

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1085

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( Prisons - Infirmary Care Unit - Elderly and Handicapped  
Facility - codification -

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 509.6 of Title 57, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Corrections shall establish an Infirmary Care  
Unit at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in Oklahoma City, State of  
Oklahoma for the benefit of all female offenders in the custody of  
the Department. The unit shall be appropriately equipped and  
staffed to provide twenty-four-hour medical care and treatment as  
may be necessary for immediate medical treatment, recovery from  
medical care or childbirth, long-term medical care and other medical  
services.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 509.7 of Title 57, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Corrections is authorized, subject to  
legislative appropriation, to establish a special correctional  
center designed solely for the imprisonment of elderly persons and  
physically disabled persons in the custody of the Department. The

Department shall consider the unique needs of the elderly offender and the physically disabled offender when designing the facility or renovating an existing facility for this purpose and when implementing any program or service for such persons.

Only the following offenders shall be eligible for placement in the facility:

1. Persons aged sixty (60) years or older who are deemed not suitable for placement in the general population of another facility; and

2. Persons who are physically disabled upon reception into the custody of the Department, or who become physically disabled during the term of their incarceration within the custody of the Department, and whose disability requires the continuous use of a wheelchair or other special equipment, or whose disability requires special assistance, services or accommodations which another facility is not designed or equipped to meet.

The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require the creation or construction of an entirely new correctional facility and the Department may consider renovation of an existing state building or correctional facility.

SECTION 3. 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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