Attorney General. If the defendant is ordered to  
9                   participate in a batterers' intervention program, the  
10                  order shall require the defendant to attend the  
11                  program for a minimum of fifty-two (52) weeks,  
12                  complete the program, and be evaluated before and  
13                  after attendance of the program by program staff.  
14                  Three unexcused absences in succession or seven  
15                  unexcused absences in a period of fifty-two (52) weeks  
16                  from any court-ordered batterers' intervention program  
17                  shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of the  
18                  conditions of probation for the district attorney to  
19                  seek acceleration or revocation of any probation  
20                  entered by the court.

21           b.    A program for anger management, couples counseling, or  
22                  family and marital counseling shall not solely qualify  
23                  for the counseling or treatment requirement for  
24                  domestic abuse pursuant to this subsection. The

1 counseling may be ordered in addition to counseling  
2 specifically for the treatment of domestic abuse or  
3 per evaluation as set forth below. If, after  
4 sufficient evaluation and attendance at required  
5 counseling sessions, the domestic violence treatment  
6 program or licensed professional determines that the  
7 defendant does not evaluate as a perpetrator of  
8 domestic violence or does evaluate as a perpetrator of  
9 domestic violence and should complete other programs  
10 of treatment simultaneously or prior to domestic  
11 violence treatment, including but not limited to  
12 programs related to the mental health, apparent  
13 substance or alcohol abuse or inability or refusal to  
14 manage anger, the defendant shall be ordered to  
15 complete the counseling as per the recommendations of  
16 the domestic violence treatment program or licensed  
17 professional;

- 18 3. a. The court shall set a review hearing no more than one  
19 hundred twenty (120) days after the defendant is  
20 ordered to participate in a domestic abuse counseling  
21 program or undergo treatment for domestic abuse to  
22 assure the attendance and compliance of the defendant  
23 with the provisions of this subsection and the  
24 domestic abuse counseling or treatment requirements.

1 The court may suspend sentencing of the defendant  
2 until the defendant has presented proof to the court  
3 of enrollment in a program of treatment for domestic  
4 abuse by an individual licensed practitioner or a  
5 domestic abuse treatment program certified by the  
6 Attorney General and attendance at weekly sessions of  
7 such program. Such proof shall be presented to the  
8 court by the defendant no later than one hundred  
9 twenty (120) days after the defendant is ordered to  
10 such counseling or treatment. At such time, the court  
11 may complete sentencing, beginning the period of the  
12 sentence from the date that proof of enrollment is  
13 presented to the court, and schedule reviews as  
14 required by subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph  
15 and paragraphs 4 and 5 of this subsection. Three  
16 unexcused absences in succession or seven unexcused  
17 absences in a period of fifty-two (52) weeks from any  
18 court-ordered domestic abuse counseling or treatment  
19 program shall be prima facie evidence of the violation  
20 of the conditions of probation for the district  
21 attorney to seek acceleration or revocation of any  
22 probation entered by the court.

- 23 b. The court shall set a second review hearing after the  
24 completion of the counseling or treatment to assure

1 the attendance and compliance of the defendant with  
2 the provisions of this subsection and the domestic  
3 abuse counseling or treatment requirements. The court  
4 shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the  
5 defendant during the course of ordered counseling  
6 through the final review hearing;

7 4. The court may set subsequent or other review hearings as the  
8 court determines necessary to assure the defendant attends and fully  
9 complies with the provisions of this subsection and the domestic  
10 abuse counseling or treatment requirements;

11 5. At any review hearing, if the defendant is not  
12 satisfactorily attending individual counseling or a domestic abuse  
13 counseling or treatment program or is not in compliance with any  
14 domestic abuse counseling or treatment requirements, the court may  
15 order the defendant to further or continue counseling, treatment, or  
16 other necessary services. The court may revoke all or any part of a  
17 suspended sentence, deferred sentence, or probation pursuant to  
18 Section 991b of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes and subject the  
19 defendant to any or all remaining portions of the original sentence;

20 6. At the first review hearing, the court shall require the  
21 defendant to appear in court. Thereafter, for any subsequent review  
22 hearings, the court may accept a report on the progress of the  
23 defendant from individual counseling, domestic abuse counseling, or  
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1 the treatment program. There shall be no requirement for the victim  
2 to attend review hearings; and

3 7. If funding is available, a referee may be appointed and  
4 assigned by the presiding judge of the district court to hear  
5 designated cases set for review under this subsection. Reasonable  
6 compensation for the referees shall be fixed by the presiding judge.  
7 The referee shall meet the requirements and perform all duties in  
8 the same manner and procedure as set forth in Sections 1-8-103 and  
9 2-2-702 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes pertaining to referees  
10 appointed in juvenile proceedings.

11 The defendant may be required to pay all or part of the cost of  
12 the counseling or treatment, in the discretion of the court.

13 H. As used in subsection G of this section, "in the presence of  
14 a child" means in the physical presence of a child; or having  
15 knowledge that a child is present and may see or hear an act of  
16 domestic violence. For the purposes of subsections C and G of this  
17 section, "child" may be any child whether or not related to the  
18 victim or the defendant.

19 I. For the purposes of subsections C and G of this section, any  
20 conviction for assault and battery against an intimate partner or a  
21 family or household member as defined by Section 60.1 of Title 22 of  
22 the Oklahoma Statutes shall constitute a sufficient basis for a  
23 felony charge:

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1 1. If that conviction is rendered in any state, county or  
2 parish court of record of this or any other state; or

3 2. If that conviction is rendered in any municipal court of  
4 record of this or any other state for which any jail time was  
5 served; provided, no conviction in a municipal court of record  
6 entered prior to November 1, 1997, shall constitute a prior  
7 conviction for purposes of a felony charge.

8 J. Any person who commits any assault and battery with intent  
9 to cause great bodily harm by strangulation or attempted  
10 strangulation against an intimate partner or a family or household  
11 member as defined by Section 60.1 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma  
12 Statutes shall, upon conviction, be guilty of domestic abuse by  
13 strangulation and shall be punished by imprisonment in the custody  
14 of the Department of Corrections for a period of not less than one  
15 (1) year nor more than three (3) years, or by a fine of not more  
16 than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or by both such fine and  
17 imprisonment. Upon a second or subsequent conviction for a  
18 violation of this section, the defendant shall be punished by  
19 imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a  
20 period of not less than three (3) years nor more than ten (10)  
21 years, or by a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars  
22 (\$20,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. The provisions  
23 of Section 51.1 of this title shall apply to any second or  
24 subsequent conviction of a violation of this subsection. As used in

1 this subsection, "strangulation" means any form of asphyxia;  
2 including, but not limited to, asphyxia characterized by closure of  
3 the blood vessels or air passages of the neck as a result of  
4 external pressure on the neck or the closure of the nostrils or  
5 mouth as a result of external pressure on the head.

6 K. Any district court of this state and any judge thereof shall  
7 be immune from any liability or prosecution for issuing an order  
8 that requires a defendant to:

9 1. Attend a treatment program for domestic abusers certified by  
10 the Attorney General;

11 2. Attend counseling or treatment services ordered as part of  
12 any suspended or deferred sentence or probation; and

13 3. Attend, complete, and be evaluated before and after  
14 attendance by a treatment program for domestic abusers, certified by  
15 the Attorney General.

16 L. There shall be no charge of fees or costs to any victim of  
17 domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault in connection with  
18 the prosecution of a domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault  
19 offense in this state.

20 M. In the course of prosecuting any charge of domestic abuse,  
21 stalking, harassment, rape, or violation of a protective order, the  
22 prosecutor shall provide the court, prior to sentencing or any plea  
23 agreement, a local history and any other available history of past  
24 convictions of the defendant within the last ten (10) years relating

1 to domestic abuse, stalking, harassment, rape, violation of a  
2 protective order, or any other violent misdemeanor or felony  
3 convictions.

4 N. Any plea of guilty or finding of guilt for a violation of  
5 subsection C, F, G, I or J of this section shall constitute a  
6 conviction of the offense for the purpose of this act or any other  
7 criminal statute under which the existence of a prior conviction is  
8 relevant for a period of ten (10) years following the completion of  
9 any court imposed probationary term; provided, the person has not,  
10 in the meantime, been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral  
11 turpitude or a felony.

12 O. For purposes of subsection F of this section, "great bodily  
13 injury" means bone fracture, protracted and obvious disfigurement,  
14 protracted loss or impairment of the function of a body part, organ  
15 or mental faculty, or substantial risk of death.

16 P. Any pleas of guilty or nolo contendere or finding of guilt  
17 to a violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a  
18 conviction of the offense for the purpose of any subsection of this  
19 section under which the existence of a prior conviction is relevant  
20 for a period of ten (10) years following the completion of any  
21 sentence or court imposed probationary term.

22 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 Passed the Senate the 2nd day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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7 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
8 2023.

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