

# House Bill No. 1463

## As Amended

HOUSE BILL NO. 1463 -- By ERWIN.

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; authorizing counties to place prisoners in voluntary work programs, subject to certain restrictions; requiring county to obtain assistance from the Department of Corrections; authorizing the county to request work program for state prisoners housed in the county jail; **AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ASSIGN PRISONERS TO WORK ON CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS**; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 58.4 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any person confined in any county jail pursuant to the sentence of the court may be assigned by the sheriff to a work program, if:

1. The prisoner volunteers to participate in the work program;
2. The work program does not compete with any private business activity in the county; and
3. The work program does not violate the provisions of Section 1761 of Title 18 of the United States Code or any other

applicable federal law.

B. A county shall request assistance from the Department of Corrections in establishing the work program.

C. The county also may request that the Department, in conjunction with the county, establish a work program for state inmates housed in county jails that qualifies pursuant to federal law as part of a nonfederal prison work pilot project.

**D. ANY PERSON CONFINED IN ANY COUNTY JAIL PURSUANT TO THE SENTENCE OF THE COURT MAY BE ASSIGNED BY THE SHERIFF TO WORK ON THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IF THE PRISONER VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE AND THE WORK DOES NOT COMPETE WITH ANY PRIVATE BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTY.**

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-17-99 – DO PASS, As Amended.