

Executive Summary Comparison Chart: Oklahoma Custody Interference Reform

Feature	SB 970 (2025)	Oklahoma Custody Interference and Parental Alienation Reform Act
Scope	Non-custodial only	All parents or guardians
Criminal Penalties	Indirect contempt (civil)	Misdemeanor → Felony escalation
Parental Alienation Defined	No	Yes, requiring expert evidence and psychological assessments
Custody Reassignment	Not authorized	Authorized with therapeutic mandate
Civil Remedies	Not specified	Private right of action
Multi-State Coordination	Limited	Full faith and credit clause
Enforcement Assignment	Not clear	DPS, Courts, AOC, DHS, AG specified
Judicial Training	Not addressed	Mandatory with compliance enforcement
Emergency Court Authority	Not addressed	Authorized
Child Testimony Protection	Not addressed	DHS protocol mandated
Administrative Rulemaking	Not addressed	Required within 6 months
False Claims Penalty	Not addressed	Civil sanctions defined
Guardian ad Litem Required	Not addressed	Mandatory in cases with psychological testing
Enforcement Leadership	Not designated	AOC as lead coordinating agency
Fiscal Appropriations	Not addressed	Required for implementation
Appeals and Due Process	Implied by default laws	Explicitly defined
Tribal Court Coordination	Not addressed	Acknowledged and incorporated


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