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Bill Analysis

SB 2165 creates the Child Support Upon Conception Act. The measure authorizes the biological mother to initiate a child support action upon verified conception of pregnancy. The support order shall be considered a temporary child support order. The measure requires the mother to provide verified medical documentation issued by a certified medical professional confirming that she is pregnant, the gestational age of the unborn child, and any medical findings relevant to establishing approximate conception. The measure requires the man's biological paternity to be confirmed before subjecting him to a child support order. If the potential father does not cooperate with a DNA testing request, the measure provides that such refusal may be considered evidence under existing parentage statutes. The measure also provides that the issuance of any temporary pre-birth support order shall deem a preborn child as a deprived child according to the Oklahoma Children's Code. The measure provides that a biological father shall have full parental standing, including the right to petition for emergency temporary sole custody or guardianship. The measure authorizes courts to issue an ex parte relief to prevent imminent and irreversible harm and requires an adversarial hearing to be held within 72 hours of such issuance. The measure subjects any person who knowingly makes a false statement under the provisions of this measure to civil penalties.

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