

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 743

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 508.2, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1998 (57 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 508.2), which relates to duties of the Center; requiring creation and publication of a uniform reporting standard by certain date annually; providing for consultation with certain agencies; stating purpose of uniform reporting standard; requiring adoption and use of uniform standard by certain agencies; requiring monitoring of criminal statutes within certain time; directing compliance and use of uniform reporting standard; providing for codification; 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 508.2, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1998 (57 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 508.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 508.2 A. Effective July 1, 1998, there is hereby transferred from the Department of Public Safety to the Legislative Service Bureau the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center which shall consist of the entity recognized by the Bureau of Justice Statistics as the Statistical Analysis Center, a prevention and intervention unit, a resource development unit, and an administrative support unit.

B. Effective July 1, 1998, all unexpended funds, property, records, personnel, and outstanding financial obligations and encumbrances of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center are hereby transferred to the Legislative Service Bureau. All transferred personnel shall retain their employment position and

status as unclassified or classified employees. The Director of State Finance is hereby directed to coordinate the transfer of funds, allotments, purchase orders, and outstanding financial obligations, or encumbrances, provided for by the provisions of this subsection.

C. The duties of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center shall be to:

1. Provide a clearinghouse for criminal justice information;
2. Provide a central contact point for federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies;
3. Provide technical assistance for all criminal justice agencies of this state;
4. Provide consultation for criminal justice agencies of this state in preparing reports, gaining funding, or preparing information;
5. Obtain information from criminal justice agencies in this state for analyses of criminal justice issues;
6. Collect and analyze criminal justice data;
7. Produce reports for state and local criminal justice agencies;
8. Facilitate information networking between criminal justice agencies;
9. Attend meetings concerning criminal justice issues;
10. Represent this state at national meetings including, but not limited to, meetings or conferences of criminal justice statistics associations of other states;
11. Provide administrative support to the Oklahoma Sentencing Commission;
12. Assist in developing resources for the criminal justice system;
13. Address pertinent issues related to prevention and intervention programs;

14. Provide assistance to the State Crime Stoppers Association;
and

15. Maintain support and provide assistance to the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention;

16. Create and publish by December 1 each year a uniform reporting standard for citing state criminal statutes to be used in reporting information to and from all criminal justice information systems within this state. The uniform reporting standard shall be developed in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Corrections, the State Bureau of Investigation, the District Attorneys Council, the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety through the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System Division, and the Office of Juvenile Affairs. The uniform reporting standard shall be used by all criminal justice information systems and shall be the standard for reporting arrests, criminal and juvenile delinquency charges, charge and case dispositions, custody records, and any other record purporting to identify a criminal history record or information relating to arrests, charges, custody, adjudication, conviction, and disposition of criminal or juvenile matters; and

17. Monitor all changes to state crime statutes within ninety (90) days of the Legislature's adjournment sine die for purposes of including any changes in law or new offenses within the uniform reporting standard.

D. The Legislative Service Bureau shall provide office space, equipment, and other administrative support required by the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center.

E. The Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center shall have a director and other necessary staff. The Oklahoma Sentencing Commission shall hire and set the salaries of the director and any other staff of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center, subject to appropriation.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 19 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

For purposes of any crime specified by the criminal code of this title or any provision of the law in this state, all criminal and juvenile justice information systems shall adopt and use the uniform reporting standard created and published by the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center as provided by Section 1 of this act. The uniform reporting standard shall insure the accurate reporting of all criminal and juvenile delinquency information relating to arrests, charges, custody records, dispositions, and any other information record purporting to identify a criminal or juvenile delinquency history record or information to be maintained by any criminal or juvenile justice information system within this state. Every district court, criminal justice agency, and juvenile delinquency agency of this state is hereby directed to comply with and use the uniform reporting standard for reporting and maintaining all criminal justice information systems of this state.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

SECTION 4. 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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