

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1372

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to corrections; amending Section 4, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 510.8), which relates to priority placement for meeting educational requirements; deleting obsolete language; directing the Department of Corrections to develop job skills programs and employment readiness training for inmates nearing release or parole; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 510.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 510.8 A. The Department of Corrections shall implement procedures to ensure that priority for placement of eligible inmates in education programs be given to inmates closest to their projected release dates.

B. Any incarcerated inmate that refuses to participate in recommended education programs shall be ineligible for earned credits as provided in Section 138.1 of ~~Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title and shall jeopardize his or her eligibility for parole ~~or participation in the Preparole Conditional Supervision Program.~~

C. Any eligible inmate who has not achieved the educational proficiency level established in Section ~~3~~ 510.7 of this ~~act~~ title, prior to the date of eligibility for parole ~~or preparole conditional supervision~~, shall be required by the Pardon and Parole Board to participate in education programs approved by the Board to achieve

such proficiency level or, at the discretion of the Board, to obtain a general education diploma as a condition of parole ~~or prepare conditional supervision~~. If education programs are not available in the community where the inmate resides, or if the Board finds that such educational requirements would be a financial hardship on the inmate or that said inmate is not physically able to participate, the Board may waive the educational requirement set out herein.

D. The Department of Corrections shall develop job skills programs and employment readiness training for inmates nearing release or on parole.

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

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