

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1237

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

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4 Babinec of the House

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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.

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

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SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 507, is

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amended to read as follows:

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Section 507. The Director shall be the executive officer of the

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Department and shall have the following general powers and duties:

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(a) To supervise the activities of the Department and, subject

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to the policies established by the Board, to act for the Department

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in all matters, except as may be otherwise provided in ~~this act~~ the

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Oklahoma Corrections Act of 1967.

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(b) To prescribe rules and regulations for the operation of the

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Department, consistent with the general policies established by the

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Board.

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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, 2018.

10 Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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14 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

15 2018.

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