

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to corrections; creating a new unit
8 within the Department of Corrections; naming certain
9 unit; designating chief officer and support staff for
10 certain unit; requiring certain officer at certain
11 correctional institutions; requiring the Director of
12 the Department of Corrections to recruit qualified
13 applicants for employment, set salaries and provide
14 office space and support; authorizing certain officer
15 to employ staff with consent of director and State
16 Board of Corrections; subjecting certain employment
17 to availability of funding; stating functions of
18 certain unit; setting certain duties and
19 responsibilities of certain officer; requiring
20 certain officer to develop certain manual for certain
21 purposes; authorizing private prison contractors to
22 be included in certain operations and information
23 sharing; requiring certain appropriations for certain
24 purpose; 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
a Security Threat Group (STG) Intelligence Unit to be administered

1 by a Chief Security Threat Intelligence Officer, and such other
2 Security Threat Group (STG) Officers and administrative staff as
3 necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the STG
4 Unit. The Chief Officer shall report directly to the Director of
5 the Department of Corrections. At least one STG officer shall be
6 assigned to each state correctional institution which houses
7 exclusively male inmates and an STG officer may be assigned to all
8 other correctional institutions as funding is available or necessity
9 requires. The Director of the Department of Corrections shall
10 recruit qualified applicants for consideration and selection by the
11 Board of Corrections for employment in the STG Unit. The Director
12 of the Department of Corrections shall set salaries, provide office
13 space, and support the operation of the STG Unit and its staff
14 through Department resources and funds. The Chief Security Threat
15 Intelligence Officer shall employ, with the consent of the Director
16 and the Board of Corrections, other qualified officers and
17 administrative staff, subject to availability of funding.

18 B. The functions of the Security Threat Group (STG)
19 Intelligence Unit shall be to:

20 1. Gather intelligence information on criminal organizations,
21 gangs, terrorists, and other security threat groups and
22 participating members that are operating in a correctional facility
23 in this state or suspected of infiltrating the prison population for
24 any purpose;

1 2. Monitor gangs and security threat groups that are disruptive
2 or threaten the safety or security of the Department of Corrections
3 prison population, correctional institution facilities or
4 operations, personnel of the Department, or individual inmates who
5 are imprisoned in the custody of the Department;

6 3. Network, train and establish information-sharing standards
7 with all stakeholders including, but not limited to, jails,
8 correctional facilities, communities, and law enforcement agencies;
9 and

10 4. Disseminate intelligence information to correctional
11 personnel, law enforcement agencies, and other pertinent
12 stakeholders.

13 C. The Chief Security Threat Intelligence Officer has the duty
14 and responsibility to:

15 1. Manage and administer the STG Unit as required by law, rule
16 or policy;

17 2. Protect the STG officers, staff and personnel of the
18 Department through training and information sharing;

19 3. Establish practices and procedures to reduce security threat
20 group activity, membership recruitment, and its negative influence
21 on the prison population;

22 4. Employ at least one STG officer for every state correctional
23 institution who shall identify, gather information and monitor
24 security threat groups, gangs, organized crime members, and criminal

1 activity within the correctional facility population for report to
2 the Chief Officer of the Unit;

3 5. Facilitate training of all SGT officers and correctional
4 personnel as necessary to protect personnel and inmates from
5 security threat group harm, and to identify, gather information and
6 monitor security threat groups and criminal activities within the
7 Department of Corrections prison population;

8 6. Recommend changes to law, policy or practices in
9 correctional institutions, the Department, or the state to reduce
10 security threats, acts of violence, gangs, criminal activity, and
11 the negative or disruptive influence of security threat groups in
12 correctional facilities;

13 7. Identify and implement computer software technology and
14 electronic data systems to track, collect, monitor, analyze, and
15 transmit confidential data, detailed intelligence information and
16 reports on security threat groups and participating members;

17 8. Identify, track, monitor, collect, and facilitate
18 information-sharing of various characteristics of prison gangs and
19 other security threat groups by associations, correspondence,
20 visitors, tattoos, contraband, visual or verbal codes, and other
21 communications methods;

22 9. Maintain and share with stakeholders current data on gang
23 and security threat group members, including, but not limited to,
24 photographs of the persons, tattoos, and body marks and scars,

1 information on all known contacts, associations, visitors, family
2 members and relations, activities, and other pertinent data.

3 D. The Chief Security Threat Intelligence Officer shall develop
4 a training and operational manual for the administration and
5 operations of the STG Unit and for individual correctional
6 institutional offices. Private prison contractors may voluntarily
7 or by contract provision be included in the STG Unit operation and
8 information-sharing networks.

9 E. The Legislature shall appropriate funds each fiscal year in
10 such amounts necessary for the STG Unit to meet its lawful duties
11 and functions within the Department of Corrections correctional
12 institutions and participating private prison contractors.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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