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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 2998

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2998 - By: STEELE, PETERSON,
DORMAN, DENNEY AND JACKSON of the House and LAMB of the Senate.

[prisons and reformatories – rules -
effective date]

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 510.8b of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
- 4 A. The Oklahoma Legislature, recognizing the need for increased community
5 diversion programs and reentry services for female offenders and inmates, hereby
6 authorizes the Department of Corrections to establish pilot programs that shall consist of
7 private donations and state funds. The purpose of the pilot programs shall be to provide
8 diversion programs to reduce the high rate of female incarceration and to provide reentry
9 services that both employ evidence-based practices and techniques.
- 10 B. The pilot diversion program may consist of, but shall not be limited to, the
11 following:

- 1 1. Identify the population of nonviolent female offenders who have been charged
2 with a criminal offense and are at risk of being incarcerated for such offense; and
3 2. Develop a community-based diversion program that provides comprehensive and
4 gender-specific services to female offenders.

5 C. The pilot reentry program may consist of, but shall not be limited to, the
6 following:

- 7 1. Identify the population of nonviolent female inmates with children who have
8 been sentenced to a term of incarceration upon reception to the Department of
9 Corrections;
10 2. Develop a comprehensive, gender-specific reentry plan for female inmates with
11 children;
12 3. Modify existing reentry programs and services to better address the needs of
13 female inmates with children;
14 4. Develop new reentry programs and services that focus on parenting and life
15 skills, family supports and employment skills;
16 5. Develop or modify existing substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation
17 programs offered to female inmates of the Department of Corrections; and
18 6. Develop partnerships within communities to assist in providing support services
19 and employment opportunities to female inmates with children after the inmate has been
20 discharged from the custody of the Department of Corrections.

21 D. The Department of Corrections shall promulgate rules necessary to implement
22 the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.
2 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET,
3 dated 02-23-10 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.