

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE BILL 2181

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to child stealing; prohibiting child stealing; creating a felony offense; providing for penalties; creating graduated fines for civil violations; repealing 21 O.S. 2021, Section 891, as amended by Section 109, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 891), which relates to child stealing; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 891.1 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A person, including a parent, who knowingly and willfully removes, entices, or withholds a child under the age of eighteen (18) years with the intent to interfere with the lawful custody of that child commits the offense of interference with custody.

B. A person commits an offense under this section if the person knowingly entices or persuades the child to leave the lawful custody of:

1. The other parent, guardian, or custodian of the child; or

1        2. A person standing in loco parentis to the child.

2        C. The offense under subsection A of this section is a felony  
3 punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of  
4 Corrections for not more than five (5) years.

5        D. The offense under subsection B or E of this section is:

6        1. A misdemeanor, for the first and second violation,  
7 punishable by a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); or

8        2. A felony, punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the  
9 Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years, if it is  
10 shown at trial that the defendant has been previously convicted two  
11 or more times under subsection B or E of this section or enticed or  
12 persuaded the child to leave this state.

13        E. A person commits an offense under this section if the  
14 person, with intent to interfere with lawful custody, knowingly and  
15 willfully fails to comply with a court-ordered custody or visitation  
16 exchange, and such failure results in the child being withheld  
17 beyond the ordered period of possession.

18        F. A person who commits an offense under this section shall be  
19 subject to a graduated civil fine schedule for the first and each  
20 consecutive offense. The first offense shall be subject to a fine  
21 of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and each consecutive offense shall  
22 double the previous fine amount.

1       SECTION 2.       REPEALER       21 O.S. 2021, Section 891, as  
2 amended by Section 109, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp.  
3 2025, Section 891), is hereby repealed.

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

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