

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 2803

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to sunset; amending 57 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 521.1, which relates to the Reentry Policy
9 Council; re-creating the Council; and modifying
10 termination date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 521.1, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 521.1 A. The Reentry Policy Council shall be re-
16 created, and shall continue until July 1, ~~2023~~ 2029, pursuant to the
17 provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, for the purpose of providing
18 oversight of the reentry policies and programs operated by the
19 Department of Corrections. The Council shall consist of eleven (11)
20 members and shall be appointed as follows:

- 21 1. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:
- 22 a. one member shall be a law enforcement officer,
 - 23 b. one member shall be a corrections official, and
 - 24 c. one member shall be a crime victim;

1 2. Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
2 Oklahoma House of Representatives as follows:

- 3 a. one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of
4 Representatives,
- 5 b. one member shall be a representative of a faith-based
6 organization involved with the reintegration of
7 inmates,
- 8 c. one member shall be a person who has been previously
9 convicted of a criminal offense in Oklahoma, and
- 10 d. one member shall be a mental health and substance
11 abuse official; and

12 3. Four members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
13 of the Oklahoma State Senate as follows:

- 14 a. one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma State
15 Senate,
- 16 b. one member shall be a representative from a for-profit
17 halfway house who specializes in reintegration of
18 inmates,
- 19 c. one member shall be a representative from a nonprofit
20 entity involved with the reintegration of inmates, and
- 21 d. one member shall be a district attorney, or his or her
22 designee.

23 B. The Council shall:
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- 1 1. Review corrections policies, programs and procedures to
2 ensure that the primary purpose of each is public safety during
3 imprisonment and after release;
 - 4 2. Identify gaps in reentry programs and services as well as
5 overlapping efforts, and recommend changes to address those issues;
 - 6 3. Review policies to ensure that corrections facilities
7 recruit and welcome volunteers;
 - 8 4. Review the licensing procedures within this state to
9 eliminate barriers to employment that are unrelated to the conduct
10 underlying the conviction; and
 - 11 5. Report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the
12 progress of the reentry initiative, including the impact on
13 recidivism, effectiveness of agency coordination and communications,
14 and the implementation of reentry plans and use of funding.
- 15 C. 1. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed
16 for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of
17 their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes from the legislative body in which they serve.
- 19 2. State agency employees who are members of the Council shall
20 be reimbursed for their travel expenses incurred in the performance
21 of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the
22 State Travel Reimbursement Act.
 - 23 3. All other Council members shall be reimbursed by the Office
24 of Management and Enterprise Services for travel expenses incurred

1 in the performance of their duties on the Council in accordance with
2 the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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