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3 SENATE BILL 1838

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to corrections; requiring the State
8 Board of Corrections to promulgate certain rules for
9 certain purpose; stating certain content of certain
10 rules; directing adherence to certain rules;
11 encouraging support of volunteer activities; defining
12 term; providing for codification; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 504A of Title 57, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The State Board of Corrections shall promulgate rules according
19 to the procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act to govern
20 prison volunteers participating in the Department of Corrections,
21 private prison contractor facilities, halfway houses, and other
22 correctional facilities contracting to house felony inmates in this
23 state. The rules shall include, but shall not be limited to:

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1. Screening, training, and obtaining security clearance;
 2. Institution and facility admittance procedures;

1 3. Guidelines for functions and services at institutions and
2 facilities;

3 4. Guidelines for obtaining authorization for special
4 functions, services, or distributions;

5 5. Guidelines for distribution of gifts, materials, food
6 products, personal items, and other information, including
7 educational, spiritual and secular items and materials;

8 6. Institution and facility responsibility for securing and
9 making available for services and educational programs, those
10 materials, equipment, supplies, and information supplied by
11 volunteers;

12 7. Guidelines for use and availability of spiritual information
13 and materials;

14 8. Guidelines for supplying reading materials;

15 9. Institution and facility responsibility to allow inmates
16 access to, and participation in, volunteer activities at the times
17 scheduled for such activity or contacts; and

18 10. Procedures for complaints, progress reports on individual
19 inmate participation, and suggestions to improve the delivery of
20 volunteer functions and services.

21 Every institution and facility operated by, or contracting with,
22 the Department of Corrections shall be required to adhere to the
23 rules promulgated for volunteers by the Board. The Department of
24 Corrections shall encourage and support volunteer functions and

1 services at all correctional institutions and facilities pursuant to
2 the rules promulgated for prison volunteers and volunteer activities
3 and services.

4 For purposes of this section, "prison volunteer" means a person
5 or organization who freely gives, offers, helps, donates, supplies
6 or provides, time, equipment, materials, information, books, food,
7 personal items, expertise, professional services, religious or
8 spiritual services, or various other support or educational services
9 to, or for the benefit of, prisoners, correctional staff, or the
10 family members of prisoners or correctional staff, within a
11 correctional institution or facility, or to assist in reentry of a
12 person from a correctional institution to liberty in the community.

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

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