

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA
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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR
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7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to prisoner training; amending 57
9 O.S. 2011, Section 538, which relates to vocational-
10 technical education policies and programs; directing
11 the State Board of Career and Technology Education to
12 implement a cedar tree harvesting training program;
13 making implementation contingent upon certain funding
14 or support; allowing certain partnerships; providing
15 for the inclusion of certain harvesting; directing
16 the State Board to implement a meat goat management
17 and production training program; directing the State
18 Board to work cooperatively with Langston University;
19 making implementation contingent upon certain funding
20 or support; allowing certain partnerships; and
21 providing an effective date.

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

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

Section 538. A. The Department of Human Services, through the
State Department of Rehabilitation Services, and the State Board of
Career and Technology Education shall implement policies and
programs consistent with available funds and applicable federal

1 statutes, rules and regulations, to provide appropriate education,
2 rehabilitation and vocational-technical training for persons in
3 custody of the Department of Corrections who are candidates for work
4 release programs, parole or release. It is the intent of the
5 Oklahoma Legislature that such programs will be available so that
6 said education and training will reasonably be expected to be
7 completed before parole, release or work release begins.

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

17 C. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
18 implement programs to provide cedar tree harvesting training for
19 persons in custody of the Department of Corrections who are
20 candidates for work release programs, parole or release.
21 Implementation of the programs shall be contingent upon the
22 availability of public and private funds, equipment and support for
23 the programs. In implementing the programs the Board may work with
24 and develop partnerships with other state agencies, higher education

1 institutions, regional conservation districts and private
2 organizations and foundations. If feasible, the program may include
3 allowing participants to harvest Eastern Red Cedar trees on private
4 property as authorized pursuant to Section 222 of this title.

5 D. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
6 implement programs to provide meat goat management and production
7 training for persons in custody of the Department of Corrections who
8 are candidates for work release programs, parole or release. The
9 Board shall work cooperatively with Langston University to develop
10 and implement a training and certification program for meat goat
11 management and production. Implementation of the programs shall be
12 contingent upon the availability of public and private funds,
13 equipment and support for the programs. In implementing the
14 programs the Board may work with and develop partnerships with other
15 state agencies, higher education institutions, regional conservation
16 districts and private organizations and foundations.

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

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