

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2567

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to hospice care; providing for development of a hospice care training program within the Department of Corrections; providing for cooperation with the Department of Health and Department of Career Education and Technology to determine program requirements; requiring inclusion of inmates in certain rules; requiring review of applicants; providing for certain exclusions; allowing exception; providing for curriculum; requiring certain contents; requiring training to be conducted by certain professionals; providing for completion certificates; requiring notice; requiring promulgation of rules; requiring continuing education; precluding certain interpretation; 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 develop a hospice care training program within the state prison system. The Department of Corrections may partner with the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Department of Career Education and Technology to

1 determine the appropriate training for the purpose of obtaining  
2 licensure and certifications required for those inmates selected to  
3 participate in the program. The Oklahoma State Department of Health  
4 shall include inmate participants in any promulgated rules that  
5 establish the appropriate licensure or certification requirements.

6 B. The State Department of Health shall review inmate  
7 applicants to any program established pursuant to subsection A of  
8 this section for the purpose of determining whether an applicant  
9 would be prohibited by state or federal law or regulation from  
10 obtaining licensure upon completion of the program. Inmates with  
11 convictions listed in Section 1-1950.1 of this title shall be  
12 prohibited from participation unless they receive written permission  
13 from the State Department of Health.

14 C. The Department of Corrections, the Oklahoma State Department  
15 of Health, and the Department of Career Education and Technology  
16 shall jointly approve a program curriculum for training eligible  
17 inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections. Curriculum  
18 shall include required credits for each subject and practical skills  
19 instruction. Training shall be provided by a licensed physician,  
20 registered nurse, or other appropriately licensed or trained health  
21 care professional as determined by the State Department of Health  
22 and the Department of Career Education and Technology.

23 D. Upon successful completion of the training program provided  
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1 for by this section, an inmate shall receive a program completion  
2 certificate from the Department of Corrections. The Department of  
3 Corrections, the State Department of Health, and the Department of  
4 Career Education and Technology shall develop appropriate processes  
5 to submit notice of training completion and application for  
6 licensure or certification to the Oklahoma State Department of  
7 Health in a manner and form prescribed by the Oklahoma State  
8 Department of Health.

9 E. The Oklahoma State Department of Health, in cooperation with  
10 the Department of Corrections, shall promulgate rules to implement  
11 the curriculum established pursuant to this section and shall  
12 provide for minimum continuing education or training requirements to  
13 maintain state certification in good standing.

14 F. Nothing in this section shall be construed to establish a  
15 right to employment with any licensed hospice provider.

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

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