

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE BILL 1452

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 274, O.S.L.  
14 2007 (57 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 521.1), is amended to read as  
15 follows:

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

- 21 1. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:
- 22 a. one member shall be a law enforcement officer,
  - 23 b. one member shall be a corrections official, and
  - 24 c. one member shall be a crime victim;

1           2. Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
2 Oklahoma House of 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  
6           organization involved with the reintegration of  
7           inmates,
- 8           c. one member shall be a person who has been previously  
9           convicted of a criminal offense in Oklahoma, and
- 10          d. one member shall be a mental health and substance  
11          abuse official; and

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

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

23          B. The Council shall:  
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- 1        1. Review corrections policies, programs and procedures to  
2 ensure that the primary purpose of each is public safety during  
3 imprisonment and after release;
- 4        2. Identify gaps in reentry programs and services as well as  
5 overlapping efforts, and recommend changes to address those issues;
- 6        3. Review policies to ensure that corrections facilities  
7 recruit and welcome volunteers;
- 8        4. Review the licensing procedures within this state to  
9 eliminate barriers to employment that are unrelated to the conduct  
10 underlying the conviction; and
- 11       5. Report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the  
12 progress of the reentry initiative, including the impact on  
13 recidivism, effectiveness of agency coordination and communications,  
14 and the implementation of reentry plans and use of funding.

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

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

23        3. All other Council members shall be reimbursed by the  
24 Department of Central Services for travel expenses incurred in

1 performance of their duties on the Council in accordance with the  
2 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

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