

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3243

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1125, as amended by Section 400, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1125), which relates to zones of safety; adding specific places to zone of safety prohibition; defining terms; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1125, as amended by Section 400, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1125), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1125. A. A zone of safety is hereby created around elementary, junior high and high schools, permitted or licensed child care centers as defined by the Department of Human Services, playgrounds, parks, indoor and outdoor fairgrounds or rodeo arenas, racetracks, or the residence of a victim of a sex crime.

1. A person is prohibited from loitering within five hundred (500) feet of any elementary, junior high or high school, permitted or licensed child care center, playground, ~~or~~ park, indoor and

1 outdoor fairground or rodeo arena, or racetrack, if the person has
2 been convicted of a crime that requires the person to register
3 pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act or the person has
4 been convicted of an offense in another jurisdiction, which offense
5 if committed or attempted in this state, would have been punishable
6 as one or more of the offenses listed in Section 582 of Title 57 of
7 the Oklahoma Statutes and the victim was a child under the age of
8 sixteen (16) years.

9 2. A person is prohibited from entering any ~~park~~ zone of safety
10 if:

- 11 a. the person has been designated as a habitual or
12 aggravated sex offender as provided in Section 584 of
13 Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or
- 14 b. the person has been convicted of an offense in another
15 jurisdiction, which offense, if committed or attempted
16 in this state, would designate the person as a
17 habitual or aggravated sex offender as provided in
18 Section 584 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

19 3. A person is prohibited from loitering within one thousand
20 (1,000) feet of the residence of his or her victim if:

- 21 a. the person who committed a sex crime against the
22 victim has been convicted of said crime, and
- 23 b. the person is required to register pursuant to the Sex
24 Offenders Registration Act.

1 B. A person convicted of a violation of subsection A of this
2 section shall be guilty of a Class D1 felony offense punishable by a
3 fine not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), or
4 by imprisonment as provided for in subsections B through F of
5 Section 20N of this title, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
6 Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of
7 subsection A of this section shall be guilty of a Class D1 felony
8 offense and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand
9 Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), or by imprisonment as provided for
10 in subsections B through F of Section 20N of this title, or by both
11 such fine and imprisonment. This proscription of conduct shall not
12 modify or remove any restrictions currently applicable to the person
13 by court order, conditions of probation or as provided by other
14 provision of law.

15 C. 1. A person shall be exempt from the prohibition of this
16 section regarding a school or a licensed or permitted child care
17 facility only under the following circumstances and limited to a
18 reasonable amount of time to complete such tasks:

- 19 a. the person is the custodial parent or legal guardian
20 of a child who is an enrolled student at the school or
21 child care facility, and
- 22 b. the person is enrolling, delivering or retrieving such
23 child at the school or licensed or permitted child
24 care center during regular school or facility hours or

1 for school-sanctioned or licensed-or-permitted-child-
2 care-center-sanctioned extracurricular activities.

3 Prior to entering the zone of safety for the purposes listed in
4 this paragraph, the person shall inform school or child care center
5 administrators of his or her status as a registered sex offender.
6 The person shall update monthly, or as often as required by the
7 school or center, information about the specific times the person
8 will be within the zone of safety as established by this section.

9 2. This exception shall not be construed to modify or remove
10 any restrictions applicable to the person by court order, conditions
11 of probation, or as provided by other provision of law.

12 D. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall not
13 apply to any person receiving medical treatment at a hospital or
14 other facility certified or licensed by the State of Oklahoma to
15 provide medical services. As used in this subsection, "medical
16 treatment" shall not include any form of psychological, social or
17 rehabilitative counseling services or treatment programs for sex
18 offenders.

19 E. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person, who is
20 registered as a sex offender pursuant to the Sex Offenders
21 Registration Act, from attending a recognized church or religious
22 denomination for worship; provided, the person has notified the
23 religious leader of his or her status as a registered sex offender
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1 and the person has been granted written permission by the religious
2 leader.

3 F. For purpose of prosecution of any violation of this section,
4 the provisions of Section 51.1 of this title shall not apply.

5 G. As used in this section, ~~"park":~~

6 1. "Fairground" means any indoor or outdoor property designated
7 by a city, town, county, or state or tribal governmental authority
8 as a fairground;

9 2. "Park" means any outdoor public area specifically designated
10 as being used for recreational purposes that is operated or
11 supported in whole or in part by a homeowners' association or a
12 city, town, county, state, or federal or tribal governmental
13 authority;

14 3. "Racetrack" means any indoor or outdoor private or publicly
15 owned or operated facility where sporting events, races, or shows
16 are held; and

17 4. "Rodeo arena" means a designated indoor or outdoor area with
18 spectator seating for events including, but not limited to, bull
19 riding, barrel racing, roping, and bronco riding.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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