

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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2ND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1253

By: Bonny of the House

and

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2ND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; establishing minimum salary requirements for Correctional Teachers and Vocational Instructors employed by the Department of Corrections; authorizing additional salary amounts under certain circumstances; defining term; stating nonteaching administrators shall be in the unclassified service; limiting eligibility for salary increases for certain individuals; providing for salary adjustments; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 510.6a of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Persons certified to teach in the State of Oklahoma and meeting all minimum qualifications set by the Office of Personnel Management, who are hired or employed as Correctional Teachers or Vocational Instructors by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections educational program, shall receive in salary and fringe benefits the minimum amounts specified in Section 18-114 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes multiplied by a factor of 1.20. Correctional Teachers serving as lead workers with supervisory responsibilities shall receive the minimum amounts specified in Section 18-114 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes multiplied by a factor of 1.25. Correctional Teachers who have a special education certificate shall receive salary of an additional five percent (5%). For purposes of

this section, "fringe benefits" means the employees benefit allowance, longevity payments, and employer contributions to the employees deferred savings incentive plan.

B. Persons employed by the Department of Corrections school system as nonteaching administrators shall be in the unclassified service and shall not be placed under the classified service; however, any classified employee occupying an administrative position prior to the effective date of this act shall retain the right to remain in the classified service. At such time as such position becomes vacant, it shall be placed in the unclassified service.

C. Except as provided by this section of law, the employment of persons by the Department of Corrections educational program as teachers or administrators shall be entirely governed by the provisions of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and any other laws or rules regarding state employees and their employment; however, no person employed by the Department of Corrections as a Correctional Teacher or Vocational Instructor, whose salary is calculated in accordance with Section 18-114 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to receive any pay increases authorized elsewhere in statute, rule or law.

D. The salaries for all Correctional Teachers and Vocational Instructors shall be adjusted annually on July 1 unless legislation authorizes a pay raise for educators with an implementation date other than July 1, in which case the annual adjustment shall occur on the date of the pay raise implementation.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

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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