

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE BILL 2722

By: Shelton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; amending 57 O.S. 2001, Section 510.7, which relates to assessment of educational and training needs; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2001, Section 510.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 510.7 A. The Department of Corrections shall establish a program to ensure that inmates have an opportunity to achieve at least an eighth grade level of proficiency in reading, writing and computation skills, to the extent resources are available. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to all inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections, except those inmates identified and documented, through the testing requirements provided in subsection B of this section, to be incapable of benefiting from education programs, and except those inmates who have already achieved an eighth grade level of proficiency in reading, writing and computation skills.

B. The Department of Corrections, in fulfilling its duty to assess the educational and training needs of an inmate, as part of the assessment and reception process required by Section 530.1 of ~~Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, shall administer an examination to determine the education proficiency of the inmate, the existence of any learning disabilities, and any other factors relevant to determining if the inmate is capable of achieving the educational proficiency established in subsection A of this section

and if so, to determine the type of education programs necessary to bring the inmate to an eighth grade level of proficiency.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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