ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1909

By: Miller, Ferguson, Case, Weese, Webb and Pope (Tim)

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 216, which relates to the Prisoners Public Works Act; modifying definition; modifying eligibility requirements for prisoner participation; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 216, is amended to read as follows:

Section 216. In ~~this act~~ Sections 215 through 228 of this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Director" shall mean the Director of the State Department of Corrections.

2. "Public works project" means a project that has been determined by the Board of Corrections to be of necessity for the public well-being conducive to rehabilitation and the reduction of recidivism among participating inmates by the written request of a majority of the board of county commissioners, the governing body of any municipality or any agency of the State of Oklahoma or of the United States or any subdivision thereof.

3. "Prisoner or inmate" shall mean any person who is under the custody and control of the Department of Corrections. No prisoner shall be assigned to any public works project who is deemed by the Director to be a threat to public safety, or who has been convicted of murder or of a crime or attempted crime provided for in Section 582 of this title, or who has escaped or attempted to escape from a correctional institution within the last ten (10) years. No prisoner shall be assigned to a public work project unless the prisoner is classified as a minimum or lower security level inmate.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of February, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate