

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to criminal procedure; authorizing
8 courts to defer payment of outstanding fines, court
9 costs and fees under certain circumstances; providing
10 for the waiver or reduction of fines, courts costs
11 and fees under certain circumstances; prohibiting the
12 deferment, waiver or reduction of restitution or
13 child support obligations; providing for
14 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 983c of Title 22, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Beginning November 1, 2019, the court shall have the
19 authority to defer payment of all outstanding fines, courts costs
20 and fees in a criminal case for any person who:

21 1. Served a period of imprisonment in the custody of the
22 Department of Corrections after conviction for a crime;

23 2. Has been released from the custody of the Department of
24 Corrections;

1 3. Has complied with all probation or supervision requirements
2 since being released from the custody of the Department of
3 Corrections; and

4 4. Not less than thirty (30) days after release from custody of
5 the Department of Corrections, has secured admission to and enrolled
6 in an institution which is a member of The Oklahoma State System of
7 Higher Education or a career and technology education program and
8 has provided proof of such admission and enrollment to the court.

9 B. Upon successful graduation or completion of training and
10 course work required for certification, the court shall have the
11 authority to waive or reduce all outstanding fines, court costs and
12 fees owed by the person in every felony or misdemeanor case filed in
13 a district court or criminal case filed in a municipal court of this
14 state.

15 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to amounts
16 owed by the person for restitution to a victim pursuant to a court
17 order or child support obligations pursuant to a court order.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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