

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3393 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Ben Loring

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 3393

By: Goodwin

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
directing penal institutions, detention centers and
jails to use least restrictive restraints on pregnant
inmates; prohibiting use of restraints on inmates
during labor and delivery; providing an exception;
providing for publication of certain notice;
directing penal institutions, detention centers and
jails to allow access to family member, friend or
doula services for pregnant inmates; making certain
acts unlawful; providing penalties; defining terms;
providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4.2 of Title 57, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All penal institutions, detention centers and county jails
shall use the least restrictive restraints necessary when the

1 facility has actual or constructive knowledge that an inmate is
2 pregnant. No restraints of any kind shall be used:

- 3 1. When transporting an inmate who is in labor;
- 4 2. During any phase of labor;
- 5 3. While the inmate is delivering her baby; or
- 6 4. While the inmate is recuperating from the delivery of her
7 baby, unless there are compelling grounds to believe that the inmate
8 presents an immediate and serious threat of harm to herself, staff
9 or others or is a substantial flight risk and cannot be reasonably
10 contained by other means.

11 B. Prior to labor, if it is necessary to ensure the safety of
12 the inmate, staff or others, only the least restrictive restraints
13 necessary shall be used and in a way that mitigates adverse clinical
14 consequences. Consultation with medical staff is required prior to
15 application of restraints. Written approval from the warden of a
16 penal institution, director of a detention center or sheriff of a
17 county jail is required, unless there are compelling grounds to
18 believe that the inmate presents an immediate and serious threat of
19 harm to herself, staff or others or is a substantial flight risk and
20 cannot be reasonably contained by other means. Correctional
21 officers shall be available and shall be required to remove
22 restraints upon request from medical personnel. The following
23 restraints and control techniques are prohibited:

- 24 1. Abdominal restraints;

1 2. Four-point restraints or placing the pregnant inmate in a
2 facedown position;

3 3. Leg and ankle restraints that may increase the risk of
4 forward falls; and

5 4. Any kind of chain restraints where the inmate is linked to
6 any other inmate.

7 In general, the least restrictive restraints necessary shall be
8 a frontal wrist restraint which, if used, must be applied in such a
9 way that the pregnant inmate is able to protect herself and the
10 fetus in the event of a forward fall.

11 C. To maintain privacy, correctional officers shall be
12 positioned outside the room of the inmate, unless requested by the
13 inmate.

14 D. Any female inmate confined in a penal institution, detention
15 center or county jail shall receive notice in writing in a language
16 and manner understandable to the inmate about the requirements of
17 this section upon admission to the penal institution, detention
18 center or county jail and again, when the inmate is known to be
19 pregnant. The warden, director or sheriff shall publish notice of
20 the requirements of this section in prominent locations where
21 medical care is provided to female inmates.

22 E. All penal institutions, detention centers and county jails
23 shall ensure that pregnant inmates have access to a family member,
24 friend or doula services; provided, during delivery the doula

1 services are furnished by a certified doula without charge to the
2 penal institution, detention center or county jail. In such a case,
3 the inmate must make arrangements for the doula services in advance.

4 F. It shall be unlawful for any correctional officer to use
5 restraints on a pregnant inmate as prohibited by the provisions of
6 subsection A or B of this section and upon conviction shall be
7 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county
8 jail for not more than one (1) year, or by a fine of One Thousand
9 Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

10 G. As used in this section:

11 1. "Certified doula" means an individual who has received a
12 certification to perform doula services from a nationally recognized
13 childbirth education association; and

14 2. "Doula services" means continuous emotional and physical
15 support throughout labor and birth and intermittently during the
16 prenatal and postpartum periods.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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