

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 821

By: Haney and Hobson of the
Senate

and

Hamilton and Steidley of
the House

An Act relating to the Department of
Corrections; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 562,
which relates to correctional officer cadets
qualifications and probationary period;
modifying probationary period; providing an
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 562, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 562. The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized
to employ Correctional Officer Cadets that will meet all the
qualifications established for correctional officers and guards in
Section 510 of ~~Title 57~~ this title. ~~The Department of Corrections~~
~~will pay Correctional Officer Cadets at a rate less than the rate of~~
~~correctional officers established in Section 528 of Title 57 and at~~
~~an appropriate pay grade established through the Merit System of~~
~~Personnel Administration. Correctional Officer Cadets will be~~
~~trainees during their first six (6) months of employment. During~~
~~this six-month period, they will be on probation and will be subject~~
~~to termination at any time if they do not meet minimum training~~
~~requirements or minimum standards of employment with the Department,~~
~~or for just cause in accordance with Department disciplinary~~
~~procedures.~~ After successful completion of the ~~six-month~~
probationary period required in Section 840-4.13(C) of Title 74 of
the Oklahoma Statutes, Correctional Officer Cadets will be promoted
to Correctional Officer I.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

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.

Passed the Senate the 23rd day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives