

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE BILL 665

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to corrections; amending 57 O.S. 2001, Sections 504 and 508, which relate to powers of the Board of Corrections and compensation; providing method to determine salary of the Director and Deputy Directors of the Department of Corrections; 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 504, is amended to read as follows:

Section 504. ~~(a)~~ A. The Board of Corrections shall elect from its members a ~~chairman~~ chair, vice ~~chairman~~ chair and a secretary. It shall adopt rules and regulations for its government and may adopt an official seal for the Department of Corrections. Members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act while attending meetings of the Board or while performing other official duties.

~~(b)~~ B. The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

~~(1)~~ 1. To establish policies for the operation of the Department;

~~(2)~~ 2. To establish and maintain such institutions as are necessary or convenient for the operation of programs for the education, training, vocational education and rehabilitation of prisoners under the jurisdiction of the Department;

~~(3)~~ 3. To lease, from time to time, without restriction as to terms, any property which ~~said~~ the Board shall determine advisable to more fully carry into effect the operation of prison industries;

~~(4)~~ 4. To acquire, construct, extend, improve, maintain and operate any and all facilities of all kinds which in the judgment of the Board shall be necessary or convenient to foster the prison industries program;

~~(5)~~ 5. To require the Director and any other personnel of the Department, when deemed necessary by the Board, to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties;

~~(6)~~ 6. To appoint and fix the salary of the Director with said salary to be set at an amount not to exceed the maximum annual salary recommended by the Office of Personnel Management pursuant to that agency's regularly scheduled study of salaries of chief executive officers of state agencies required by Section 840-1.6A and Section 3601.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

~~(7)~~ 7. To enter into contracts with private prison contractors; and

~~(8)~~ 8. To provide training to employees of private prison contractors and other governmental entities on a fee basis.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2001, Section 508, is amended to read as follows:

Section 508. The Director, subject to the approval of the Board of Corrections, is hereby authorized to create divisions within the Department of Corrections as ~~he~~ the Director may deem appropriate to effectively manage the Department. The divisions shall be under the immediate supervision and control of the Director. The Director is hereby authorized to appoint Deputy Directors for the divisions of the Department, who shall be exempt from the Merit System of Personnel Administration Act, and to fix the salaries and duties thereof; provided, the salary ranges of ~~said~~ the Deputy Directors shall be set ~~by the Legislature in the Department's annual appropriation~~ at an amount between seventy percent (70%) and eighty-five percent (85%) of the salary of the Director. The Deputy Directors shall have at least a master's degree from an accredited

college or university, with a major field of study in at least one of the following: Corrections, criminology, criminal justice, psychology, sociology, administration, education or a related social science, and at least four (4) years of work experience in corrections; or a bachelor's degree in the above specified major fields of study and at least five (5) years of work experience in corrections. Provided, however, that for the position of Deputy Director of administrative services, administrative experience may be substituted for work experience in corrections. ~~The provisions of this act shall not apply to those presently serving as Deputy Director as herein defined.~~

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

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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