

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 10, 2019

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 1393

By: Dills of the House

and

Newhouse of the Senate

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8 **[prisons and reformatories - Oklahoma Corrections**
9 **Act of 1967 - Investigations Division staff -**
10 **effective date]**

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 508.4, as
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 372, O.S.L. 2016 (57 O.S. Supp. 2018,
15 Section 508.4), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 508.4 A. There is hereby created the Investigations
17 Division within the Department of Corrections. The purpose of the
18 Division shall be to investigate allegations of criminal acts by
19 inmates, offenders or employees of the Department, as well as to
20 investigate allegations of constitutional or policy violations.

21 B. The Director of the Department of Corrections shall employ
22 the proper personnel and adopt the necessary procedures to carry out
23 the duties of the Investigations Division and shall appoint a
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1 Director of the Division who shall administer the activities of the
2 Division.

3 C. The Investigations Division of the Department of Corrections
4 shall have the jurisdiction and authority to investigate all
5 allegations of criminal behavior at any facility owned or operated
6 by the Department, or any private prison facility or other facility
7 with which the Department contracts to house inmates from the State
8 of Oklahoma.

9 D. The Investigations Division shall have jurisdiction and
10 authority to investigate any escape committed by prisoners under the
11 custody and control of the Department of Corrections. If it is
12 determined that a prisoner has escaped the custody of the
13 Department, in violation of Section 443 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
14 Statutes, the Department is authorized to issue a warrant for the
15 arrest of the escapee and the warrant shall have the force and
16 effect of any warrant of arrest issued by a district court in the
17 state. Nothing in this section shall affect the authority of a
18 district attorney to issue an arrest warrant for the escapee.

19 E. All officers, investigators, agents and immediate
20 supervisory staff of listed positions assigned to the Investigations
21 Division shall be deemed peace officers and shall possess the powers
22 granted by law to peace officers. Officers, investigators, agents
23 and supervisory staff of the Investigations Division shall meet all
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1 of the training and qualifications for peace officers required by
2 Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
5 April 10, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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