

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2567

By: Caldwell (Chad)

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An Act relating to prison system training program;
providing for a hospice care training program within
the state prison system; providing for training
requirements; providing for review of applicants;
providing for program completion certificates;
providing authority for promulgation of rules;
providing for construal of provision; 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 1-863 of Title 63, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Corrections may establish a Nurse Aide
training program for eligible inmates, who are in work assignments,
which will provide long term end-of-life care to fellow inmates.
The curriculum will follow established training requirements for
Nurse Aides as provided in Section 1-1951 of Title 63 of the
Oklahoma Statutes. The Chief Medical Officer of the Department of
Corrections will have oversight of the training program.

1 B. Inmates with convictions pursuant to the provisions of
2 Section 1-1950.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes are prohibited
3 from participation unless written permission to participate is
4 granted by the State Department of Health. Eligible inmates are
5 subject to a criminal background check, as provided in Section 1-
6 1947 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 C. Upon successful completion of the training program provided
8 for in this section, the Department of Corrections shall issue a
9 program completion certificate to the inmate. The Department of
10 Corrections in cooperation with the Department of Health and the
11 Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education shall develop
12 appropriate processes to submit notice of training completion and
13 application for licensure or certification to the State Department
14 of Health in a manner prescribed by the State Department of Health.

15 D. The Department of Corrections, in consultation with the
16 State Department of Health, shall have authority to promulgate rules
17 to maintain the curriculum established pursuant to subsection A of
18 this section.

19 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to establish a
20 right to employment with any licensed hospice provider.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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