

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1630

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An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;  
amending 57 O.S. 2011, Sections 37 and 38, which  
relate to the capacity of correctional facilities and  
jail reimbursement rates; providing notification  
procedure for certain purpose; providing time  
limitation for transmitting certain information to  
the Department of Corrections; authorizing  
transmission of certain notice to the Department of  
Corrections; clarifying transfer procedures and  
responsibilities relating to housing costs; deleting  
obsolete language; updating statutory reference; and  
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 37, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 37. A. If all correctional facilities reach maximum  
capacity and the Department of Corrections is required to contract  
for bed space to house state inmates, ~~then the:~~

1. The Pardon and Parole Board shall consider all nonviolent  
offenders for parole who are within six (6) months of their  
scheduled release from a penal facility; and

1        2. Prior to contracting with a private prison operator to  
2 provide housing for state inmates, the Department shall send  
3 notification to all county jails in this state that bed space is  
4 required to house the overflow population of state inmates. Upon  
5 receiving notification, the sheriff of a county jail is authorized  
6 to enter into agreements with the Department to provide housing for  
7 said inmates. Reimbursement for the cost of housing the inmates  
8 shall be in the same manner as provided for in subsection D of this  
9 section.

10        B. No inmate may be received by a penal facility from a county  
11 jail without first scheduling a transfer with the Department. ~~The~~  
12 ~~sheriff or~~ Within twenty-four (24) hours after the court orders the  
13 judgment and sentence, the court clerk shall transmit by facsimile,  
14 electronic mail, or actual delivery a certified copy of the judgment  
15 and sentence certifying that the inmate is sentenced to the  
16 Department of Corrections or shall transmit by facsimile, electronic  
17 mail or actual delivery a notice of judgment and sentence issued and  
18 certified by the court clerk to the Department. The notice of  
19 judgment and sentence shall include the name of the defendant, the  
20 crime for which the defendant was convicted and the sentence  
21 imposed. In the event a notice of judgment and sentence is issued  
22 by the court clerk, the certified copy of the judgment and sentence  
23 certifying that the inmate is sentenced shall be subsequently  
24 transmitted to the Department of Corrections. The terms and

1 conditions of the judgment and sentence shall supersede and govern  
2 any inconsistent provision contained within the notice of judgment  
3 and sentence. The receipt of the certified copy of the judgment and  
4 sentence shall be certification that the sentencing court has  
5 entered a judgment and sentence and all other necessary commitment  
6 documents. The Department of Corrections is authorized to determine  
7 the appropriate method of delivery from each county based on  
8 electronic or other capabilities. Once the judgment and sentence is  
9 received by the Department of Corrections, the Department shall  
10 contact the sheriff when bed space is available to schedule the  
11 transfer and reception of the inmate into the Department.

12 C. When a county jail has reached its capacity of inmates as  
13 defined in Section 192 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, then  
14 the county sheriff shall notify the Director of the Oklahoma  
15 Department of Corrections, or the Director's designated  
16 representative, by facsimile, electronic mail, or actual delivery,  
17 that the county jail has reached or exceeded its capacity to hold  
18 inmates. The notification shall include copies of any judgment and  
19 sentences not previously delivered as required by subsection B of  
20 this section. Then within seventy-two (72) hours following such  
21 notification, the county sheriff shall transport the designated  
22 excess inmate or inmates to a penal facility designated by the  
23 Department. The sheriff shall notify the Department of the  
24 transport of the inmate prior to the reception of the inmate. The

1 Department shall schedule the reception date and receive the inmate  
2 within seventy-two (72) hours of notification that the county jail  
3 is at capacity, unless other arrangements can be made with the  
4 sheriff.

5 D. ~~Once the judgment and sentence is transmitted to the~~  
6 ~~Department of Corrections, the~~ The Department will be responsible  
7 for the cost of housing the inmate in the county jail from the date  
8 the judgment and sentence was ordered by the court until the date of  
9 ~~transfer of the inmate~~ is scheduled to be transferred to the  
10 Department from the county jail. Should the inmate not be  
11 transferred on the date scheduled by the Department, the Department  
12 shall not be responsible for any costs incurred beyond the date  
13 scheduled by the Department. The cost of housing shall be the per  
14 diem rate specified in Section 38 of this title. In the event the  
15 inmate has one or more criminal charges pending in the same Oklahoma  
16 jurisdiction and the county jail refuses to transfer the inmate to  
17 the Department because of said pending charges, the Department shall  
18 not be responsible for the housing costs of the inmate while the  
19 inmate remains in the county jail with pending charges. Once the  
20 inmate no longer has pending charges in said jurisdiction, the  
21 Department shall be responsible for the housing costs of the inmate  
22 for the period beginning on the date the Department received the  
23 judgment and sentence or final order issued in said pending case and  
24 ending on the date the inmate is scheduled to be transferred to the

1 Department. In the event the inmate has other criminal charges  
2 pending in another Oklahoma jurisdiction, the Department shall be  
3 responsible for the housing costs while the inmate remains in the  
4 county jail awaiting transfer to another jurisdiction or until the  
5 date the inmate is scheduled to be transferred to the Department,  
6 whichever is earlier. Once the inmate is transferred to another  
7 jurisdiction, the Department is not responsible for the housing cost  
8 of the inmate until such time that another judgment and sentence is  
9 received by the Department from another Oklahoma jurisdiction. The  
10 sheriff shall be reimbursed by the Department for the cost of  
11 housing the inmate in one of two ways:

12 1. The sheriff may submit invoices for the cost of housing the  
13 inmate on a monthly basis; or

14 2. The sheriff may submit one invoice for the total amount due  
15 for the inmate after the Department has received the inmate.

16 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 38, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 38. ~~Until January 1, 2007, the Department of~~  
19 ~~Corrections shall reimburse any county, which is required to retain~~  
20 ~~an inmate pursuant to paragraph 2 of Section 37 of this title, in an~~  
21 ~~amount not to exceed Twenty four Dollars (\$24.00) per day for each~~  
22 ~~inmate during such period of retention. The proceeds of this~~  
23 ~~reimbursement shall be used to defray expenses of equipping and~~  
24 ~~maintaining the jail and payment of personnel. The Department of~~

~~Corrections shall reimburse the county for the emergency medical care for physical injury or illness of the inmate retained under this act if the injury or illness is directly related to the incarceration and the county is required by law to provide such care for inmates in the jail. The Department shall not pay fees for medical care in excess of the rates established for Medicaid providers. The state shall not be liable for medical charges in excess of the Medicaid scheduled rate. The Director may accept any inmate required to have extended medical care upon application of the county. Effective January 1, 2007, the~~ The Department of Corrections shall reimburse any county, which is required to retain an inmate pursuant to ~~paragraph 2~~ subsection D of Section 37 of this title, in an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Dollars (\$27.00) per day for each inmate during such period of retention. The proceeds of this reimbursement shall be used to defray expenses of equipping and maintaining the jail and payment of personnel. The Department of Corrections shall reimburse the county for the emergency medical care for physical injury or illness of the inmate retained under this act if the injury or illness is directly related to the incarceration and the county is required by law to provide such care for inmates in the jail. The Department shall not pay fees for medical care in excess of the rates established for Medicaid providers. The state shall not be liable for medical charges in excess of the Medicaid scheduled rate. The Director may accept any

1 inmate required to have extended medical care upon application of  
2 the county.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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