

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 705

By: Corn of the Senate

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Braddock, Brannon,  
Smithson and Sweeden of  
the House

An Act relating to corrections; amending 57 O.S. 2001, Section 510.6a, which relates to salaries for Correctional Teachers and Vocational Instructors; providing method to calculate certain teachers' and instructors' salaries; providing for certain salaries to be adjusted and recalculated by certain methods; eliminating longevity payments and certain pay increases for certain persons; providing for one-time payment on recalculation of certain salaries; 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. 2001, Section 510.6a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 510.6a A. Persons certified to teach in the State of Oklahoma and meeting all minimum qualifications set by the Office of Personnel Management, who are hired or employed as Correctional Teachers or Vocational Instructors by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Corrections educational program, shall receive in salary ~~and fringe benefits~~ the minimum amounts specified in Section ~~18-114~~ 18-114.12 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes multiplied by a factor of 1.20. Correctional Teachers serving as lead workers with supervisory responsibilities shall receive the minimum amounts specified ~~in~~ Section 18-114 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes above multiplied by a factor of 1.25. Correctional Teachers who have a special education certificate shall receive salary of an additional five percent (5%). ~~For purposes of this section, "fringe benefits" means the employees benefit allowance, longevity payments, and employer contributions to the employees deferred savings incentive plan~~ Correctional Teachers shall receive the benefits set forth in Sections 1370 and 1707 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided, however, Correctional Teachers shall not be eligible for longevity payments pursuant to Section 840-2.18 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. Persons employed by the Department of Corrections school system as nonteaching administrators shall be in the unclassified service and shall not be placed under the classified service; however, any classified employee occupying an administrative position prior to ~~the effective date of this act~~ July 1, 2000, shall retain the right to remain in the classified service. At such time as such position becomes vacant, it shall be placed in the unclassified service.

C. Except as provided by this section of law, the employment of persons by the Department of Corrections educational program as teachers or administrators shall be entirely governed by the provisions of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and any other laws or rules regarding state employees and their employment; however, ~~no person employed by the Department of Corrections as a Correctional Teacher or Vocational Instructor, whose salary is calculated in accordance with Section 18-114 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to receive any pay increases for state employees authorized elsewhere in statute, rule or law. Correctional Teachers or Vocational Instructors shall receive any legislated pay increases granted in addition to the Title 70 minimum salary schedule; provided, such increases are given to all common education/vocational technical teachers.~~

D. The salaries for all Correctional Teachers and Vocational Instructors shall be adjusted annually on July 1 unless legislation authorizes a pay raise for educators with an implementation date other than July 1, in which case the annual adjustment shall occur on the date of the pay raise implementation.

E. The monthly salaries of Correctional Teachers and Vocational Instructors employed by the Department of Corrections on the effective date of this act will be adjusted according to the procedures authorized in subsection A of this section on the first day of the month following the effective date of this act. Longevity payments will be eliminated in the month following the effective date of this act for Correctional Teachers and Vocational Instructors whose salaries are calculated according to the provisions of this section. The salaries of the employees governed by this section who are employed on the effective date of this act will be recalculated. The recalculation will be based on the provisions of subsection A of this section for actual time employed as a Department of Corrections Correctional Teacher or Vocational Instructor between July 1, 2004, and the last day of the month in which this act becomes effective. Authorized employees will receive a one-time payment equal to the difference between the recalculated salary amount and the compensation received.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the Senate the 24th day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of May, 2005.

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