

CS for SB 723

THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 27, 2001

Committee Substitute for
Senate Bill No. 723

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 723 - By: WILKERSON of the Senate and SWEEDEN and WEBB of the House.

An Act relating to corrections; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 515, which relates to probation-parole officers; modifying language; requiring the Director of the Department of Corrections to determine duties and responsibilities of certain officers; authorizing the Department of Corrections to award the identification badge to certain retiring employees; 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 515, is amended to read as follows:

Section 515. A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, all probation-parole officers ~~shall be deemed~~ employed by the Director of the Department of Corrections shall:

- 1. Be commissioned peace officers and ~~shall~~ possess the powers granted by law to peace officers; and
- 2. Have their duties and responsibilities determined by the Director.

B. Probation-parole officers shall meet all of the training and qualifications for peace officers required by Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Qualifications for probation-parole

1 officers shall be good character and, except for those probation-
2 parole officers employed prior to May 4, 1974, a bachelor's degree
3 from an accredited college or university including at least
4 twenty-four (24) credit hours in any combination of psychology,
5 sociology, social work, criminology, education, criminal justice
6 administration, penology or police science. Provided, that any
7 employee of the Department, formerly classified and who worked as a
8 probation-parole officer for at least one (1) year, who was later
9 promoted to an administrative or supervisory position within the
10 Department and who has been employed continuously by the Department
11 may be reappointed to the position of probation-parole officer
12 without having to meet the currently established qualifications in
13 this act.

14 ~~B. C.~~ C. Persons employed as probation-parole officers on or
15 before July 1, 1988, shall not be qualified and certified as peace
16 officers until completion of the requirements of Section 3311 of
17 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Said officers shall complete the
18 requirements prior to January 1, 1990.

19 D. For persons serving as probation-parole officers on or after
20 July 1, 2001, the Department of Corrections shall have the authority
21 to award the officer's identification badge to an employee of the
22 Department who retires from state employment as a probation-parole
23 officer.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-21-01 - DO
7 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.