

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1450

By: Daniels

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to criminal court costs and fees; amending 22 O.S. 2021, Sections 983a and 983b, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 29, O.S.L. 2022 (22 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 983b), which relate to waiver and ability to pay; modifying applicability of certain provisions; requiring waiver of certain costs and fees upon completion of certain requirements; specifying time period for timely payment; requiring substantial compliance of certain requirements; requiring certain waiver; updating statutory language; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2021, Section 983a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 983a. A. On or after ~~November 1, 2016~~ the effective date of this act, the court shall ~~have the authority to~~ waive all

1 outstanding fines, court costs, and fees in a criminal case for any
2 person who:

3 1. Served a period of imprisonment in the custody of the
4 Department of Corrections after conviction for a crime;

5 2. Has been released from the custody of the Department of
6 Corrections;

7 3. Has complied with all probation or supervision requirements
8 since being released from the custody of the Department of
9 Corrections; and

10 4. Has made installment payments on outstanding fines, court
11 costs, fees, and restitution ordered by the court on a timely basis
12 every month for the previous twenty-four (24) months following
13 release from the custody of the Department of Corrections, including
14 any payments made prior to the effective date of this act.

15 B. On or after the effective date of this act, the court shall
16 waive all outstanding fines, court costs, and fees in a criminal
17 case for any person who has made installment payments on outstanding
18 fines, court costs, fees, and restitution ordered by the court on a
19 timely basis for forty-eight (48) months in the previous sixty-month
20 period, including any payments made prior to the effective date of
21 this act. To be eligible for a waiver pursuant to this subsection,
22 the person shall have complied with all probation or supervision
23 requirements as ordered by the court.

1 C. 1. A payment shall be considered to be timely under this
2 section if the payment was made within thirty (30) days of the date
3 the payment originally became due.

4 2. The court shall grant a waiver under subsection A or B of
5 this section if the court finds that the person has substantially
6 complied with the requirements of such subsections.

7 3. For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed
8 to have complied with all probation or supervision requirements if
9 the court has not revoked a suspended sentence or accelerated a
10 deferred sentence for the person.

11 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to amounts
12 owed by the person for restitution to a victim pursuant to a court
13 order or child support obligations pursuant to a court order.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2021, Section 983b, as
15 amended by Section 2, Chapter 29, O.S.L. 2022 (22 O.S. Supp. 2025,
16 Section 983b), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 983b. A. Any person released on parole or released
18 without parole from a term of imprisonment with the Department of
19 Corrections shall be required to report at a time not less than one
20 hundred eighty (180) days after his or her release from the
21 Department of Corrections to:

22 1. The district court of the county from which the judgment and
23 sentence resulting in incarceration arose; and
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1 2. All other district courts or municipal courts where the
2 person owes fines, fees, costs, and assessments,
3 for the purpose of scheduling a hearing to determine the ability of
4 the person to pay fines, fees, costs, or assessments owed by the
5 person in every felony or misdemeanor criminal case filed in a
6 district court or criminal case filed in a municipal court of this
7 state. Such hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions
8 of Section VIII of the Rules of the Court of Criminal Appeals, 22
9 O.S. ~~2011~~ 2021, Ch. 18, App. A court may for good cause shown or in
10 its discretion continue such hearing for up to one hundred eighty
11 (180) days.

12 B. In determining the ability of the person to satisfy fines,
13 fees, costs, or assessments owed to a district or municipal court,
14 the court shall inquire of the person at the time of the hearing
15 which counties and municipalities the person owes fines, fees,
16 costs, or assessments in every felony or misdemeanor criminal case
17 filed against the person and shall consider all court-ordered debt,
18 including restitution and child support, in determining the ability
19 of the person to pay. In calculating and determining the ability of
20 a person to pay his or her fines, fees, costs, or assessments under
21 the provisions of this subsection, any monies received from a
22 federal or state government need-based assistance program shall not
23 be counted as personal income to pay for the legal and financial
24 obligations owed to the court. The court may reduce a person's

1 fines, fees, costs, or assessments if it is determined by the court
2 that the person does not have the ability to pay the fines, fees,
3 costs, or assessments. However, if the court determines that a
4 reduction in the fines, fees, costs, or assessments is warranted,
5 the court shall equally apply the same percentage reduction to the
6 fines, fees, costs, or assessments owed by the person. The person
7 shall not be required to pay any outstanding fines, fees, costs, or
8 assessments prior to the expiration of the one-hundred-eighty-day
9 period; provided, however, the person shall not be precluded from
10 voluntarily making payment toward the satisfaction of any fines,
11 fees, costs, or assessments due and owing to a district or municipal
12 court of this state.

13 C. On or after the effective date of this act, the court shall
14 waive all outstanding district or municipal court fines, costs,
15 fees, and assessments in a criminal case for any person who meets
16 the requirements of Section 983a of this title.

17 D. The Court of Criminal Appeals shall promulgate rules
18 governing the provisions of this section including, but not limited
19 to:

20 1. Reporting, hearing, and payment requirements as provided for
21 in subsections A and B of this section;

22 2. Consolidating district and municipal court fines, fees,
23 costs, or assessments owed by a person into one order for payment;
24 and

1 3. Accepting and distributing payments received for fines,
2 fees, costs, or assessments to various district and municipal courts
3 when consolidated by the court into one order for payment.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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