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No. HB 3001

**THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

April 25, 20 14

TIME SIGNED: 11:16am

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SECOND SESSION OF THE
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 3001:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill 3001.

Current law requires a noncustodial parent to pay child support when a custodial parent refuses to honor the visitation rights of the noncustodial parent. Current law also provides for a contempt proceeding against a custodial parent for violating a court order concerning visitation.

House Bill 3001 removes the noncustodial parent of the duty to pay child support if the custodial parent prevents visitation with or hides the child from the noncustodial parent for more than six (6) months.

This Bill effectively punishes a child and takes away financial support for that child for his or her parent's actions by removing a noncustodial parent's financial obligation to support the child. The denial of court ordered visitation is currently enforceable in a contempt action, which appropriately punishes the violating parent, while insuring the child is supported financially by the noncustodial parent. In addition, this Bill does not account for extreme situations where a custodial parent may be required to protect a child from harm or abuse, in spite of a valid court order. In fact, a custodial parent is required by law, imposing criminal consequences, to protect a child from abuse notwithstanding court ordered visitation.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

By Callista A. Howden
Date/Time 4/25/14 1:41pm

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