

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1686

By: Pope (Tim)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;

amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 508, which relates to divisions within the Department of Corrections; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 508, is amended to read as follows:

Section 508. The Director, subject to the approval of the Board, is hereby authorized to create divisions within the Department of Corrections as ~~he~~ the Director may deem appropriate to effectively manage the Department. The divisions shall be under the immediate supervision and control of the Director. The Director is hereby authorized to appoint Deputy Directors for the divisions of the Department, who shall be exempt from the Merit System of Personnel Administration Act, and to fix the salaries and duties thereof; provided, the salary ranges of said Deputy Directors shall be set by the Legislature in the Department's annual appropriation. The Deputy Directors shall have at least a master's degree from an

accredited college or university, with a major field of study in at least one of the following: Corrections, criminology, criminal justice, psychology, sociology, administration, education or a related social science, and at least four (4) years of work experience in corrections; or a bachelor's degree in the above specified major fields of study and at least five (5) years of work experience in corrections. Provided, however, that for the position of Deputy Director of administrative services, administrative experience may be substituted for work experience in corrections. The provisions of this ~~act~~ section shall not apply to those presently serving as Deputy Director as herein defined.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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