

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL NO. 1026

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Prisons and Reformatories;
amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 521.1, as amended by
Section 248, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (57 O.S. Supp.
2018, Section 521.1), which relates to Reentry Policy
Council; providing sunset date; 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 521.1, as
amended by Section 248, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (57 O.S. Supp.
2018, Section 521.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 521.1. A. Upon ~~the effective date of this act~~ November
1, 2007, a Reentry Policy Council shall be created, and shall
continue until July 1, 2020, for the purpose of providing oversight
of the reentry policies and programs operated by the Department of
Corrections. The Council shall consist of eleven (11) members and
shall be appointed as follows:

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

1 c. one member shall be a crime victim;

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

4 a. one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of
5 Representatives,

6 b. one member shall be a representative of a faith-based
7 organization involved with the reintegration of
8 inmates,

9 c. one member shall be a person who has been previously
10 convicted of a criminal offense in Oklahoma, and

11 d. one member shall be a mental health and substance
12 abuse official; and

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

15 a. one member shall be a member of the Oklahoma State
16 Senate,

17 b. one member shall be a representative from a for-profit
18 half-way house who specializes in reintegration of
19 inmates,

20 c. one member shall be a representative from a nonprofit
21 entity involved with the reintegration of inmates, and

22 d. one member shall be a district attorney, or his or her
23 designee.

24 B. The Council shall:

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

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

6 3. Review policies to ensure that corrections facilities
7 recruit and welcome volunteers;

8 4. Review the licensing procedures within this state to
9 eliminate barriers to employment that are unrelated to the conduct
10 underlying the conviction; and

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

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

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

23 3. All other Council members shall be reimbursed by the Office
24 of Management and Enterprise Services for travel expenses incurred

1 in the performance of their duties on the Council in accordance with
2 the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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