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Bill Analysis

HB 1273 requires any person convicted of domestic abuse in the presence of a child or convicted of a second assault and battery against a current or former intimate partner or a family or household member to attend a 52-week batterers' intervention program or a pilot batterers' intervention program if the sentence is deferred or suspended. The measure authorizes the Attorney General to certify 2 pilot batterers' intervention programs for a period of 36 months located in Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties in order to evaluate the effectiveness of such programs. Such programs may be authorized beginning February 1, 2026. Proposals for certification as a pilot batterers' intervention program may be approved only if made by an organization that was dually certified as a batterers' intervention program and a domestic violence and sexual assault program on or before January 1, 2025, or by an organization certified as a batterers' intervention program on or before January 1, 2025. Rules promulgated by the Attorney General for such programs shall be promulgated in consultation with domestic violence and batterers' intervention programs or advocacy organizations. Participants in the programs shall be subject to a validated risk assessment conducted by a qualified professional. The Attorney General may provide by rule for extension of no more than 24 months beyond 36 months of a pilot batterers' intervention program if recommended by the third-party evaluator. The measure outlines the minimum required content for such programs.

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