

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2105

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An Act relating to criminal procedure; enacting the Anna McBride Act; authorizing mental health courts; defining term; providing eligibility requirements for offenders; authorizing further restrictions by the court; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Anna McBride Act".

B. Any district or municipal court of this state may establish a mental health court pilot program pursuant to the provisions of this section, subject to the availability of funds.

C. The court may request assistance from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services which shall be the primary agency to assist in developing and implementing a mental health court pilot program.

D. For purposes of this section, "mental health court" means a judicial process that utilizes specially trained court personnel to expedite the case and explore alternatives to incarceration for offenders charged with criminal offenses other than a crime listed in paragraph 2 of Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes who have a mental illness or a developmental disability, or a co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorder. Mental

health court shall not apply to any offender arrested or charged with any violent offense or any offender who has a prior felony conviction in this state or another state for a violent offense. Eligible offenses may further be restricted by the rules of the specific mental health court program. The court also shall have the authority to exclude persons from mental health court who have a propensity for violence.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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