

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1159
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Impact:	AOC: minimal impact (FY-20)/possible future costs

Research Analysis

HB 1159 allows access to the date of birth of a defendant to the court, those approved by the Supreme Court, newspapers, and members of the Oklahoma Bar Association who require the information to provide legal representation. The Supreme Court is to develop an online database for allowed persons to access these records and may establish an access fee of up to \$1,500 annually to offset the costs of the database. Oklahoma Bar members are exempt from the fee. Any entity or person receiving records is responsible for the protection of the records.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1159, as introduced, requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to create a database. An access fee is also established to offset the cost of the database. According to the AOC, this type of database is already part of the AOC's ongoing project to create a unified and upgraded case management system. The AOC currently has an Oklahoma Court Information Systems Revolving (200) Fund with organic sources to support these upgrades. There is a possibility the AOC will require additional funding, however, since the measure does not establish a completion date, the AOC believes it can fund this over several years from their 200 Fund as well as the fee established in this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.