

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2998

6 By: Steele

7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
9 authorizing Department of Corrections to implement
10 certain pilot program; providing purpose of pilot
11 program; stating functions of pilot program;
12 authorizing promulgation of rules; providing for
13 codification; and providing an 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 510.8b of Title 57, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The Oklahoma Legislature, recognizing the need for increased
19 community diversion programs and reentry services for female
20 offenders and inmates, hereby authorizes the implementation of a
21 pilot program within the Department of Corrections. The purpose of
22 the pilot program shall be to reduce the high rate of incarceration
23 of women in Oklahoma by providing a more comprehensive curriculum of
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1 diversion programs and reentry services that employ evidence-based
2 practices and techniques.

3 B. The pilot program shall:

4 1. Identify the population of female offenders who have been
5 charged with a criminal offense and are at risk of being
6 incarcerated for such offense;

7 2. Develop a community-based diversion program that provides
8 comprehensive services and treatment to female offenders;

9 3. Identify the population of female inmates with children who
10 have been sentenced to a term of incarceration upon reception to the
11 Department of Corrections;

12 4. Develop a comprehensive reentry plan for female inmates with
13 children;

14 5. Modify existing reentry programs and services to better
15 address the needs of female inmates with children;

16 6. Develop new reentry programs and services that focus on
17 parenting and life skills, family supports and employment skills;

18 7. Develop or modify existing substance abuse treatment and
19 rehabilitation programs offered to female inmates of the Department
20 of Corrections; and

21 8. Develop partnerships within communities to assist in
22 providing support services and employment opportunities to female
23 inmates with children after the inmate has been discharged from the
24 custody of the Department of Corrections.

1 C. The Department of Corrections shall promulgate rules
2 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.
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