

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1859

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; stating legislative findings and intent; encouraging prisons to provide certain types of programs; stating duties of prisons regarding certain types of programs; 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 568 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Legislature finds and declares that faith-based programs offered in state and private correctional institutions and facilities have the potential to facilitate inmate institutional adjustment, to help inmates assume personal responsibility and to reduce recidivism.

It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the Department of Corrections and private correctional facilities work toward ensuring the availability and development of such programs at the correctional institutions and facilities of this state and shall continuously:

1. Measure recidivism rates for all inmates participating in faith-based or religious programs;
2. Work toward increasing the number of volunteers ministering to inmates from various faith-based institutions in the state; and
3. Develop community linkages with churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith-based institutions to assist in the release of participants back into the community.

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

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