

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 726

By: Crain and Pittman of the
Senate

and

O'Donnell and McDaniel
(Jeannie) of the House

An Act relating to domestic violence; providing for creation of certain pilot program; providing for combination of certain proceedings; authorizing certain entities to establish family justice centers; stating purpose; requiring certain compliance; allowing participation of certain entities; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Domestic violence

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 60.30 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Beginning on January 1, 2016, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall administer a five-year pilot program in any county with a population exceeding five hundred thousand (500,000), which may consist of implementation of an Integrated Domestic Violence Docket to combine, where appropriate, proceedings related to divorce, child custody, domestic violence, protective orders, and criminal and juvenile court cases.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 60.31 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Beginning on January 1, 2016, any governmental entity in a county that receives sufficient funds to implement such program may establish a family justice center to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder or dependent adult abuse and stalking to ensure that victims of abuse are able to access all needed services in one location in order to enhance victim safety and increase offender accountability. Family justice centers shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of this state, and may include, but not be limited to, the participation of law enforcement, the prosecuting authority, and an Attorney General certified victim services agency.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate the 20th day of May, 2015.

A. Bryan Mahood
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of May, 2015.

Jack Donnell
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 22nd

day of May, 20 15, at 9:20 o'clock A M.

By: *Audrey Lockwell*

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 4th

day of June, 20 15, at 3:07 o'clock P M.

Mary Fallin
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 4th

day of JUNE, 20 15, at 5:19 o'clock P. M.

By: *Chris Morris*