

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL NO. 23

By: Bergstrom

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Department of Corrections;
8 amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 507, which relates to
9 the powers and duties of the Director; modifying
10 certain allowable duties; updating statutory
11 references; 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 507, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 507. The Director shall be the executive officer of the
16 Department and shall have the following general powers and duties:

17 (a) To supervise the activities of the Department and, subject
18 to the policies established by the Board, to act for the Department
19 in all matters, except as may be otherwise provided in ~~this act~~ the
20 Oklahoma Corrections Act of 1967.

21 (b) To prescribe rules and regulations for the operation of the
22 Department, consistent with the general policies established by the
23 Board.

1 (c) To appoint and fix the duties and salaries of such
2 personnel for the Department as may be necessary to administer and
3 carry out the provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Corrections Act of
4 1967. The Department and the employees thereof, except the members
5 of the Board and the Director shall be subject to the provisions of
6 the State Merit System of Personnel Administration, but the Governor
7 may by Executive Order exempt positions therefrom as authorized by
8 Section 802 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except as may be
9 otherwise provided in ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Corrections Act of 1967.

10 (d) To accept, use, disburse and administer grants, allotments,
11 gifts, devises, bequests, appropriations and other monies and
12 property offered or given to the Department, or any component or
13 agency thereof, by any agency of the federal government or any
14 corporation or individual for the use of the Department.

15 (e) 1. To investigate the possible inclusion in a federally-
16 funded pilot program sponsored by the Federal Communications
17 Commission relating to the use of cellular and electronic
18 communication devices within the statewide network of prisons in
19 Oklahoma.

20 2. In the event that the Federal Communications Commission
21 amends the regulations relating to the use of cellular and
22 electronic communication devices within prisons, the Director is
23 authorized to initiate a pilot program regarding the use of
24 available technology to prohibit the use of cellular and electronic

1 communication devices by incarcerated offenders within the statewide
2 network of prisons in Oklahoma.

3 3. Absent regulations of the Federal Communications Commission
4 prohibiting the use of such technology, the Director is authorized
5 to use available technology to prohibit the use of cellular and
6 electronic communication devices by incarcerated offenders within
7 the statewide network of prisons in Oklahoma using federal or state
8 funds.

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

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