

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 914

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO PRISONS; CREATING A SKILLED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; LIMITING MAINTENANCE TO BRIDGES AND RAILWAYS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN TRAINING; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR SELECTING INMATES; DIRECTING WORK CREDITS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INMATES TO REMAIN IN THE SKILLED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; CONSTRUING ACT; 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 229 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to establish a skilled maintenance program using inmate labor for construction, maintenance and repair of any bridges or railways owned by this state. The Department may further establish a skilled equipment shop using inmate labor for operation, maintenance and repair of heavy equipment and machinery utilized by this state or any political subdivision within this state.

B. Inmates may qualify for the skilled maintenance program by possessing appropriate skills prior to being placed in the custody of the Department or by selection and training by the Department. The Department shall establish criteria for selection of inmates eligible to participate in the skilled maintenance program. All inmates participating in the skilled maintenance program shall meet such requirements as may be required by the Department, construction and maintenance contracts or by law. Inmates participating in the skilled maintenance program shall receive credit for work as provided in the Prisoners Public Works Act, Section 215 et seq. of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Skilled maintenance inmate workers eligible for the Preparole Conditional Supervision Program may continue to work in the skilled maintenance program with approval from the Department until released from custody.

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.

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