

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 595

By: Weaver of the Senate

and

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6 An Act relating to jail standards; amending 74 O.S.
7 2021, Section 192, as amended by Section 2, Chapter
8 35, O.S.L. 2023 (74 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 192),
9 which relates to the inspection of city and county
10 jails; creating the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act;
11 providing short title; authorizing the State
12 Commissioner of Health to promulgate rules to
13 implement jail standards; directing all detention and
14 lockup facilities to comply with certain standards;
15 clarifying jail inspection requirement; removing
16 certain jail standards and procedures; making jail
17 standards subject to certain exceptions and
18 limitations; defining terms; providing list of
19 standards when facilities develop policies;
20 specifying standards for detention facilities;
21 directing facility administrators to develop and
22 implement certain written policies for detention
23 facilities and lockup facilities; directing detention
24 facilities to have certain written policies subject
to certain act; requiring notification to the State
Department of Health of certain incidents; providing
guidelines and procedures for the movement, security,
and supervision of inmates; directing facility
administrators to develop and implement written
policies for classifying and segregating inmates;
directing facility administrators to develop and
implement written policies for emergency medical and
health care services; providing for the utilization
of certain medical personnel; authorizing the
deduction of certain monies for medical payments;
specifying standards for the incarceration or holding
of juveniles; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 37,
which relates to maximum capacity of correctional
facilities; modifying statutory references; amending
57 O.S. 2021, Sections 47, 52, 53, 55, and 57, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 35, O.S.L. 2023 (57
O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 57), which relate to the

1 operation of county jails by county sheriffs; making
2 language gender neutral; removing obsolete language;
3 modifying statutory references; amending 63 O.S.
4 2021, Section 472, which relates to conditions of
5 municipal jails; modifying statutory reference;
6 amending 69 O.S. 2021, Section 617, which relates to
7 the food and medical attention for inmates working
8 upon public roads; modifying statutory reference;
9 amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 193, which relates to
10 inspections of jail premises by the State Department
11 of Health; modifying statutory reference; providing
12 for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 192, as
15 amended by Section 2, Chapter 35, O.S.L. 2023 (74 O.S. Supp. 2024,
16 Section 192), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 192. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as
18 the "Oklahoma Jail Standards Act". The State Commissioner of Health
19 shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of the Oklahoma
20 Jail Standards Act.

21 B. Except as provided in this section, all detention facilities
22 and lockup facilities shall operate in compliance with the
23 provisions of the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act.

24 C. The State Department of Health shall inspect at least once
each year all ~~city and county jails~~ detention facilities to ensure
compliance with the standards ~~promulgated pursuant to the provisions~~
~~of this section~~ set forth in the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act. ~~The~~
~~standards shall provide provision for:~~

1 ~~1. Uniform admission and release procedures;~~
2 ~~2. Uniform, safe, and sensible security measures;~~
3 ~~3. Proper, fit, and sanitary conditions;~~
4 ~~4. Inmates to be fed a wholesome and adequate diet;~~
5 ~~5. Inmates to have adequate clothing and a usable bed. Such~~
6 ~~facility shall have showers with hot and cold running water,~~
7 ~~toilets, and water basins provided in the ratio of not less than one~~
8 ~~to every twenty prisoners. Counties may build barrack-style jails,~~
9 ~~single or double cell, to meet the security needs of the county for~~
10 ~~minimum security prisoners. These jails shall meet all the minimum~~
11 ~~requirements set forth in this section or any other provision of~~
12 ~~law. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all facilities~~
13 ~~under this section shall have showers with hot and cold running~~
14 ~~water, toilets and water basins provided in the ratio of not less~~
15 ~~than one to every twenty prisoners. Counties may also build tent~~
16 ~~jails, which shall be temporary in nature, to meet the security~~
17 ~~needs of the county for minimum security prisoners. The temporary~~
18 ~~tent jails shall not be required to meet the minimum requirements~~
19 ~~set forth in this section or any other provision of law. The State~~
20 ~~Board of Health shall promulgate minimum standards for temporary~~
21 ~~tent jails, which standards shall be designed to specifically~~
22 ~~address and take into consideration the temporary status of the~~
23 ~~inmate housing needs of the county. As used in this paragraph,~~
24 ~~"barrack-style" means a single designated space within a city or~~

1 ~~county jail facility for the purpose of housing three or more~~
2 ~~inmates;~~

3 ~~6. Inmates to be properly advised of rules of the facility in~~
4 ~~which they are detained;~~

5 ~~7. Staff members to receive training in order to assist them in~~
6 ~~performing their assigned tasks, such training to be provided~~
7 ~~through a program approved by the State Department of Health. All~~
8 ~~employees who work in direct contact with inmates after the first~~
9 ~~year of employment shall receive, at a minimum, four (4) hours'~~
10 ~~review of material as required by the State Department of Health and~~
11 ~~at a maximum, eight (8) hours of detention officer training per year~~
12 ~~after the first year of employment;~~

13 ~~8. Proper steps to be taken to ensure the safety and~~
14 ~~segregation of women, the infirm, and minors;~~

15 ~~9. Adequate medical care, provided such medical care shall be~~
16 ~~limited to illnesses or injuries incurred during the time beginning~~
17 ~~with the arrest and throughout the time of incarceration. This~~
18 ~~shall not prevent an inmate from applying for assistance and~~
19 ~~receiving assistance, provided the inmate meets or exceeds~~
20 ~~established requirements;~~

21 ~~10. No person to be confined without twenty-four-hour~~
22 ~~supervision; and~~

23 ~~11. At least one designated exit in the facility that will~~
24 ~~permit prompt evacuation of inmates and staff in an emergency. A~~

1 ~~facility in existence on November 1, 1985, shall not be required to~~
2 ~~construct additional exits if it has one exit which is deemed~~
3 ~~adequate by the State Fire Marshal~~ Inspections shall be limited to
4 the specific requirements set forth in the Oklahoma Jail Standards
5 Act or rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

6 D. In the event such inspection shall reveal to the State
7 Department ~~of Health~~ the commission of a crime or crimes incidental
8 to the operations of a ~~city or county jail~~ detention facility, it
9 shall be the duty of the Department to initiate a complaint with the
10 appropriate district attorney, and to cooperate in the prosecution
11 of the alleged offender in the event an information is filed
12 pursuant to such complaint.

13 ~~B.~~ E. The provisions of the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act shall
14 be subject to the following exceptions and limitations:

15 1. Any county, city, or town may operate a holding facility for
16 the incarceration of persons under arrest who are to be charged with
17 a crime, which holding facility shall not be required to meet the
18 standards established in ~~this section for jails~~ the Oklahoma Jail
19 Standards Act, as long as no person is held therein for a period
20 longer than twelve (12) hours and as long as an employee of the
21 county, city, or town is available to render aid to or to release
22 any person so confined in the event aid or release is required
23 because of a health or life-endangering emergency;

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1 observation or electronically by ~~closed-circuit~~
2 ~~television;~~ video surveillance, and

3 ~~2. Provides~~

4 b. provides an intercommunication system that terminates
5 in a location that is staffed twenty-four (24) hours a
6 day and is capable of providing an emergency response,
7 shall be required to have more than one detention officer or one
8 detention officer and at least one other basic CLEET-certified
9 person on the same premises as the ~~jail~~ detention facility to
10 provide for the security, custody, and supervision of prisoners.

11 Staff shall be available to perform sensitive functions and
12 procedures as necessary to accommodate inmate gender as required by
13 law;

14 ~~Within ninety (90) days after June 9, 1994, the State Board of~~
15 ~~Health shall promulgate new rules governing square footage~~
16 ~~requirements, double-celling of prisoners and the ratio of showers,~~
17 ~~toilets, and water basins to prisoners. The rules so promulgated~~
18 ~~shall be governed by the guidelines enumerated in this section, and~~
19 ~~shall be designed to carry out the intent and purpose of the~~
20 ~~guidelines. Each city or county jail facility in this state shall~~
21 ~~be in compliance with the rules so promulgated on or before January~~
22 ~~1, 1995.~~

23 ~~E. 4.~~ A county, municipality, or public trust that operates a
24 detention facility may request a waiver, including a waiver for a

1 temporary emergency resulting from a natural or man-made disaster,
2 from provisions of the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act or rules
3 promulgated pursuant thereto upon a showing that application of such
4 provision would impose undue hardship upon the county, municipality,
5 or public trust, or upon the inmates held at such facility. All
6 requests shall be filed with the Department and shall include
7 justification demonstrating the undue hardship. The waiver
8 application shall also include a plan for the housing and care of
9 detention facility inmates for the duration of the waiver and
10 identification of all specific provisions of the Oklahoma Jail
11 Standards Act requested to be waived. The Department may grant the
12 waiver request in whole or in part and may, as a condition of
13 granting the waiver, require the county, municipality, or public
14 trust to submit a plan and timetable for compliance with the
15 standards. The Commissioner shall promulgate rules to implement the
16 waiver process established by this paragraph; and

17 5. Any detention facility that is constructed or substantially
18 remodeled shall be required to be in compliance with the
19 requirements and standards in effect at the time of such
20 construction or remodeling. Plans for the construction of a new
21 detention facility or the substantial remodeling of an existing
22 detention facility shall be submitted to the Department for review
23 and approval.

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1 F. The ~~State Department of Health~~ shall employ inspectors and
2 other personnel as necessary and specifically authorized by the
3 Legislature in order to carry out the provisions of ~~this section~~ the
4 Oklahoma Jail Standards Act and may rent or purchase premises or
5 equipment in order to assist inspectors in the performance of their
6 functions.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 192.1 of Title 74, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 As used in the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act:

11 1. "Available" means that the subject individual is either on
12 site or on the premises;

13 2. "Barrack-style" means a single designated space within a
14 detention facility for the purpose of housing three or more inmates;

15 3. "Bodily search" means any invasive examination by hand of an
16 inmate or clothing of an inmate. Bodily searches shall not include
17 pat-downs;

18 4. "Central control" means the central point within the
19 facility where security activities are monitored and controlled;

20 5. "Contraband" means anything not authorized to be in the
21 possession of an inmate;

22 6. "Dayroom" means a space for activities that is situated
23 immediately adjacent to the sleeping area of inmates and is
24 separated from the sleeping area by a wall;

1 7. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

2 8. "Detention facility" means a facility that may hold a person
3 for an indefinite period of time including, but not limited to, a
4 city or county jail;

5 9. "Detention officer" means a person whose training,
6 education, or experience specifically qualifies him or her to
7 perform the duties indicated in the job description and the Oklahoma
8 Jail Standards Act or a person who holds a certification accorded
9 pursuant to the provisions of Section 3311 of Title 70 of the
10 Oklahoma Statutes. The individual performing the duties shall be
11 trained in appropriate laws, codes, standards, policies, and
12 procedures;

13 10. "Direct supervision" means the detention officer is in
14 direct contact with inmates and is in a position to constantly
15 monitor behaviors and interact with inmates;

16 11. "Emergency care" means medical or surgical care necessary
17 to treat the sudden onset of a potentially life-threatening or limb-
18 threatening condition;

19 12. "Facility administrator" means a sheriff, police chief,
20 city manager, private contractor, or a designee thereof, charged
21 with maintaining and operating a lockup facility or detention
22 facility;

1 13. "Fixed sleeping surface" refers to a stationary or
2 installed bed or slab designed to support a mattress or some other
3 comparable padding on which an inmate can lie down off of the floor;

4 14. "Grievance" means a circumstance or action considered
5 unjust;

6 15. "Holding facility" means a facility that shall hold persons
7 under arrest who are charged with a crime for a period of no longer
8 than twelve (12) hours;

9 16. "Hot meal" means a measure of food served and eaten at one
10 sitting, prepared and served at a palatable temperature range of one
11 hundred ten degrees Fahrenheit (110° F) to one hundred twenty
12 degrees Fahrenheit (120° F);

13 17. "Inmate" means any individual, whether in pretrial,
14 sentenced, or unsentenced status, who is confined in a detention
15 facility;

16 18. "Juvenile" means a person who is subject solely to the
17 jurisdiction of a juvenile court or who is subject to the provisions
18 of Section 2-5-205 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes;

19 19. "Last locked/secure door" means the last secure barrier
20 between staff and an inmate;

21 20. "Life-endangering situation" includes, but is not limited
22 to, a suicide attempt or obvious serious injury or illness, which in
23 the evaluation of the staff requires an immediate response;

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1 21. "Life-threatening" means a situation in which life-saving
2 measures are taken;

3 22. "Living area" means those areas of a detention facility
4 utilized for the day-to-day housing and activities of inmates.
5 These areas do not include reception and release areas and special-
6 use cells such as sobering, safety, and holding or staging cells
7 normally located in receiving areas;

8 23. "Lockup facility" means a facility that may hold a person
9 no longer than ten (10) days. Such a facility may be operated by a
10 municipality for the temporary detention of persons awaiting
11 arraignment. Persons who require detention for a period longer than
12 ten (10) days shall be transferred to a detention facility;

13 24. "Nonsecure areas" means those areas where a youth or
14 juvenile is in the custody of law enforcement and may not be able to
15 leave or depart from the presence of law enforcement, yet the youth
16 or juvenile is not detained in a facility which limits movement;

17 25. "On site" means a detention officer is physically present
18 within the detention facility;

19 26. "On the premises" means a detention officer is physically
20 present within the structure incorporating the detention facility,
21 or within a building or structure sharing the same realty or located
22 on realty that is contiguous to the realty upon which the structure
23 incorporating the detention facility is located, provided that such
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1 remote building or structure is not located farther than five
2 hundred (500) feet from the detention facility;

3 27. "Pat-down" means a noninvasive search of an inmate by hand
4 performed by lightly skimming the exterior surface of the clothing
5 covering the legs and torso;

6 28. "Physician or other licensed medical personnel" means a
7 psychiatrist, medical doctor, osteopathic physician, physician
8 assistant, Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN),
9 emergency medical technician at the paramedic level, or Clinical
10 Nurse Specialist (CNS);

11 29. "Sensitive functions and procedures" means any bodily
12 search or the visual supervision of any activity requiring an inmate
13 to partially or fully disrobe;

14 30. "Safety check" means direct, visual observation performed
15 at random intervals within time frames prescribed in the regulations
16 pursuant to this act to provide for the health and welfare of
17 inmates;

18 31. "Sight contact" means clear visibility within close
19 proximity;

20 32. "Sound contact" means direct oral communication;

21 33. "Substantial remodeling" means remodeling for which the
22 cost to repair is at least fifty percent (50%) of the cost to
23 replace the facility;

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1 34. "Sustained contact" means sight or sound contact that is
2 not brief and inadvertent;

3 35. "Temporary sleeping surface" means any appropriate item
4 used in overcrowding situations on which an inmate can lie down and
5 be kept off of the floor on an interim basis;

6 36. "Waiver" is a long-term deviation from a standard in
7 extenuating circumstances which are not likely to be overcome in a
8 reasonable period of time; and

9 37. "Variance" is a temporary deviation from a standard in
10 extenuating circumstances which can be overcome in a reasonable
11 period of time.

12 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 192.2 of Title 74, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 Policies developed based on requirements in this act shall
16 identify the following:

17 1. The rule or law addressed by the policy;

18 2. The staff position or personnel responsible for
19 implementation and oversight of the policy;

20 3. The actions to be taken or procedures to be followed by
21 facility personnel;

22 4. The staff position or personnel responsible for reviewing
23 the policy;

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1 5. A schedule for reviewing the policy that identifies the
2 frequency at which the policy will be reviewed; and

3 6. A signature page to capture the signature and date that the
4 responsible official adopted the policy and the dates that review of
5 the policy were completed.

6 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 192.3 of Title 74, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. The standards for detention facilities shall provide for:

- 10 1. Uniform admission and release procedures;
- 11 2. Uniform, safe, and sensible security measures;
- 12 3. Proper, fit, and sanitary conditions;
- 13 4. Inmates to be fed a wholesome and adequate diet;
- 14 5. Inmates to have adequate clothing and a usable bed.

15 Such detention facilities shall have showers with hot and cold
16 running water, toilets, and water basins provided in the ratio of
17 not less than one to every twenty prisoners. Counties may build
18 barrack-style jails, with single or double cells, to meet the
19 security needs of the county for minimum security prisoners. These
20 jails shall meet all the minimum requirements set forth in this
21 section or any other provision of law. Counties may also build tent
22 jails, which shall be temporary in nature, to meet the security
23 needs of the county for minimum security prisoners. The temporary
24 tent jails shall not be required to meet the minimum requirements

1 set forth in this section or any other provision of law. The State
2 Commissioner of Health shall promulgate minimum standards for
3 temporary tent jails, which standards shall be designed to
4 specifically address and take into consideration the temporary
5 status of the inmate housing needs of the county;

6 6. Inmates to be properly advised of rules of the detention
7 facility in which they are detained;

8 7. Staff members to receive training in order to assist them in
9 performing their assigned tasks, such training to be provided
10 through a program approved by the State Department of Health;

11 8. All employees, including the detention facility
12 administrator and all supervisors, whose primary responsibilities
13 include supervision of inmates to receive at least twenty-four (24)
14 hours of training during the first year of their employment that
15 covers at least the following:

- 16 a. security procedures,
- 17 b. supervision of inmates,
- 18 c. report writing and documentation,
- 19 d. inmate rules and regulations,
- 20 e. grievance and disciplinary procedures,
- 21 f. rights and responsibilities of inmates,
- 22 g. emergency procedures, and
- 23 h. first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

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1 9. All employees who work in direct contact with inmates to
2 receive after the first year of employment at least four (4) hours
3 of review of material as required by the State Department of Health
4 and at maximum eight (8) hours of detention officer training per
5 year to include renewal training as required for first aid and
6 cardiopulmonary resuscitation skills after the first year of
7 employment;

8 10. A documentation log to be maintained by the administrator
9 to record the courses completed by each employee for his or her
10 initial and annual training and include test results;

11 11. Proper steps to be taken to ensure the safety and
12 segregation of women, the infirm, and minors;

13 12. Adequate medical care, provided such medical care shall be
14 limited to illnesses or injuries incurred during the time beginning
15 with the arrest and throughout the time of incarceration. This
16 shall not prevent an inmate from applying for assistance and
17 receiving assistance, provided the inmate meets or exceeds
18 established requirements;

19 13. No person to be confined without twenty-four-hour
20 supervision; and

21 14. At least one designated exit in the facility that will
22 permit prompt evacuation of inmates and staff in an emergency.

23 B. All cells and living areas shall have at least forty (40)
24 square feet of floor space for the initial inmate and at least

1 twenty (20) square feet of floor space for each additional inmate
2 occupying the same cell. Inmates may be provided temporary sleeping
3 surfaces during times of overcrowding.

4 C. The facility shall have at least one special-purpose cell to
5 provide for the temporary detention of inmates under the influence
6 of alcohol or dangerous substances or for persons who are
7 uncontrollably violent or self-destructive. These cells shall be
8 designed to prevent injury to the inmate.

9 D. The housing and activity areas shall provide at least the
10 following:

- 11 1. Lighting of at least twenty (20) foot-candles;
- 12 2. A shower with non-skid floors; and
- 13 3. Sufficient floor drains to ensure a sanitary facility.

14 E. There shall be designated and marked emergency evacuation
15 exits that comply with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal
16 and that permit prompt evacuation of inmates and staff in an
17 emergency.

18 F. A county may provide a dormitory-style detention facility to
19 accommodate up to medium-security level inmates. It shall be
20 equipped with washbasins, toilets, and showers with hot and cold
21 running water at a ratio of at least one washbasin, one toilet, and
22 one shower to every twenty inmates. A dormitory-style detention
23 facility shall meet all requirements for a detention facility.

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1 G. A county may provide a temporary tent detention facility
2 subject to the approval of the Department.

3 H. Inmates may be provided temporary sleeping surfaces during
4 times of overcrowding. A fire-safe cot and industry products such
5 as those referred to as "boats" are examples of suitable temporary
6 sleeping surfaces that ensure the mattress does not have direct
7 contact with the floor. These items do not meet the requirement to
8 provide a fixed sleeping surface for each inmate.

9 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 192.4 of Title 74, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. The facility administrator shall develop and implement
13 written policies pertaining to the daily management and operation of
14 the detention facility including, but not limited to, an operations
15 manual sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the standards set
16 forth in the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act and rules promulgated
17 pursuant thereto.

18 B. The facility administrator shall develop and implement
19 written policies for the operation of a lockup facility which shall
20 include requirements that:

- 21 1. Arrest and commitment papers shall be verified;
- 22 2. An inmate shall be searched during admission;
- 23 3. Property of the inmate shall be inventoried and shall be
24 stored in a secure location;

1 4. Medical reception information shall be recorded in the file
2 of the inmate and shall include, but not be limited to, the
3 following information:

- 4 a. current illnesses and health problems,
- 5 b. behavioral observation, including state of
6 consciousness and mental status, and history of
7 alcohol or drug abuse and treatment,
- 8 c. body deformities and trauma markings such as bruises,
9 lesions, jaundice, and ease of body movement,
- 10 d. condition of skin and visible body orifices, including
11 infestations,
- 12 e. medications taken and any special health requirements,
- 13 f. whether the inmate may be in need of mental health or
14 substance abuse services including, but not limited
15 to, whether the inmate is at risk for or has attempted
16 suicide, and
- 17 g. disposition or referral of the inmate to qualified
18 medical personnel on an emergency basis as provided in
19 Section 4.1 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

20 5. A first aid kit shall be available at locations designated
21 by the facility administrator;

22 6. Two completed, documented, local or collect telephone calls
23 shall be allowed at the time of booking or after a reasonable length
24 of time, as determined by the administrator or designee. The

1 administrator or designee shall document the refusal of an inmate to
2 make a telephone call. In facilities where inmates have unlimited
3 access to operational telephones, the refusal of an inmate to make
4 telephone calls is not required to be documented;

5 7. Clean bedding and personal hygiene items shall be available
6 and provided at the facility;

7 8. Shower facilities shall be available with hot and cold
8 running water at a ratio of at least one shower for every twenty
9 inmates;

10 9. Continual supervision shall be provided by a trained
11 detention officer;

12 10. Inmate counts shall be taken at the beginning of each shift
13 and recorded in the detention facility log. At least one of the
14 counts each day shall be a full lockdown count when all inmates are
15 required to be immobilized and visually inspected;

16 11. Hourly visual safety checks shall be conducted at no more
17 than sixty-minute intervals and on an irregular basis. Detention
18 officers shall visually check all security features of the cell area
19 and account for all detainees. Visual safety checks may include
20 video surveillance provided that it has an unobstructed view of the
21 entire cell;

22 12. Male and female inmates shall be housed in separated living
23 areas with visual separation between the two genders. Housing of
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1 inmates with mixed gender identification will be administered in a
2 manner to maximize inmate safety;

3 13. Each inmate shall be provided at least three meals that
4 meet the national recommended allowance for basic nutrition every
5 twenty-four (24) hours. At least two hot meals shall be provided
6 daily. There shall not be more than fourteen (14) hours between the
7 breakfast and the evening meals;

8 14. The following minimum fire safety requirements shall be
9 implemented:

10 a. the facility shall be equipped with a smoke detection
11 system and a sprinkler system that is approved by the
12 State Fire Marshal,

13 b. polyurethane foam mattresses, pads, and pillows are
14 prohibited. Mattresses that are in compliance with
15 the requirements of the State Fire Marshal shall be
16 used,

17 c. each facility shall have emergency lighting that meets
18 the minimum standards as determined by the State Fire
19 Marshal,

20 d. detention officer posts shall be located and staffed
21 close enough to the lockup area to permit detention
22 officers to hear and respond promptly to calls for
23 assistance and provide immediate response to
24 emergencies,

1 e. there shall be designated and marked emergency
2 evacuation exits that comply with the requirements of
3 the State Fire Marshal, and

4 f. each facility shall comply with any other applicable
5 building and fire safety codes as determined by the
6 State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 317 et seq. of
7 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

8 15. Inmates held for over twenty-four (24) hours shall be
9 issued a clean set of detention facility clothing to include at
10 least a shirt, trousers or coveralls, and footwear. An inmate shall
11 receive a complete change of clothing at least once per week.
12 Inmate street clothing shall be inventoried and shall be stored in a
13 secure location;

14 16. A detention officer shall be on duty on each floor where
15 inmates are confined unless the facility is equipped with:

16 a. viewing access to all areas of the facility through a
17 video surveillance system, and

18 b. an intercommunication system between the cell or
19 living area and detention officer post or control
20 center to communicate with and monitor inmates; and

21 17. Smoking policies in lockup facilities shall conform to the
22 requirements set forth in Section 1247 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
23 Statutes.

1 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 192.5 of Title 74, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Each detention facility shall have written policies subject
5 to the provisions of the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act and rules
6 promulgated pursuant thereto for the following:

7 1. The reception, orientation, and release of inmates;

8 2. The safety, security, and control of staff, inmates, and
9 visitors;

10 3. Escapes or other breaches of security of the detention
11 facility;

12 4. Actions to be taken in emergency situations;

13 5. The use of physical force by staff and the use of
14 instruments of restraint against an inmate;

15 6. Conduct of inmates, which shall include offenses for which
16 charges may be imposed, and the range of sanctions and disciplinary
17 procedures to be followed. Such information shall be made available
18 to inmates. Such policies shall ensure that inmates are afforded
19 administrative due process as required by law;

20 7. Inmate requests of staff and grievance procedures, including
21 procedures for appeal;

22 8. Safety and maintenance of sanitation throughout the
23 facility;

24 9. Fire prevention and evacuation plans;

1 10. Food services and dietary requirements including
2 accommodation of medical needs and religious beliefs;

3 11. Inmate correspondence and visitation; and

4 12. Staff training, development, and evaluation.

5 B. The State Department of Health shall be notified no later
6 than the next working day if any of the following incidents occur:

7 1. Extensive damage to detention facility property;

8 2. Serious injury to staff or an inmate defined as life-
9 threatening or that requires transfer to an outside medical
10 facility;

11 3. Escape;

12 4. Serious suicide attempts defined as life-threatening or that
13 require transfer to an outside medical facility; or

14 5. Death.

15 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 192.6 of Title 74, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The movement of inmates from one location to another shall
19 be controlled and supervised by staff.

20 B. Staff shall provide twenty-four-hour supervision of inmates.

21 C. Detention officer posts shall be located and staffed to
22 monitor all inmate activity either physically or electronically and
23 in close enough proximity to the living areas to allow for immediate
24 response to calls for assistance or emergency situations. A

1 detention officer shall be on duty at all times at each location
2 where inmates are confined, or the observation of inmates shall be
3 conducted by electronic means. The location shall be equipped with
4 an intercommunication system in a location that is staffed twenty-
5 four (24) hours a day with personnel capable of providing an
6 emergency response.

7 D. There shall be sufficient staff to perform all assigned
8 functions relating to security, custody, and supervision of inmates.
9 Staff assignments shall provide for backup assistance for all
10 employees entering locations where inmates are confined as required
11 in the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act.

12 E. All inmates shall be searched when entering or leaving the
13 security area.

14 F. Policies shall specify a system for the supervision of
15 female inmates by male staff and supervision of male inmates by
16 female staff.

17 G. When both male and female inmates are housed in a detention
18 facility, at least one male and one female detention officer shall
19 be available to perform sensitive functions and procedures as
20 necessary to accommodate inmate gender.

21 H. An inmate shall be prohibited from supervising, controlling,
22 or exerting or assuming any authority over another inmate.

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1 I. The name and telephone number of the practicing attorneys
2 and bonds persons in the area shall be posted conspicuously near the
3 telephone used by the inmates.

4 J. Direct supervision of inmates shall be permitted if the
5 facility has policies in place to ensure the safety of employees,
6 inmates, and visitors and if the design of the physical facility
7 lends itself to direct supervision operations.

8 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 192.7 of Title 74, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 The facility administrator shall develop and implement written
12 policies for the classification and segregation of inmates to ensure
13 the safety of inmates and staff. The following criteria shall be
14 implemented to ensure an adequate classification and segregation
15 system:

16 1. Inmates of opposite genders shall be housed in separated
17 living areas. Separation shall be by substantial architectural
18 arrangements which permit no sustained sight contact. Housing of
19 inmates with mixed gender identification will be administered in a
20 manner to maximize inmate safety;

21 2. Inmates considered to be a threat to other inmates or staff
22 shall be housed separately from other inmates based upon the
23 following criteria:

24 a. the past criminal history of the inmate,

- b. the nature and severity of the charges pending against the inmate,
- c. the behavior of the inmate while in the facility, and
- d. other relevant reasons as directed by the administrator;

3. Inmates may be double-celled or confined to dormitory-style housing if the floor space meets the square footage requirements. Such inmates shall be afforded temporary sleeping surfaces on an interim basis and shall receive the same living conditions and privileges as those occupying the general population. A fire-safe cot and industry products such as those referred to as "boats" are examples of suitable temporary sleeping surfaces. Any exceptions regarding conditions and privileges shall be defined by the administrator;

4. Inmates who are intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance shall be housed separately from other inmates until such time as the medical authority or the facility administrator determines their suitability for placement into the general population or other appropriate housing;

5. Inmates who appear to have a significant medical or psychiatric problem may be separated from other inmates;

6. Unsentenced inmates shall be separated from sentenced inmates to the extent possible and shall be permitted whatever

1 confinement is least restrictive unless inmate behavior or other
2 security considerations dictate otherwise; and

3 7. Classification and segregation shall not be determined
4 solely on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

5 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 192.8 of Title 74, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. Adequate medical care shall be provided in a detention
9 facility. The facility administrator shall develop and implement
10 written policies for emergency medical and health care services.
11 The facility administrator shall be responsible for the medical
12 services of the detention facility and shall develop, with the
13 assistance of a designated medical authority, the health care plan
14 for the detention facility. With appropriately credentialed on-site
15 or off-site supervision, a detention facility may utilize physicians
16 or other licensed medical personnel, Certified Nurse Practitioners
17 (CNPs), psychologists, licensed professional counselors, licensed
18 clinical social workers, licensed masters social workers, licensed
19 alcohol and drug counselors, emergency medical technicians,
20 certified medical assistants, or certified nursing assistants for
21 the provision of medical care. Security restrictions shall be
22 considered in the development of the plan and any medical personnel
23 included in the plan shall have their responsibilities regulated by

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1 written job descriptions. The health care plan shall cover, at a
2 minimum, the following:

- 3 1. Intake screening procedures;
- 4 2. Medications in the possession of the inmate;
- 5 3. Medications prescribed or administered to the inmate;
- 6 4. Documentation of information relevant to the health or
7 medical care of the inmate, including current illnesses and health
8 problems, as well as observation of the behavior and physical
9 condition of the inmate;
- 10 5. Disposition and referral of inmates to qualified medical
11 personnel on an emergency basis;
- 12 6. Retention and disposition of inmate medical records; and
- 13 7. Such other procedures as may be necessary for the protection
14 of facility employees, visitors, and inmates.

15 B. A detention facility operated by a county, with permission
16 from the county sheriff, may deduct monies collected from an inmate
17 as a medical payment on account for medical services received by the
18 inmate while incarcerated in the detention facility pursuant to the
19 provisions of Section 531 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

20 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 192.9 of Title 74, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. A juvenile shall be incarcerated only in a detention
24 facility authorized by the appropriate judicial or juvenile bureau

1 authority. A juvenile shall not be detained in any holding facility
2 or lockup facility. This requirement shall not preclude juveniles
3 from being held in nonsecure areas until a parent or other
4 responsible party arrives to take custody of the juvenile.

5 B. Prior to a juvenile being placed in an eligible detention
6 facility, permission shall be obtained from the appropriate judicial
7 or juvenile bureau authority. A record of permission shall be
8 maintained at the facility.

9 C. Sight checks of juvenile inmate living areas shall be
10 performed at least one time each hour. The check shall include all
11 areas of each cell and the juvenile inmates shall be visually
12 observed. Checks shall be documented in writing on a form provided
13 by the facility administrator.

14 D. An adult inmate who is assigned trustee status shall not be
15 permitted sustained contact with a juvenile inmate. A staff member
16 shall serve all meals to a juvenile inmate.

17 E. In addition to existing visitation privileges, juvenile
18 inmates shall be permitted visits from authorized juvenile agency
19 personnel. Visits from family members who are unable to visit
20 during normal visiting hours shall be allowed so long as
21 arrangements are made in advance with the administrator and provided
22 the visit does not jeopardize facility security. Each facility that
23 holds a juvenile shall have written policies for such visits.

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1 F. A juvenile inmate shall be able to communicate with staff
2 members at all times. Such communication may be either by voice or
3 electronic means. If electronic systems are used, there shall be a
4 backup plan to insure communication ability is maintained.

5 G. No staff member shall be permitted to enter a juvenile
6 inmate living area without backup assistance being available from
7 another staff member. At least one staff member shall be of the
8 same gender as the juvenile inmate except in life-endangering or
9 life-threatening situations. Any time a decision is made to enter
10 the living area without appropriate backup assistance as defined
11 herein, the action shall be documented. Documentation shall show
12 the reason for the decision and a permanent record shall be
13 maintained.

14 H. A juvenile charged with a crime which would constitute a
15 felony if committed by an adult or a juvenile who is an escapee from
16 a juvenile training school or from a Department of Human Services
17 group home may be detained in any detention facility authorized by
18 the appropriate judicial or juvenile bureau authority, police
19 station, or similar law enforcement office not approved for long-
20 term detention, for a period of six (6) hours or less for
21 identifying, processing, or arranging for transfer to a juvenile
22 detention facility or alternative program. In no other
23 circumstances shall a juvenile be securely detained in an adult
24 detention facility.

1 I. The State Department of Health shall coordinate with the
2 Office of Juvenile Affairs to certify detention facilities for
3 holding juvenile offenders based on the compliance of the detention
4 facility with the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act and the provisions of
5 Section 2-3-103 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6 J. The designation of a detention facility as a place for the
7 detention of juveniles shall be made from a list of eligible
8 detention facilities supplied by the Department. Eligible detention
9 facilities shall be those detention facilities deemed by the
10 Department as compliant with the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act.

11 K. Any adult detention, holding, or lockup facility shall
12 record and report the detention of any person eighteen (18) years of
13 age or younger in a manner consistent with the requirements of the
14 Office of Juvenile Affairs.

15 L. Records of detention for persons eighteen (18) years of age
16 or younger and detained in the last year shall be subject to review
17 during the annual inspection conducted by the Department.

18 M. If detention of a juvenile is authorized, such juvenile
19 shall be housed separately from adults in order to prohibit
20 sustained sight and sound contact. Inadvertent contact with
21 incarcerated adults outside of detention facility living areas not
22 dedicated for use by juvenile offenders should be minimized.

23 N. A juvenile may be held for up to six (6) hours for the
24 purpose of identification, investigation, processing, release to a

1 parent, transfer to court, or transfer to a juvenile facility
2 following the initial custody of the juvenile.

3 0. A juvenile arrested for or charged with a criminal offense
4 may be securely detained in an adult detention or lockup facility
5 for up to six (6) hours immediately before or immediately after a
6 court appearance, provided sight and sound separation is maintained.
7 This period may be extended to twenty-four (24) hours, excluding
8 weekends and holidays, if the jurisdiction is outside the
9 metropolitan statistical area where:

10 1. State law requires an initial court appearance within
11 twenty-four (24) hours after being taken into custody;

12 2. There is no acceptable alternative placement; and

13 3. The detention facility has been determined by the Department
14 to provide for sight and sound separation.

15 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 37, is
16 amended to read as follows:

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

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

23 2. Prior to contracting with a private prison operator to
24 provide housing for state inmates, the Department shall send

1 notification to all county jails in this state that bed space is
2 required to house the overflow population of state inmates. Upon
3 receiving notification, the sheriff or jail trust administrator of a
4 county jail is authorized to enter into agreements with the
5 Department to provide housing for the inmates. Reimbursement for
6 the cost of housing the inmates shall be a negotiated per diem rate
7 for each inmate as contracted but shall in no event be less than the
8 per diem rate provided for in Section 38 of this title.

9 B. No inmate may be received by a penal facility from a county
10 jail without first scheduling a transfer with the Department.
11 Within five (5) business days after the court orders the judgment
12 and sentence, the court clerk shall transmit to the Department by
13 facsimile, electronic mail, or actual delivery a certified copy of
14 the judgment and sentence.

15 C. The receipt of the certified copy of the judgment and
16 sentence shall be certification that the sentencing court has
17 entered a judgment and sentence and all other necessary commitment
18 documents. The Department of Corrections is authorized to determine
19 the appropriate method of delivery from each county based on
20 electronic or other capabilities, and establish a method for issuing
21 receipts certifying that the Department has received the judgment
22 and sentence document. The Department shall establish a dedicated
23 electronic address location for receipt of all electronically
24 submitted judgment and sentence documents. The electronic address

1 location shall provide written receipt verification of each received
2 judgment and sentence document. Once an appropriate judgment and
3 sentence document is received by the Department of Corrections, the
4 Department shall contact the sheriff or jail trust administrator
5 when bed space is available to schedule the transfer and reception
6 of the inmate into the Department.

7 D. If the Department receives a judgment and sentence document
8 from a county that includes inaccurate information from the
9 sentencing court, the Department shall notify the county within a
10 timely manner.

11 E. When a county jail has reached its capacity of inmates as
12 provided in the standards set forth in ~~Section 192 of Title 74 of~~
13 ~~the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act, then the
14 county sheriff or jail trust administrator shall notify the Director
15 of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, or the Director's
16 designated representative, by facsimile, electronic mail, or actual
17 delivery, that the county jail has reached or exceeded its capacity
18 to hold inmates. The notification shall include copies of any
19 judgment and sentences not previously delivered as required by
20 subsection B of this section. ~~Then within~~ Within seventy-two (72)
21 hours following such notification, the county sheriff or jail trust
22 administrator shall transport the designated excess inmate or
23 inmates to a penal facility designated by the Department. The
24 sheriff or jail trust administrator shall notify the Department of

1 the transport of the inmate prior to the reception of the inmate.
2 The Department shall schedule the reception date and receive the
3 inmate within seventy-two (72) hours of notification that the county
4 jail is at capacity, unless other arrangements can be made with the
5 sheriff or jail trust administrator.

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

1 charges. Once the inmate no longer has pending charges in the
2 jurisdiction, the Department shall be responsible for the housing
3 costs of the inmate for the period beginning on the date the
4 judgment and sentence or final order was ordered by the Court. In
5 the event the inmate has other criminal charges pending in another
6 Oklahoma jurisdiction, the Department shall be responsible for the
7 housing costs while the inmate remains in the county jail awaiting
8 transfer to another jurisdiction or until the date the inmate is
9 scheduled to be transferred to the Department, whichever is earlier.
10 Once the inmate is transferred to another jurisdiction, the
11 Department is not responsible for the housing cost of the inmate
12 until such time that another judgment and sentence is received by
13 the Department from another Oklahoma jurisdiction.

14 The sheriff or jail trust administrator may submit invoices for
15 the cost of housing the inmate on a monthly basis. Final payment
16 for housing an offender will be made only after the official
17 judgment and sentence is received by the Department of Corrections.

18 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 47, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 47. The sheriff, or such person designated by law in
21 ~~his~~ place of the sheriff, shall have charge of the county jail of
22 his or her county and of all persons by law confined therein, and
23 such sheriff or other officer is hereby required to conform, in all
24 respects, to the rules and directions promulgated pursuant to

1 ~~Section 192 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Jail
2 Standards Act and of the district judge and communicated to ~~him~~ the
3 sheriff by the proper authority.

4 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 52, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 52. It shall be the duty of the sheriff of each county
7 to provide bed clothing, washing, board, and medical care when
8 required, and all necessities for the comfort and welfare of
9 prisoners as specified by the standards promulgated pursuant to
10 ~~Section 192 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Jail
11 Standards Act and ~~he~~ the sheriff shall be allowed such compensation
12 for services required by the provisions of Sections 41 through 64 of
13 this title, as may be prescribed by the county commissioners. All
14 purchases made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be
15 made pursuant to the purchasing procedures specified in Sections
16 1500 through 1505 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, including
17 the use of blanket purchase orders as provided for in Section 310.8
18 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

19 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 53, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 53. The sheriff or designated employee shall visit the
22 county jail in person and inquire into the condition of each
23 prisoner at least once each month and it shall be ~~his~~ the duty of
24 the sheriff or designated employee to comply with all standards

1 promulgated pursuant to ~~Section 192 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma~~
2 ~~Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act.

3 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 55, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 55. If the sheriff or jailer in charge of any county
6 jail shall neglect or refuse to comply with any of the rules and
7 regulations established by the district judge, or pursuant to
8 ~~Section 192 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Jail
9 Standards Act, or to any other duties required ~~of him by~~ pursuant to
10 Sections 41 through 64 of this title, ~~he~~ the sheriff or jailer in
11 charge shall, on conviction thereof, by indictment for each case of
12 such failure or neglect of duty as aforesaid, pay into the county
13 treasury of the proper county, for the use of such county, a fine
14 not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars
15 (\$100.00) to be assessed by the district court of the proper
16 district.

17 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 57, as
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 35, O.S.L. 2023 (57 O.S. Supp. 2024,
19 Section 57), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 57. A. In the city and county jails in this state,
21 there shall be provided sufficient and convenient apartments for
22 confining prisoners of different ~~sexes~~ genders and classification
23 separate and apart from each other. ~~The sheriff of each county of~~
24 ~~this state shall notify the Department of Corrections of the~~

1 ~~prisoner capacity of the county jail by July 1, 2003. After that~~
2 ~~date, changes~~ Changes in prisoner capacity shall be reported by the
3 sheriff within thirty (30) days of the change to the Department of
4 Corrections. For purposes of this section, "prisoner capacity"
5 means the capacity determined by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to
6 Section 317 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 B. In the city and county jails in this state, there shall be a
8 system of classifying prisoners, based upon the severity of the
9 charges, past criminal history, and other relevant factors.

10 C. In the city and county jails in this state, prisoners
11 classified pursuant to subsection B of this section may be confined
12 two per cell or barrack-style, provided the living space meets the
13 square footage requirements set forth in ~~Section 192 of Title 74 of~~
14 ~~the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act.

15 D. All funds used by the Department of Corrections to contract
16 with private contractors for the building of prisons and pre-release
17 centers will be subject to appropriations by the Legislature.

18 E. Nothing in this section shall authorize contracts with
19 private contractors for construction of prison facilities, unless
20 authorized by the Legislature.

21 F. As used in this section, "barrack-style" means a single
22 designated space within a city or county jail facility for the
23 purpose of housing three or more inmates.

1 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 472, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 472. It shall be the duty of the governing bodies of
4 all municipalities to insure compliance with standards governing
5 conditions in municipal jails as prescribed in ~~Section 192 of Title~~
6 ~~74 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act.

7 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 617, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 617. The board of county commissioners shall furnish
10 wholesome food in sufficient quantity and variety to all convicts
11 working upon the public roads to maintain them in good health and
12 vigor, and shall furnish medical attention when required in
13 accordance with the standards promulgated pursuant to ~~Section 192 of~~
14 ~~Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act.

15 SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 193, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 193. A. Inspectors employed by the State Department of
18 Health shall be permitted to enter all jail premises and
19 administrative offices for the purpose of performing their assigned
20 duties.

21 B. The results of these inspections shall be presented in the
22 form of a written report to the person immediately responsible for
23 the administration of the facility inspected and such other offices
24 the Department deems appropriate. The report shall contain:

1 1. A list of deficiencies in the condition or operation of the
2 facility and specific proposals for their solution; and

3 2. A statement as to whether or not the facility inspected is
4 in substantial compliance with the jail standards established
5 pursuant to ~~Section 192 of this title~~ the Oklahoma Jail Standards
6 Act.

7 SECTION 20. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

11 Passed the Senate the 24th day of March, 2025.

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14 Presiding Officer of the Senate

15 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
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