

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3510

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2021, Section 91.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 99, O.S.L. 2023 (20 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 91.2), which relates to district court dockets; providing for the establishment of child protection dockets; requiring assigned judges to exclusively hear child protection cases; providing for specific training; directing the Administrative Office of the Courts to implement certain procedures; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 91.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 99, O.S.L. 2023 (20 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 91.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 91.2. A. To facilitate the trial and disposition of cases, actions filed in the district court shall be assigned to various dockets by the clerk of the court pursuant to the direction and supervision of the presiding judge of the district. Until changed by order of the Supreme Court, only the following dockets are established: a civil docket, a criminal docket, a traffic

1 docket, a probate docket, a child protection docket, a juvenile and
2 family relations docket, a small claims docket, and a business
3 docket for business court divisions of the court created pursuant to
4 Section ~~17~~ 91.7 of this ~~act~~ title.

5 B. Whenever a district court establishes a drug court program
6 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 471 through 471.11 of Title
7 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the judge presiding over the program
8 shall cause to be established a drug court docket. In those cases
9 assigned to the drug court docket, the judge shall determine what
10 information or pleadings are to be maintained in a confidential case
11 file which shall be closed to public inspection. The originating
12 criminal case file shall remain open to public inspection. Nothing
13 in this section shall prohibit the district attorney, defense
14 attorney, or the victim-witness coordinator from advising any victim
15 or other person regarding the assignment or disposition of a drug
16 court case.

17 C. Whenever a district court establishes a child protection
18 program, the presiding judge shall cause to be established a child
19 protection docket. Associate district judges or special judges
20 assigned to the child protection docket shall hear child protection
21 cases exclusively and shall be trained in child welfare law, child
22 trauma, and the foster care system. Uniform procedures shall be
23 implemented by the Administrative Office of the Courts for all child
24 protection dockets.

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

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