

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2839

By: Gann

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to sunset; amending 57 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 521.1, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
10 429, O.S.L. 2019 (57 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 521.1),
 which relates to the Reentry Policy Council; re-
 creating the Council; and modifying termination date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 521.1, as
15 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 429, O.S.L. 2019 (57 O.S. Supp.
16 2019, Section 521.1), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 521.1 A. ~~Upon November 1, 2007, a~~ The Reentry Policy
18 Council shall be ~~created~~ re-created, and shall continue until July
19 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law,
20 for the purpose of providing oversight of the reentry policies and
21 programs operated by the Department of Corrections. The Council
22 shall consist of eleven (11) members and shall be appointed as
23 follows:

24 1. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- a. one member shall be a law enforcement officer,
- b. one member shall be a corrections official, and
- c. one member shall be a crime victim;

2. Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as follows:

- a. one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
- b. one member shall be a representative of a faith-based organization involved with the reintegration of inmates,
- c. one member shall be a person who has been previously convicted of a criminal offense in Oklahoma, and
- d. one member shall be a mental health and substance abuse official; and

3. Four members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate as follows:

- a. one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma State Senate,
- b. one member shall be a representative from a for-profit ~~half-way~~ halfway house who specializes in reintegration of inmates,
- c. one member shall be a representative from a nonprofit entity involved with the reintegration of inmates, and

1 d. one member shall be a district attorney, or his or her
2 designee.

3 B. The Council shall:

4 1. Review corrections policies, programs and procedures to
5 ensure that the primary purpose of each is public safety during
6 imprisonment and after release;

7 2. Identify gaps in reentry programs and services as well as
8 overlapping efforts, and recommend changes to address those issues;

9 3. Review policies to ensure that corrections facilities
10 recruit and welcome volunteers;

11 4. Review the licensing procedures within this state to
12 eliminate barriers to employment that are unrelated to the conduct
13 underlying the conviction; and

14 5. Report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the
15 progress of the reentry initiative, including the impact on
16 recidivism, effectiveness of agency coordination and communications,
17 and the implementation of reentry plans and use of funding.

18 C. 1. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed
19 for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of
20 their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the
21 Oklahoma Statutes from the legislative body in which they serve.

22 2. State agency employees who are members of the Council shall
23 be reimbursed for their travel expenses incurred in the performance
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1 of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the
2 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

3 3. All other Council members shall be reimbursed by the Office
4 of Management and Enterprise Services for travel expenses incurred
5 in the performance of their duties on the Council in accordance with
6 the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated
9 02/25/2020 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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