

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 507

By: Wright of the Senate

and

Steidley of the House

An Act relating to the Criminal Justice Resource Center; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 508.2, which relates to the Criminal Justice Resource Center; transferring the Criminal Justice Resource Center to the Department of Public Safety; renaming certain entity; expanding duties; creating an advisory committee; providing for membership, travel reimbursement, and duties; requiring certain report; authorizing the Oklahoma Sentencing Commission to hire and set salaries for certain staff; repealing Sections 5 and 6, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1994 (22 O.S. Supp. 1996, Sections 1505 and 1506), which relate to the executive director of the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission and Administration; providing for codification; providing severability; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 508.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 508.2 A. There is hereby created ~~within the Department of Corrections~~ a Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center which shall consist of the entity ~~within the Department of Corrections~~ recognized by the Bureau of Justice Statistics as the Statistical Analysis Center, a prevention and intervention unit, a resource development unit, and an administrative support unit. Effective July 1, 1997, the Criminal Justice Resource Center is hereby transferred to the Department of Public Safety.

B. Effective July 1, 1997, all unexpended funds, property, records, personnel, and outstanding financial obligations and encumbrances of the Criminal Justice Resource Center are hereby transferred to the Department of Public Safety. All transferred personnel shall retain their employment position and status as unclassified or classified employees. The Director of State Finance is hereby directed to coordinate the transfer of funds, allotments, purchase orders, and outstanding financial obligations, or encumbrances, provided for by the provisions of this subsection.

C. The duties of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center shall be to:

1. ~~provide~~ Provide a clearinghouse for criminal justice information;

2. ~~provide~~ Provide a central contact point for federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies;

3. ~~provide~~ Provide technical assistance for all criminal justice agencies of this state;
4. ~~provide~~ Provide consultation for criminal justice agencies of this state in preparing reports, gaining funding, or preparing information;
5. ~~require~~ Obtain information from criminal justice agencies to contribute information for in this state for analyses of criminal justice issues;
6. ~~collect~~ Collect and analyze criminal justice data;
7. ~~produce~~ Produce reports for state and local criminal justice agencies;
8. ~~facilitate~~ Facilitate information networking between criminal justice agencies;
9. ~~attend state~~ Attend meetings concerning criminal justice issues; and
10. ~~represent~~ Represent this state at national meetings including, but not limited to, meetings or conferences of criminal justice statistics associations of other states;
11. Provide administrative support to the Oklahoma Sentencing Commission;
12. Assist in developing resources for the criminal justice system;
13. Address pertinent issues related to prevention and intervention programs;
14. Provide assistance to the State Crime Stoppers Association; and
15. Maintain support and provide assistance to the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention.

~~C. The Criminal Justice Systems Task Force Committee, as created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 1044 of the 1st Session of the 41st Oklahoma Legislature and re-created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 1090 of the 2nd Session of the 41st Oklahoma Legislature, is hereby re-created with the membership as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 1090 of the 2nd Session of the 41st Oklahoma Legislature. The Committee shall serve as an advisory and policy board to the Criminal Justice Resource Center and shall:~~

1. ~~meet at least quarterly;~~
2. ~~appoint a director for the Criminal Justice Resource Center;~~ and
3. ~~set and approve policy for the Criminal Justice Resource Center.~~

~~The members of the Criminal Justice Resource Center shall serve without compensation but shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.~~

~~D. The Department of Corrections~~ Public Safety shall provide technical assistance, ~~personnel support,~~ office space, equipment, ~~use of the super mini-computer,~~ as well as all and other administrative support required by the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center.

E. The Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center shall have a director and other necessary staff. The Oklahoma Sentencing Commission shall hire and set the salaries of the director and any other staff of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center, subject to appropriation.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 508.2a of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Criminal Justice System Task Force Committee which shall serve as an advisory board to the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center.

B. The Committee shall be composed of the following members, except as otherwise provided by this act:

1. Two senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
2. Two representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
3. The Director of the Department of Corrections;
4. The Secretary of State;
5. The Executive Director of the Pardon and Parole Board;
6. The Commissioner of Public Safety;
7. The Executive Director of the District Attorneys Council;
8. The Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;
9. The Attorney General;
10. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;
11. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs;
12. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;
13. A judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court; and
14. Five members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:
 - a. a chief of police,
 - b. a sheriff,
 - c. a person representing the business community,
 - d. a person representing a private nonprofit community service organization, and
 - e. a citizen at large.

C. Each Committee member shall be required to attend the meetings of the Committee. Failure to attend or to send a representative to at least two quarterly meetings each year shall automatically result in the removal of the member from the Committee.

D. The Committee shall be chaired by one of the appointed members from the Senate in the odd-numbered years and one of the appointed members of the House of Representatives in the even-numbered years to be selected by the majority vote of the Committee members. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business. Committee members shall not be compensated but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary travel expenses as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. The duties of the Committee shall be to:

1. Review and discuss issues pertaining to criminal justice;
2. Make recommendations of issues relating to criminal justice to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor; and
3. Establish policy for the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center.

F. The Committee shall have the authority to adopt rules and procedures necessary to conduct the work of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center.

G. The Committee is hereby authorized to enlist the aid of any agency of state government for assistance or for information to enable the Committee to perform the duties charged in this act.

H. The Committee shall make a written report each year to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, and the Commissioner of Public Safety on any findings or recommendations concerning needed legislation, the potential impact, including fiscal estimates, of existing or proposed legislation, and the impact of agency policies which affect the criminal justice system.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act are severable and if any part or provision shall be held void the decision of the court so holding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions of this act.

SECTION 4. REPEALER Sections 5 and 6, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1994 (22 O.S. Supp. 1996, Sections 1505 and 1506), are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. 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 15th day of May, 1997.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of May, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives