

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL 458

By: Treat

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Department of Corrections; amending 57 O.S. 2011, Sections 504 and 506, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 386, O.S.L. 2016 (57 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 506), which relate to the Board and Director of the Department of Corrections; requiring that Director be appointed by Governor with advice and consent of the Senate and serve at the pleasure of the Governor; modifying powers and duties of Board; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 504, is amended to read as follows:

Section 504. ~~(a)~~ A. The State Board of Corrections shall elect from its members a ~~chairman~~ chair, vice ~~chairman~~ chair and a secretary. It shall adopt rules and regulations for its government and may adopt an official seal for the Department. Members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act while attending meetings of the Board or while performing other official duties.

~~(b)~~ B. The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

1 ~~(1)~~ 1. To establish policies for the operation of the
2 Department of Corrections;

3 ~~(2)~~ 2. To establish and maintain such institutions as are
4 necessary or convenient for the operation of programs for the
5 education, training, vocational education and rehabilitation of
6 prisoners under the jurisdiction of the Department;

7 ~~(3)~~ 3. To lease, from time to time, without restriction as to
8 terms, any property which said Board shall determine advisable to
9 more fully carry into effect the operation of prison industries;

10 ~~(4)~~ 4. To acquire, construct, extend, improve, maintain and
11 operate any and all facilities of all kinds which in the judgment of
12 the Board shall be necessary or convenient to foster the prison
13 industries program;

14 ~~(5)~~ 5. To require the Director and any other personnel of the
15 Department, when deemed necessary by the Board, to give bond for the
16 faithful performance of their duties;

17 ~~(6)~~ 6. To ~~appoint and~~ fix the salary of the Director;

18 ~~(7)~~ 7. To enter into contracts with private prison contractors;
19 and

20 ~~(8)~~ 8. To provide training to employees of private prison
21 contractors and other governmental entities on a fee basis.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 506, as last
23 amended by Section 2, Chapter 386, O.S.L. 2016 (57 O.S. Supp. 2018,
24 Section 506), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 506. There is hereby created the position of Director
2 of Corrections. The Director shall be qualified for such position
3 by character, knowledge, skill, ability, education, training and
4 successful administrative experience and shall have five (5) years
5 of professional level work. The Director of Corrections shall be
6 appointed by the ~~Board of Corrections~~ Governor, with the advice and
7 consent of the Senate and shall ~~be subject to removal by a vote of~~
8 ~~the majority of the entire Board or in the manner provided by law~~
9 ~~for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment~~ serve at the
10 pleasure of the Governor.

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

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