

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 526

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to confidentiality of records;
8 amending Section 2, Chapter 389, O.S.L. 2015 (22 O.S.
9 Supp. 2016, Section 60.31), which relates to family
10 justice centers; providing for confidentiality of
11 certain records; defining term; establishing
12 exception to confidentiality requirement under
13 certain circumstances; and providing an effective
14 date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 389, O.S.L.
17 2015 (22 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 60.31), is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 60.31. A. Beginning on January 1, 2016, any
20 governmental entity in a county that receives sufficient funds to
21 implement such program may establish a family justice center to
22 assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder or
23 dependent adult abuse and stalking to ensure that victims of abuse
24 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

1 regulations of this state, and may include, but not be limited to,
2 the participation of law enforcement, the prosecuting authority, and
3 an Attorney General certified victim services agency.

4 B. 1. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 3 of this
5 subsection, the case records, case files, case notes, client records
6 or similar records of a family justice center or of any employee or
7 trained volunteer of such center regarding an individual who is
8 utilizing the services of any family justice center program or
9 counselor shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed.

10 2. For purposes of this subsection, the term "client records"
11 shall include, but not be limited to, all communications, records,
12 and information regarding clients of family justice center programs.

13 3. The case records, case files, or case notes of programs
14 specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be confidential
15 and shall not be disclosed except with the written consent of the
16 individual, or in the case of the individual's death or disability,
17 of the individual's personal representative or other person
18 authorized to sue on the individual's behalf or by court order for
19 good cause shown by the judge in camera.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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