

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 24, 2020

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1295

By: Paxton

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6 An Act relating to the Department of Corrections;
7 amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 37, as last amended by
8 Section 1, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 2019 (57 O.S. Supp.
9 2019, Section 37), which relates to correctional
10 facilities; modifying certain required documentation;
11 and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 37, as last
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 2019 (57 O.S. Supp. 2019,
15 Section 37), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

22 2. Prior to contracting with a private prison operator to
23 provide housing for state inmates, the Department shall send
24 notification to all county jails in this state that bed space is
required to house the overflow population of state inmates. Upon

1 receiving notification, the sheriff of a county jail is authorized
2 to enter into agreements with the Department to provide housing for
3 the inmates. Reimbursement for the cost of housing the inmates
4 shall be a negotiated per diem rate for each inmate as contracted
5 but shall in no event be less than the per diem rate provided for in
6 Section 38 of this title.

7 B. No inmate may be received by a penal facility from a county
8 jail without first scheduling a transfer with the Department.

9 Within five (5) business days after the court orders the judgment
10 and sentence, the court clerk shall transmit to the Department by
11 facsimile, electronic mail, or actual delivery a certified copy of:

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

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

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

4 C. The receipt of the certified copy of the judgment and
5 sentence shall be certification that the sentencing court has
6 entered a judgment and sentence and all other necessary commitment
7 documents. The Department of Corrections is authorized to determine
8 the appropriate method of delivery from each county based on
9 electronic or other capabilities, and establish a method for issuing
10 receipts certifying that the Department has received the judgment
11 and sentence document. The Department shall establish a dedicated
12 electronic address location for receipt of all electronically
13 submitted judgment and sentence documents. The electronic address
14 location shall provide written receipt verification of each received
15 judgment and sentence document. Once an appropriate judgment and
16 sentence document, ~~as listed in subsection B of this section,~~ is
17 received by the Department of Corrections, the Department shall
18 contact the sheriff when bed space is available to schedule the
19 transfer and reception of the inmate into the Department. ~~The~~
20 ~~Department shall assume custody of an inmate from a county prior to~~
21 ~~receiving the certified copy of the judgment and sentence upon~~
22 ~~receipt by the Department of any of the appropriate judgment and~~
23 ~~sentence documents as listed in subsection B of this section.~~

1 D. If the Department receives a judgment and sentence document
2 from a county that includes inaccurate information from the
3 sentencing court the Department shall notify the county within a
4 timely manner.

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

22 F. The Department will be responsible for the cost of housing
23 the inmate in the county jail including costs of medical care
24 provided from the date the judgment and sentence was ordered by the

1 court until the date of transfer of the inmate from the county jail.
2 The Department shall implement a policy for determination of
3 scheduled dates on which an inmate or multiple inmates are to be
4 transferred from county jails. The policy shall allow for no less
5 than three alternative dates from which the sheriff of a county jail
6 may select and shall provide for weather-related occurrences or
7 other emergencies that may prevent or delay transfers on the
8 scheduled date. The policy shall be available for review upon
9 request by any sheriff of a county jail. The cost of housing shall
10 be the per diem rate specified in Section 38 of this title. In the
11 event the inmate has one or more criminal charges pending in the
12 same Oklahoma jurisdiction and the county jail refuses to transfer
13 the inmate to the Department because of the pending charges, the
14 Department shall not be responsible for the housing costs of the
15 inmate while the inmate remains in the county jail with pending
16 charges. Once the inmate no longer has pending charges in the
17 jurisdiction, the Department shall be responsible for the housing
18 costs of the inmate for the period beginning on the date the
19 judgment and sentence or final order was ordered by the Court. In
20 the event the inmate has other criminal charges pending in another
21 Oklahoma jurisdiction, the Department shall be responsible for the
22 housing costs while the inmate remains in the county jail awaiting
23 transfer to another jurisdiction or until the date the inmate is
24 scheduled to be transferred to the Department, whichever is earlier.

1 Once the inmate is transferred to another jurisdiction, the
2 Department is not responsible for the housing cost of the inmate
3 until such time that another judgment and sentence is received by
4 the Department from another Oklahoma jurisdiction.

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

9 ~~G. Form for Notice of Judgment and Sentencing.~~

10 ~~In the District Court of _____ County~~

11 ~~The State of Oklahoma~~

12 ~~State of Oklahoma,)~~

13 ~~_____)~~

14 ~~Plaintiff _____)~~

15 ~~_____)~~

16 ~~vs. _____) Case No. _____~~

17 ~~_____,) The Honorable Judge _____~~

18 ~~Defendant _____)~~

19 ~~D.O.B. _____)~~

20 ~~NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE~~

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

1 Count 1: _____ O.S. _____

2 Count 1 Sentence: _____

3 Count 2: _____ O.S. _____

4 Count 2 Sentence: _____

5 Running Concurrently _____ or Running Consecutively _____

6 With Count _____

7 Count 3: _____ O.S. _____

8 Count 3 Sentence: _____

9 Running Concurrently _____ or Running Consecutively _____

10 With Count _____

11 Count 4: _____ O.S. _____

12 Count 4 Sentence: _____

13 Running Concurrently _____ or Running Consecutively _____

14 With Count _____

15 Credit for time served: _____

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17 _____ Judge of the District Court

18 _____ or

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20 _____ Clerk of the District Court

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
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