

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1026

By: Dahm of the Senate

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11 An Act relating to Prisons and Reformatories;
12 amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 521.1, as amended by
13 Section 248, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (57 O.S. Supp.
14 2018, Section 521.1), which relates to Reentry Policy
15 Council; providing sunset date; updating statutory
16 reference; and providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 521.1, as
19 amended by Section 248, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (57 O.S. Supp.
20 2018, Section 521.1), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 521.1 A. Upon ~~the effective date of this act~~ November
22 1, 2007, a Reentry Policy Council shall be created, and shall
23 continue until July 1, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the
24 Oklahoma Sunset Law, for the purpose of providing oversight of the
reentry policies and programs operated by the Department of

1 Corrections. The Council shall consist of eleven (11) members and
2 shall be appointed as follows:

3 1. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- 4 a. one member shall be a law enforcement officer,
- 5 b. one member shall be a corrections official, and
- 6 c. one member shall be a crime victim;

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

- 9 a. one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of
10 Representatives,
- 11 b. one member shall be a representative of a faith-based
12 organization involved with the reintegration of
13 inmates,
- 14 c. one member shall be a person who has been previously
15 convicted of a criminal offense in Oklahoma, and
- 16 d. one member shall be a mental health and substance
17 abuse official; and

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

- 20 a. one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma State
21 Senate,
- 22 b. one member shall be a representative from a for-profit
23 half-way house who specializes in reintegration of
24 inmates,

- 1 c. one member shall be a representative from a nonprofit
2 entity involved with the reintegration of inmates, and
3 d. one member shall be a district attorney, or his or her
4 designee.

5 B. The Council shall:

6 1. Review corrections policies, programs and procedures to
7 ensure that the primary purpose of each is public safety during
8 imprisonment and after release;

9 2. Identify gaps in reentry programs and services as well as
10 overlapping efforts, and recommend changes to address those issues;

11 3. Review policies to ensure that corrections facilities
12 recruit and welcome volunteers;

13 4. Review the licensing procedures within this state to
14 eliminate barriers to employment that are unrelated to the conduct
15 underlying the conviction; and

16 5. Report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the
17 progress of the reentry initiative, including the impact on
18 recidivism, effectiveness of agency coordination and communications,
19 and the implementation of reentry plans and use of funding.

20 C. 1. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed
21 for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of
22 their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the
23 Oklahoma Statutes from the legislative body in which they serve;

1 2. State agency employees who are members of the Council shall
2 be reimbursed for their travel expenses incurred in the performance
3 of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the
4 State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

5 3. All other Council members shall be reimbursed by the Office
6 of Management and Enterprise Services for travel expenses incurred
7 in the performance of their duties on the Council in accordance with
8 the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

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