

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 HOUSE BILL 1513

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

20 Section 538. A. The Department of Human Services, through the
21 State Department of Rehabilitation Services, and the State Board of
22 Career and Technology Education shall implement policies and
23 programs consistent with available funds and applicable federal
24 statutes, rules and regulations, to provide appropriate education,
rehabilitation and vocational-technical training for persons in
custody of the Department of Corrections who are candidates for work

1 release programs, parole or release. It is the intent of the
2 Oklahoma Legislature that such programs will be available so that
3 said education and training will reasonably be expected to be
4 completed before parole, release or work release begins.

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

14 C. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
15 implement programs to provide cedar tree harvesting training for
16 persons in custody of the Department of Corrections who are
17 candidates for work release programs, parole or release. If
18 feasible, the program may include allowing participations to harvest
19 Eastern Red Cedar trees on private property as authorized pursuant
20 to Section 222 of this title.

21 D. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
22 implement programs to provide meat goat management and production
23 training for persons in custody of the Department of Corrections who
24 are candidates for work release programs, parole or release. The

1 Board shall work cooperatively with Langston University to develop
2 and implement a training and certification program for meat goat
3 management and production.

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

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