

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 3008

By: Blackburn of the House

and

Cain of the Senate

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 563, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 213, O.S.L. 1994 (57 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 563), which relates to correctional facilities; prohibiting inmates and offenders at certain facilities of the Department of Corrections within certain distance of schools; providing exceptions for certain functions; providing exceptions for facilities established or acquired before a certain date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 563, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 213, O.S.L. 1994 (57 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 563), is amended to read as follows:

Section 563. A. Before any correctional facility other than an inmate work center as authorized in subsection B of this section or an inmate drug offender work camp as authorized in subsection C of this section, whether within the Department of Corrections or within any other state agency, may be created or any construction performed which may significantly increase, extend or expand the present facility, such creation or construction shall be approved by the Legislature. Correctional facilities owned or operated by private prison contractors shall not be deemed to be within the Department of Corrections or other state agency.

B. The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to establish inmate work centers, not to exceed one hundred (100) inmates, in locations where a need for labor to conduct public work projects is determined. The Department shall select the inmate work center locations based on objective comparisons of interested communities in accordance with procedures and criteria established by the Department of Corrections. The procedures, selection criteria and decision case analysis shall be made available to the public upon request.

C. The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to establish inmate drug offender work camps, not to exceed three hundred inmates, in locations determined by the Department of Corrections. The Department shall select the inmate drug offender work camp locations based on objective comparisons of interested communities in accordance with procedures and criteria established by the Department of Corrections. The procedures, selection criteria and decision case analysis shall be made available to the public upon request.

D. No state, county or municipal correctional facility including any inmate work center, inmate drug offender work camp, inmate halfway house, inmate transitional living center and any other place where state, county or municipal inmates are housed shall be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of any public or private elementary or secondary school nor within two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet of any state training school. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any inmate work center, inmate drug offender work camp, inmate halfway house, inmate transitional living center and any other place where state, county or municipal inmates are housed established prior to ~~the effective date of this act~~ May 20, 1994.

E. In any county with a population of two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) or more, as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census, the Department of Corrections shall not cause, permit or require any inmate in the custody of the Department or cause, permit or require any offender under the supervision of the Department to enter, remain or be present in any Department of Corrections facility located within one thousand (1,000) feet of a private or public elementary or secondary school, or on the grounds of such a facility, for any activities involving or relating to processing, training, instructing, interviewing, counseling, reporting, conferring, imposing discipline, reviewing or adjudicating or any correctional function requiring or permitting the presence of the offender, except offenders may be employed in construction, maintenance or janitorial activities in or on the structures or grounds while under supervision of a correctional employee. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any facility established or acquired by the Department of Corrections prior to May 20, 1994.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May, 1996.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate