

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4   HOUSE BILL 3308

                              By: Humphrey

7                               AS INTRODUCED

8           An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;  
9           amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 504, which relates to  
10          powers and duties of the State Board of Corrections;  
11          providing gender-neutral language; expanding powers  
12          and duties to include oversight of the Office of the  
13          Inspector General; and providing an effective date.

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

14           SECTION 1.        AMENDATORY        57 O.S. 2021, Section 504, is  
15   amended to read as follows:

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

23           ~~(b)~~ B. The Board shall have the following powers and duties:  
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1       ~~(1)~~ 1. To establish policies for the operation of the  
2 Department;

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;

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

22       9. To provide oversight of the operations of the Office of the  
23 Inspector General within the Department. The Board shall define the  
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1 duties of the Inspector General, who shall report directly to the  
2 Board.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.  
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS,  
6 dated 03/03/2022 - DO PASS.  
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