

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2862

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Community Sentencing Act; amending Section 53, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 1997, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 1997 (22 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 987.15), which relates to duties of 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 Section 53, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 1997, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 1997 (22 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 987.15), is amended to read as follows:

Section 987.15 The Community Sentencing Division within the Department of Corrections shall have the duty to:

1. Administer a statewide community sentencing system pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Community Sentencing Act and other provisions of law;
2. Establish statewide goals and standards for the statewide community sentencing system and the local community sentencing systems;

3. Promulgate rules ~~pursuant to~~ in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act for the implementation and operation of the Oklahoma Community Sentencing Act;

4. Provide technical assistance and administrative support to each local community sentencing system. The technical assistance shall include, but not be limited to, information on:

- a. corrections system design,
- b. administration,
- c. development, monitoring, and evaluating of programs and services,
- d. program identification and specifications,
- e. offender risk management,
- f. supervision of offenders,
- g. planning and budgeting,
- h. grant applications, and
- i. preparation and submission of documents, data, budgets, and system plans;

5. Coordinate with other state agencies for services and technical assistance to each local community sentencing system;

6. Apply for and accept money and other assets to be utilized for support of a statewide community sentencing system and to allocate and disburse agency funds to local community sentencing systems through an appropriate funding method;

7. Review, analyze and fund local system plans within budgetary limitations;

8. Contract with local service providers and state agencies for services to the local system;

9. Identify and solicit other funding sources and resources to support the statewide community sentencing system;

10. Request post audits of state funds;

11. Monitor and coordinate local systems;

12. Provide performance-based evaluations for all service providers of the statewide system;

13. Report annually by January 15 to the Legislature and Governor on the statewide system. The report shall provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Oklahoma Community Sentencing Act in terms of public safety, appropriate range of community punishments, cost-effectiveness, performance-based effectiveness in reducing recidivism, utilization by the judiciary, resource allocation, and reduced state and local institutional receptions, if any; and

14. Disseminate information to local administrators and community sentencing systems concerning corrections issues including, but not limited to:

- a. punishment options,
- b. disciplinary sanctions,
- c. resource allocation,
- d. administration,
- e. legal issues,
- f. supervision and risk management,
- g. treatment methodology and services,
- h. education and vocational services,
- i. service and program monitoring and evaluation methods,
- j. grants and funding assistance,
- k. data and record keeping, and
- l. offender characteristics.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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