

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1630

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AS INTRODUCED

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; 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

2. Prior to contracting with a private prison operator to
provide housing for state inmates, the Department shall send

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

8 B. No inmate may be received by a penal facility from a county
9 jail without first scheduling a transfer with the Department. The
10 sheriff or court clerk shall transmit by facsimile, electronic mail,
11 or actual delivery a certified copy of the judgment and sentence
12 certifying that the inmate is sentenced to the Department of
13 Corrections. The receipt of the certified copy of the judgment and
14 sentence shall be certification that the sentencing court has
15 entered a judgment and sentence and all other necessary commitment
16 documents. The Department of Corrections is authorized to determine
17 the appropriate method of delivery from each county based on
18 electronic or other capabilities. Once the judgment and sentence is
19 received by the Department of Corrections, the Department shall
20 contact the sheriff when bed space is available to schedule the
21 transfer and reception of the inmate into the Department.

22 C. When a county jail has reached its capacity of inmates as
23 defined in Section 192 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, then
24 the county sheriff shall notify the Director of the Oklahoma

1 Department of Corrections, or the Director's designated
2 representative, by facsimile, electronic mail, or actual delivery,
3 that the county jail has reached or exceeded its capacity to hold
4 inmates. The notification shall include copies of any judgment and
5 sentences not previously delivered as required by subsection B of
6 this section. Then within seventy-two (72) hours following such
7 notification, the county sheriff shall transport the designated
8 excess inmate or inmates to a penal facility designated by the
9 Department. The sheriff shall notify the Department of the
10 transport of the inmate prior to the reception of the inmate. The
11 Department shall schedule the reception date and receive the inmate
12 within seventy-two (72) hours of notification that the county jail
13 is at capacity, unless other arrangements can be made with the
14 sheriff.

15 D. Once the judgment and sentence is transmitted to the
16 Department of Corrections, the Department will be responsible for
17 the cost of housing the inmate in the county jail from the date the
18 judgment and sentence was ordered by the court is received by the
19 Department until the date ~~of transfer of~~ the inmate is scheduled to
20 be transferred to the Department from the county jail. Should the
21 inmate not be transferred on the date scheduled by the Department,
22 the Department shall not be responsible for any costs incurred
23 beyond the date scheduled by the Department. The cost of housing
24 shall be the per diem rate specified in Section 38 of this title.

1 In the event the inmate has one or more criminal charges pending in
2 the same Oklahoma jurisdiction and the county jail refuses to
3 transfer the inmate to the Department because of said pending
4 charges, the Department shall not be responsible for the housing
5 costs of the inmate while the inmate remains in the county jail with
6 pending charges. Once the inmate no longer has pending charges in
7 said jurisdiction, the Department shall be responsible for the
8 housing costs of the inmate for the period beginning on the date the
9 Department received the judgment and sentence or final order issued
10 in said pending case and ending on the date the inmate is scheduled
11 to be transferred to the Department. In the event the inmate has
12 other criminal charges pending in another Oklahoma jurisdiction, the
13 Department shall be responsible for the housing costs while the
14 inmate remains in the county jail awaiting transfer to another
15 jurisdiction or until the date the inmate is scheduled to be
16 transferred to the Department, whichever is earlier. Once the
17 inmate is transferred to another jurisdiction, the Department is not
18 responsible for the housing cost of the inmate until such time that
19 another judgment and sentence is received by the Department from
20 another Oklahoma jurisdiction. The sheriff shall be reimbursed by
21 the Department for the cost of housing the inmate in one of two
22 ways:

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

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

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

5 Section 38. ~~Until January 1, 2007, the Department of~~
6 ~~Corrections shall reimburse any county, which is required to retain~~
7 ~~an inmate pursuant to paragraph 2 of Section 37 of this title, in an~~
8 ~~amount not to exceed Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) per day for each~~
9 ~~inmate during such period of retention. The proceeds of this~~
10 ~~reimbursement shall be used to defray expenses of equipping and~~
11 ~~maintaining the jail and payment of personnel. The Department of~~
12 ~~Corrections shall reimburse the county for the emergency medical~~
13 ~~care for physical injury or illness of the inmate retained under~~
14 ~~this act if the injury or illness is directly related to the~~
15 ~~incarceration and the county is required by law to provide such care~~
16 ~~for inmates in the jail. The Department shall not pay fees for~~
17 ~~medical care in excess of the rates established for Medicaid~~
18 ~~providers. The state shall not be liable for medical charges in~~
19 ~~excess of the Medicaid scheduled rate. The Director may accept any~~
20 ~~inmate required to have extended medical care upon application of~~
21 ~~the county. Effective January 1, 2007, the The Department of~~
22 ~~Corrections shall reimburse any county,~~ which is required to retain
23 an inmate pursuant to ~~paragraph 2~~ subsection D of Section 37 of this
24 title, in an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Dollars (\$27.00) per

1 day for each inmate during such period of retention. The proceeds
2 of this reimbursement shall be used to defray expenses of equipping
3 and maintaining the jail and payment of personnel. The Department
4 of Corrections shall reimburse the county for the emergency medical
5 care for physical injury or illness of the inmate retained under
6 this act if the injury or illness is directly related to the
7 incarceration and the county is required by law to provide such care
8 for inmates in the jail. The Department shall not pay fees for
9 medical care in excess of the rates established for Medicaid
10 providers. The state shall not be liable for medical charges in
11 excess of the Medicaid scheduled rate. The Director may accept any
12 inmate required to have extended medical care upon application of
13 the county.

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