

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1513

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8 [prisoner training - vocational-technical education -
9 State Board of Career and Technology Education -
10 cedar tree harvesting training - harvesting - meat
11 goat management and production training program -
12 Langston University - effective date]

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 538, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 538. A. The Department of Human Services, through the
17 State Department of Rehabilitation Services, and the State Board of
18 Career and Technology Education shall implement policies and
19 programs consistent with available funds and applicable federal
20 statutes, rules and regulations, to provide appropriate education,
21 rehabilitation and vocational-technical training for persons in
22 custody of the Department of Corrections who are candidates for work
23 release programs, parole or release. It is the intent of the
24 Oklahoma Legislature that such programs will be available so that

1 said education and training will reasonably be expected to be
2 completed before parole, release or work release begins.

3 B. The Department of Corrections shall work cooperatively with
4 the State Department of Rehabilitation Services and the State Board
5 of Career and Technology Education to provide suitable candidates to
6 allow reasonable cost effectiveness in the operation of said
7 education, rehabilitation and training programs. This shall be
8 accomplished through development of a method for screening and
9 classification of persons in all facilities operated by the
10 Department of Corrections, such screening and classification to be
11 done cooperatively with the above-named agencies.

12 C. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
13 implement programs to provide cedar tree harvesting, which allow
14 participants to harvest Eastern Red Cedar trees on public and
15 private property as authorized pursuant to Section 222 of this title
16 and provide commercial and residential frame and drywall
17 construction training for persons in custody of the Department of
18 Corrections who are candidates for work release programs, parole or
19 release. The Board shall develop a public-private funding model for
20 the purpose of obtaining adequate resources to enable implementation
21 of all aspects of the program. Sources of funding may include state
22 agencies, higher education institutions, regional conservation
23 districts and private nonprofits and foundations.

1 D. The State Board of Career and Technology Education may use
2 livestock as an additional component to the cedar harvesting and
3 commercial and residential framing programs, specifically goats
4 provided by Langston University for consumption of cedar. Langston
5 University may develop and secure funding for a goat management
6 program to enhance certification and training for persons in custody
7 of the Department of Corrections who are candidates for work release
8 programs, parole or release. Implementation of all cedar harvest
9 program components, including the goat management program, shall be
10 contingent upon the availability of public and private funds
11 obtained for the purpose of purchasing or taking on loan equipment
12 and general funding for the programs. The Board, in cooperation
13 with Langston University, may develop partnerships with other state
14 agencies, higher education institutions, regional conservation
15 districts and private organizations and foundations for the support
16 and funding of program curriculum and material resources.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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