

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
ENGROSSED  
Senate Bill No. 1452

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1452 - By: LAMB  
of the Senate and BLACKWELL of the House.

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; amending Section 2, Chapter  
274, O.S.L. 2007 (57 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 521.1), which relates to the  
Reentry Policy Council; providing for reimbursement of council members; and  
declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 274, O.S.L. 2007 (57 O.S.  
2 Supp. 2007, Section 521.1), is amended to read as follows:

3 Section 521.1 A. Upon the effective date of this act, a Reentry Policy Council shall  
4 be created for the purpose of providing oversight of the reentry policies and programs  
5 operated by the Department of Corrections. The Council shall consist of eleven (11)  
6 members and shall be appointed as follows:

7 1. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

8 a. one member shall be a law enforcement officer,

9 b. one member shall be a corrections official, and

10 c. one member shall be a crime victim;

1           2. Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
2 Representatives as follows:

- 3           a.     one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of
- 4                     Representatives,
- 5           b.     one member shall be a representative of a faith-based organization
- 6                     involved with the reintegration of inmates,
- 7           c.     one member shall be a person who has been previously convicted of a
- 8                     criminal offense in Oklahoma, and
- 9           d.     one member shall be a mental health and substance abuse official; and

10           3. Four members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma  
11 State Senate as follows:

- 12           a.     one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma State Senate,
- 13           b.     one member shall be a representative from a for-profit half-way house
- 14                     who specializes in reintegration of inmates,
- 15           c.     one member shall be a representative from a nonprofit entity involved
- 16                     with the reintegration of inmates, and
- 17           d.     one member shall be a district attorney, or his or her designee.

18           B. The Council shall:

19           1. Review corrections policies, programs and procedures to ensure that the primary  
20 purpose of each is public safety during imprisonment and after release;

21           2. Identify gaps in reentry programs and services as well as overlapping efforts,  
22 and recommend changes to address those issues;

1           3. Review policies to ensure that corrections facilities recruit and welcome  
2 volunteers;

3           4. Review the licensing procedures within this state to eliminate barriers to  
4 employment that are unrelated to the conduct underlying the conviction; and

5           5. Report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the progress of the  
6 reentry initiative, including the impact on recidivism, effectiveness of agency  
7 coordination and communications, and the implementation of reentry plans and use of  
8 funding.

9           C. 1. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed for their necessary  
10 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section  
11 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes from the legislative body in which they serve;

12           2. State agency employees who are members of the Council shall be reimbursed for  
13 their travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their respective  
14 agencies in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

15           3. All other Council members shall be reimbursed by the Department of Central  
16 Services for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the Council in  
17 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

18           SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof  
20 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

21           COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY,  
22 dated 03-27-08 - DO PASS, As Amended.