

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 701 defines “felt safety” as it relates to the Oklahoma Children’s Code to mean the individual experiences safety by not anticipating harm or hurt, emotionally or physically, based on his or her present internal response, environment, and has relational security from his or her primary caregivers. Safety evaluation is also modified to specify safety threats to children shall include the child’s physical, developmental, medical, mental, felt safety, or educational needs. A safety threat is defined as the threat of serious harm due to child abuse or neglect occurring in the present or in the very near future and without the intervention of another person, a child would likely or in all probability sustain severe or permanent disability or injury, mental or physical illness, or death.

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