

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1523

By: Daniels of the Senate

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4 Lepak of the House

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6 An Act relating to noneconomic damages; amending 23
7 O.S. 2021, Section 61, which relates to obligation
8 not arising from contract; prohibiting party from
referencing noneconomic damages to jury in certain
actions; and providing an effective date.

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 23 O.S. 2021, Section 61, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 61. A. For the breach of an obligation not arising
14 from contract, the measure of damages, except where otherwise
15 expressly provided by this chapter, is the amount which will
16 compensate for all detriment proximately caused thereby, whether it
17 could have been anticipated or not.

18 B. In a trial in an action for the breach of an obligation not
19 arising from contract, a party or counsel for a party shall not seek
20 or refer to a specific dollar amount, state a range, or suggest a
21 mathematical formula for the jury to consider with respect to an
22 award for noneconomic damages.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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1 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2024.

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5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2024.

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