

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE BILL 1001

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to investigation of inmates escaped  
8 from the Department of Corrections; amending 57 O.S.  
9 2011, Section 508.4, which relates to the  
10 Investigations Division; allowing certain  
11 investigations and warrants; providing an effective  
12 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 508.4, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 508.4. A. There is hereby created the Investigations  
17 Division within the Department of Corrections. The purpose of the  
18 Division shall be to investigate allegations of criminal acts by  
19 inmates, offenders or employees of the Department ~~of Corrections~~, as  
20 well as to investigate allegations of constitutional or policy  
21 violations.

22 B. The Director of the Department of Corrections shall employ  
23 the proper personnel and adopt the necessary procedures to carry out  
24 the duties of the Investigations Division and shall appoint a

1 Director of the Division who shall administer the activities of the  
2 Division.

3 C. The Investigations Division of the Department of Corrections  
4 shall have the jurisdiction and authority to investigate all  
5 allegations of criminal behavior at any facility owned or operated  
6 by the Department ~~of Corrections~~, or any private prison facility or  
7 other facility with which the Department ~~of Corrections~~ contracts to  
8 house inmates from the State of Oklahoma.

9 D. The Investigations Division shall have jurisdiction and  
10 authority to investigate any escape committed by prisoners under the  
11 custody and control of the Department of Corrections. If it is  
12 determined that a prisoner has escaped the custody of the  
13 Department, in violation of Section 443 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma  
14 Statutes, the Department is authorized to issue a warrant for the  
15 arrest of the escapee and the warrant shall have the force and  
16 effect of any warrant of arrest issued by a district court in the  
17 state. Nothing in this section shall affect the authority of a  
18 district attorney to issue an arrest warrant for the escapee.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

20 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
21 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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