

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1919

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; establishing the Division of Volunteers within the Department of Corrections; stating purpose of division; providing personnel necessary for the division; providing for the appointment of Volunteer Coordinator by Governor; stating term of appointment; providing for the adoption of necessary procedures; providing for appointment of Volunteer Coordinator; stating qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the Volunteer Coordinator; creating Division of Volunteers Revolving Fund; stating purpose of revolving fund; requiring approval for expenditures; requiring audit; providing reimbursement for audit expenses; 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 508.5 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created within the Department of Corrections the Division of Volunteers. The purpose of the division shall be to provide coordination and training programs for prison ministry volunteers.

B. The Director of the Department of Corrections shall employ the proper personnel and adopt the necessary procedures to carry out the duties of the Division of Volunteers. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Volunteer Coordinator, who shall have a minimum of two (2) years of experience as a volunteer. The term of the Volunteer Coordinator shall be coterminous with that of the Governor making the appointment.

C. The duties and responsibilities of the Volunteer Coordinator are as follows:

1. Coordinate volunteers;
2. Provide training for volunteers;
3. Make recommendations to the Deputy Director of the Department of Corrections; and
4. Provide regular or special reports regarding volunteer procedures and complaints to the Director of the Department of Corrections and other appropriate persons as necessary.

D. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Division of Volunteers of the Department of Corrections to be designated the "Division of Volunteers Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Division of Volunteers through private donations, gifts, contributions, and any other source. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Division of Volunteers for the purpose of providing training and supervision for volunteers. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

E. The Division of Volunteers Revolving Fund shall be audited by the State Auditor and Inspector at least every two (2) years. The Department of Corrections shall reimburse the State Auditor and Inspector from the Division of Volunteers Revolving Fund for any expenses incurred in auditing the fund.

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

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