

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2142

By: Askins

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to corrections; amending 57 O.S.

1991, Section 365, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 365), which relates to the Preparole Conditional Supervision Program; modifying qualifications for participation by inmates; requiring approval by the Governor for an inmate to be placed in the Program; providing for recommendation by the Pardon and Parole Board; transferring notification and disciplinary responsibilities to the Pardon and Parole Board; 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 365, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 365), is amended to read as follows:

Section 365. A. Whenever the population of the prison system is certified by the State Board of Corrections as exceeding ninety-five percent (95%) of its capacity, as defined in Section 571 of this title, the Department of Corrections and the Pardon and Parole

Board shall implement a Preparole Conditional Supervision Program until such time as the population is reduced to ninety-two and one-half percent (92 1/2%) of capacity, for persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections who meet the following guidelines:

1. Only inmates who are otherwise eligible for parole, pursuant to Sections 332.7 and 332.8 of this title, shall be eligible to participate in this program;

2. An inmate shall serve at least fifteen percent (15%) of his sentence of incarceration and be within one (1) year of his regularly scheduled parole consideration date or be within twenty-one (21) months of his projected release date, prior to being eligible for this program; ~~and~~

3. Only inmates who have attained the proficiency level established by Section ~~3~~ 510.7 of this ~~act~~ title, unless exempted by said section, or who comply with education requirements as provided in subsection C of Section ~~4~~ 510.8 of this ~~act~~ title shall be eligible for participation in this program; and

4. Only inmates who are incarcerated for nonviolent offenses, as defined by Section 571 of this title, shall be eligible for this program.

B. Upon an inmate becoming eligible for this program it shall be the duty of the Pardon and Parole Board, with or without application being made, to cause an examination to be made of the criminal record of the inmate and to make inquiry into the conduct and the record of said inmate during his confinement in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

C. Upon a favorable ~~recommendation~~ finding by the Pardon and Parole Board, the Board shall recommend to the Governor that the inmate be placed in the program. If approved by the Governor, notification shall be made to the Department of Corrections that said inmate has been recommended to be placed in this program.

D. Prior to the placement of an inmate on Preparole Conditional Supervision, the ~~Department~~ Pardon and Parole Board shall provide written notification to the sheriff and district attorney of the county in which any person on Preparole Conditional Supervision is to be placed and to the chief law enforcement officer of any incorporated city or town in which said person is to be placed of the placement of the person on Preparole Conditional Supervision within the county or incorporated city or town. The ~~Department~~ Board also shall provide written notification of the placement of the person on Preparole Conditional Supervision within the county or incorporated city or town to any victim of the crime for which the inmate was convicted by mailing the notification to the last-known address of the victim, if such information is requested by the victim. The ~~Department of Corrections~~ Board shall not give the address of the inmate to any victim of the crime for which the inmate was convicted.

E. Should an inmate violate any rule or condition during the period of community supervision, the inmate shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings as established by the ~~Department of Corrections~~ Pardon and Parole Board.

F. Any inmate who escapes from this program shall be subject to the provisions of Section 443 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. Any inmate who fails to satisfactorily attend and make satisfactory progress in the educational program in which the inmate has been required to participate as a condition of eligibility for this program shall have his or her eligibility for this program revoked. Any such inmate shall be returned to confinement in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

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

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.

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