

SHORT TITLE: Truth in sentencing; modifying statutory reference;
emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1014

By: Wright

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to truth in sentencing; amending Section 1, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1994 (22 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1501), which relates to the creation of the Oklahoma Truth In Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission; modifying statutory reference; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1994 (22 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1501), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1501. A. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Truth In Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission". As used in Sections 1501 et seq. of this act ~~title~~, the term "Commission" means the Oklahoma Truth In Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission.

B. Sentences established for violations of the state's criminal laws should be based on the established purposes of our criminal justice and corrections systems. The Commission shall evaluate crimes, sentencing laws and policies in relation to both the stated purposes of the criminal justice and corrections systems, the criminal justice and corrections systems resources, and the availability of sentencing options. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Legislature for the modification of crimes, sentencing laws and policies, and for the addition, deletion or expansion of sentencing options as necessary to achieve policy goals within existing criminal justice and corrections systems resources.

C. As used in this act "criminal justice and corrections system" includes all activities and agencies, whether state or local, public or private, pertaining to the prevention, prosecution and defense of offenses, or to the disposition of offenders under the criminal laws of this state. The "criminal justice and corrections systems" includes police, public prosecutors, defense counsel, courts, correction agencies, mental health agencies, and all public and private agencies providing services in connection with those elements, whether voluntarily, contractually or by order of a court.

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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