

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL NO. 42

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to corrections; authorizing the
8 Department of Corrections to establish certain pilot
9 program; stating functions of pilot program; stating
10 length of participation in pilot program; prohibiting
11 certain inmates from participating in pilot program;
12 authorizing the promulgation of policies; providing
13 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 510.8d of Title 57, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Subject to the availability of funds, the Department of
19 Corrections is hereby authorized to establish a reentry pilot
20 program that offers evidence-based practices to assist inmates
21 through education and rehabilitation with an emphasis on intensive,
22 comprehensive post-release services. The reentry pilot program
23 shall focus on the following:

24 1. Substantive and intellectual higher educational programs for
inmates throughout incarceration;

1 2. Development and implementation of educational programs that
2 provide core education classes that may be accessed through closed-
3 circuit programming from off-site education institutions or through
4 traditional instructor-led programs;

5 3. Providing seamless reentry services for inmates to include
6 case managers or life coaches that will assist inmates in developing
7 behavior management plans that hold them accountable to their
8 families, communities and victims;

9 4. Development and implementation of reentry step down and
10 transitional support services that shall include comprehensive
11 discharge, education and employment readiness planning,
12 transportation services, twenty-four-hour on-call support and
13 conflict resolution support by case managers and professional staff;
14 and

15 5. Establishing public-private partnerships to assist in
16 providing higher education programs and reentry services for inmates
17 and funding the programs and services for the reentry pilot program.

18 B. Inmates participating in the reentry pilot program shall be
19 enrolled in the program for a minimum of twenty-four (24) to thirty
20 (30) months. Pilot program participants shall be limited to those
21 inmates who are incarcerated for nonviolent felony offenses.
22 Inmates serving a period of incarceration for violent or sex-related
23 offenses shall not be permitted to participate in the reentry pilot
24 program.

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C. The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to promulgate policies necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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