

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 981

By: Gollihare of the Senate

and

Ford of the House

An Act relating to bail; amending 22 O.S. 2021, Section 1101, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 54, O.S.L. 2024 (22 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1101), which relates to offenses bailable; authorizing denial of bail under certain circumstance; updating statutory reference; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Bail

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2021, Section 1101, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 54, O.S.L. 2024 (22 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1101. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, bail, by sufficient sureties, shall be admitted upon all arrests in criminal cases where the offense is not punishable by death and in such cases it may be taken by any of the persons or courts authorized by law to arrest, to imprison offenders or to perform pretrial services, or by the clerk of the district court or his or her deputy, or by the judge of such courts.

B. In criminal cases where the defendant is currently an escaped prisoner from the Department of Corrections, the defendant must be processed back into the Department of Corrections prior to bail being set on new criminal charges.

C. All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except that bail may be denied for:

1. Capital offenses when the proof of guilt is evident, or the presumption thereof is great;

2. Violent offenses;

3. Offenses where the maximum sentence may be life imprisonment or life imprisonment without parole;

4. Felony offenses where the person charged with the offense has been convicted of two or more felony offenses arising out of different transactions; ~~and~~

5. Controlled dangerous substances offenses where the maximum sentence may be at least ten (10) years' imprisonment; and

6. Driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance if such person has previously been convicted with two felonies for driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance.

On all offenses specified in paragraphs 2 through ~~5~~ 6 of this subsection, the proof of guilt must be evident, or the presumption must be great, and it must be on the grounds that no condition of release would assure the safety of the community or any person.

D. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that no condition of release would assure the safety of the community if the state shows by clear and convincing evidence that the person was arrested for a violation of Section 741 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. If the person was arrested for any crime provided for in the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act or a violent crime provided for in Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the court shall be responsible for assessing prior patterns of abuse and shall present written findings on the bail amount.

F. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that no conditions of release on bond would assure the safety of the community or any

person therein if the state shows by clear and convincing evidence that:

1. The person was arrested for a violent offense and released on bond; and

2. While out on ~~said~~ bond, the person was subsequently arrested and charged for a violent crime as set forth for in Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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