

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 244

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

and

Taylor, Hill, Mize, Boles
and West (Josh) of the
House

An Act relating to county jails; amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 37, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2017 (57 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 37), which relates to facilities reaching maximum capacity; directing establishment of dedicated electronic address for documents; directing certain response upon submission; modifying procedures; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: County jails

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 37, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2017 (57 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 37), is amended to read as follows:

Section 37. A. If all correctional facilities reach maximum capacity and the Department of Corrections is required to contract for bed space to house state inmates:

1. The Pardon and Parole Board shall consider all nonviolent offenders for parole who are within six (6) months of their scheduled release from a penal facility; and

2. Prior to contracting with a private prison operator to provide housing for state inmates, the Department shall send

notification to all county jails in this state that bed space is required to house the overflow population of state inmates. Upon receiving notification, the sheriff of a county jail is authorized to enter into agreements with the Department to provide housing for the inmates. Reimbursement for the cost of housing the inmates shall be a negotiated per diem rate for each inmate as contracted but shall in no event be less than the per diem rate provided for in Section 38 of this title.

B. No inmate may be received by a penal facility from a county jail without first scheduling a transfer with the Department. Within five (5) business days after the court orders the judgment and sentence, the county court clerk shall transmit to the Department by facsimile, electronic mail, or actual delivery a certified copy of:

1. The judgment and sentence certifying that the inmate is sentenced to the Department of Corrections;

2. A notice of judgment and sentence signed by the sentencing judge or court clerk. The notice shall include the name of the defendant, date of birth, case number, county of conviction, name of the sentencing judge, the crime for which the defendant was convicted, the sentence imposed, if multiple sentences whether the sentences run concurrently or consecutively, and whether the defendant is to receive credit for any time served. The notice of judgment and sentence shall be substantially in the form provided for in subsection F of this section; or

3. Plea paperwork, Summary of Facts and Sentence on Plea or Sentencing After Jury Trial Summary of Facts may be used as sentencing documents.

C. The receipt of the certified copy of the judgment and sentence shall be certification that the sentencing court has entered a judgment and sentence and all other necessary commitment documents. The Department of Corrections is authorized to determine the appropriate method of delivery from each county based on electronic or other capabilities, and establish a method for issuing receipts certifying that the Department has received the judgment and sentence document. The Department shall establish a dedicated electronic address location for receipt of all electronically

submitted judgment and sentence documents. The electronic address location shall provide written receipt verification of each received judgment and sentence document. Once an appropriate judgment and sentence document, as listed in subsection B of this section, is received by the Department of Corrections, the Department shall contact the sheriff when bed space is available to schedule the transfer and reception of the inmate into the Department. The Department shall assume custody of an inmate from a county prior to receiving the certified copy of the judgment and sentence upon receipt by the Department of any of the appropriate judgment and sentence documents as listed in subsection B of this section.

D. If the Department receives a judgment and sentence document from a county that includes inaccurate information from the sentencing court the Department shall notify the county within a timely manner. ~~If a corrected judgment and sentence document is not received by the Department within five (5) business days from the date of notification, the Department will not be responsible for the cost of housing the inmate in the county jail until such time that an accurate judgment and sentence documents is received by the Department.~~

E. When a county jail has reached its capacity of inmates as provided in the standards set forth in Section 192 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, then the county sheriff shall notify the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, or the Director's designated representative, by facsimile, electronic mail, or actual delivery, that the county jail has reached or exceeded its capacity to hold inmates. The notification shall include copies of any judgment and sentences not previously delivered as required by subsection B of this section. Then within seventy-two (72) hours following such notification, the county sheriff shall transport the designated excess inmate or inmates to a penal facility designated by the Department. The sheriff shall notify the Department of the transport of the inmate prior to the reception of the inmate. The Department shall schedule the reception date and receive the inmate within seventy-two (72) hours of notification that the county jail is at capacity, unless other arrangements can be made with the sheriff.

F. The Department will be responsible for the cost of housing the inmate in the county jail including costs of medical care

provided from the date the judgment and sentence was ordered by the court until the date of transfer of the inmate from the county jail. The Department shall implement a policy for determination of scheduled dates on which an inmate or multiple inmates are to be transferred from county jails. The policy shall allow for no less than three alternative dates from which the sheriff of a county jail may select and shall provide for weather-related occurrences or other emergencies that may prevent or delay transfers on the scheduled date. The policy shall be available for review upon request by any sheriff of a county jail. ~~If an appropriate judgment and sentence document, as listed in subsection B of this section, is not received by the Department within five (5) business days, the Department will not be responsible for the cost of housing the inmate in the county jail until the date the Department receives the necessary documentation. Should the inmate not be transferred on the date scheduled by the Department, the Department shall not be responsible for any costs incurred beyond the date scheduled by the Department.~~ The cost of housing shall be the per diem rate specified in Section 38 of this title. In the event the inmate has one or more criminal charges pending in the same Oklahoma jurisdiction and the county jail refuses to transfer the inmate to the Department because of the pending charges, the Department shall not be responsible for the housing costs of the inmate while the inmate remains in the county jail with pending charges. Once the inmate no longer has pending charges in the jurisdiction, the Department shall be responsible for the housing costs of the inmate for the period beginning on the date the judgment and sentence or final order was ~~received by the Department~~ ordered by the Court. In the event the inmate has other criminal charges pending in another Oklahoma jurisdiction, the Department shall be responsible for the housing costs while the inmate remains in the county jail awaiting transfer to another jurisdiction or until the date the inmate is scheduled to be transferred to the Department, whichever is earlier. Once the inmate is transferred to another jurisdiction, the Department is not responsible for the housing cost of the inmate until such time that another judgment and sentence is received by the Department from another Oklahoma jurisdiction.

The sheriff may submit invoices for the cost of housing the inmate on a monthly basis. Final payment for housing an offender will be made only after the official judgment and sentence is received by the Department of Corrections.

G. Form for Notice of Judgment and Sentencing.

In the District Court of _____ County

The State of Oklahoma

State of Oklahoma,)

_____)

Plaintiff)

)

vs.) Case No. _____

_____,) The Honorable Judge _____

Defendant)

D.O.B. _____)

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE

On this ____ day of _____, _____, to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the conviction(s) and sentence(s) of the above-captioned defendant was/were announced and ordered as follow:

Count 1: _____ O.S. _____

Count 1 Sentence: _____

Count 2: _____ O.S. _____

Count 2 Sentence: _____

Running Concurrently _____ or Running Consecutively _____

With Count _____

Count 3: _____ O.S. _____

Count 3 Sentence: _____

Running Concurrently _____ or Running Consecutively _____

With Count _____

Count 4: _____ O.S. _____

Count 4 Sentence: _____

Running Concurrently _____ or Running Consecutively _____

With Count _____

Credit for time served: _____

Judge of the District Court

or

Clerk of the District Court

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____