

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 49

BY: LONG (Lewis) of the SENATE

and

SATTERFIELD, TYLER and BOYD  
of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO PRISONS AND REFORMATORIES;  
REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE TO USE CERTAIN  
METHODS FOR SELECTION OF VOCATIONAL OR VOCATIONAL-  
TECHNICAL PROGRAMS OFFERED TO INMATES; PROVIDING  
FOR CODIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 539.1 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Corrections and the State Department of Public Welfare, through its Vocational Rehabilitation Division and State Board of Vocational-Technical Education shall use the following priorities and methods of selection when implementing any program for persons in custody of the Department of Corrections:

1. The assistance of the Department of Vocational and Technical Education or a public vocational-technical school within the State of Oklahoma;
2. The assistance of a private vocational or vocational-technical school within the State of Oklahoma;
3. The assistance of a public university, college or junior college located within the State of Oklahoma;
4. The assistance of a private university or college located within the State of Oklahoma;
5. The assistance of a private firm located within the State of Oklahoma; and
6. The assistance from any entity, public or private, located outside the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.