

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1636

By: Steidley, Bastin and  
Paulk of the House

and

Smith of the Senate

An Act relating to Sex Offenders; stating legislative findings; providing for study by certain agencies; providing for report; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. A. The Oklahoma Legislature recognizes that a small but extremely dangerous group of sexually violent predators exist who are inappropriate for the existing involuntary commitment procedures pursuant to Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, which are primarily designed to provide short-term treatment to an individual before returning the individual to the community.

The Legislature further recognizes that sexually violent predators tend to have antisocial personality features which are unamenable to existing treatment modalities, that the prognosis for curing sexually violent predators is poor, and that the treatment needs of this population are very long term.

B. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall conduct a study regarding how to provide appropriate treatment to sexually violent predators while protecting the public from future sexually violent acts by sexually violent predators. The previously listed agencies shall submit a report of the findings of their study to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor by January 1, 1998.

C. For purposes of this section, a "sexually violent predator" shall mean a person who has been convicted of a crime of sexual violence and who suffers from a disorder which makes the person likely to engage in further predatory acts of sexual violence.

SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 1997.

Speaker

of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of March, 1997.

President of the Senate