

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1240 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Justin Humphrey _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1240

By: Humphrey

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
9 amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 504, which relates to
10 powers and duties of the State Board of Corrections;
11 providing gender-neutral language; expanding powers
12 and duties to include oversight of the Office of the
13 Inspector General; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section
14 507, which relates to powers and duties of the
15 Director of the Department of Corrections; requiring
16 the Director to report directly to the State Board of
17 Corrections; exempting elected state officials from
18 signing or complying with nondisclosure agreements or
19 confidentiality agreements; providing for
20 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 504, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Section 504. ~~(a)~~ A. The Board shall elect from its members a
~~chairman~~ chair, vice ~~chairman~~ chair, and a secretary. It shall
adopt rules and regulations for its government and may adopt an
official seal for the Department. Members shall be reimbursed for
travel expenses, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act

1 while attending meetings of the Board or while performing other
2 official duties.

3 ~~(b)~~ B. The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

4 ~~(1)~~ 1. To establish policies for the operation of the
5 Department;

6 ~~(2)~~ 2. To establish and maintain such institutions as are
7 necessary or convenient for the operation of programs for the
8 education, training, vocational education and rehabilitation of
9 prisoners under the jurisdiction of the Department;

10 ~~(3)~~ 3. To lease, from time to time, without restriction as to
11 terms, any property which said Board shall determine advisable to
12 more fully carry into effect the operation of prison industries;

13 ~~(4)~~ 4. To acquire, construct, extend, improve, maintain and
14 operate any and all facilities of all kinds which in the judgment of
15 the Board shall be necessary or convenient to foster the prison
16 industries program;

17 ~~(5)~~ 5. To require the Director and any other personnel of the
18 Department, when deemed necessary by the Board, to give bond for the
19 faithful performance of their duties;

20 ~~(6)~~ 6. To appoint and fix the salary of the Director;

21 ~~(7)~~ 7. To enter into contracts with private prison contractors;

22 ~~and~~

23 ~~(8)~~ 8. To provide training to employees of private prison
24 contractors and other governmental entities on a fee basis; and

1 9. To provide oversight of the operations of the Office of the
2 Inspector General within the Department. The Board shall define the
3 duties of the Inspector General, who shall report directly to the
4 Board.

5 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 507, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 507. The Director shall be the executive officer of the
8 Department ~~and~~ of Corrections and shall report directly to the State
9 Board of Corrections. The Director shall have the following general
10 powers and duties:

11 ~~(a)~~ 1. To supervise the activities of the Department and,
12 subject to the policies established by the Board, to act for the
13 Department in all matters, except as may be otherwise provided in
14 this act.

15 ~~(b)~~ 2. To prescribe rules and regulations for the operation of
16 the Department, consistent with the general policies established by
17 the Board.

18 ~~(c)~~ 3. To appoint and fix the duties and salaries of such
19 personnel for the Department as may be necessary to administer and
20 carry out the provisions of this act. The Department and the
21 employees thereof, except the members of the Board and the Director
22 shall be subject to the provisions of the State Merit System of
23 Personnel Administration, but the Governor may by Executive Order
24 exempt positions therefrom as authorized by Section 802 of Title 74

1 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except as may be otherwise provided in
2 this act.

3 ~~(d)~~ 4. To accept, use, disburse and administer grants,
4 allotments, gifts, devises, bequests, appropriations and other
5 monies and property offered or given to the Department, or any
6 component or agency thereof, by any agency of the federal government
7 or any corporation or individual for the use of the Department.

8 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 509.7 of Title 57, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 Upon the effective date of this act, elected state officials who
12 are visiting facilities operated by the Department of Corrections
13 shall not be required to sign or comply with a nondisclosure
14 agreement or confidentiality agreement prohibiting or otherwise
15 restricting such elected state official from reporting or commenting
16 on the conditions or operations of the facility under the control of
17 the Department.

18 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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