

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4017

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 510.6a, which relates
to salaries for Correctional Teachers and Vocational
Instructors; directing salary to be established by
the Department of Corrections Correctional Teacher
Pay Scale based on credentials and experience;
requiring salary for supervisors to be calculated
using the Scale; mandating Scale comply with certain
salary schedule; requiring salaries be reviewed
annually on certain date; directing Scale be reviewed
and adjusted annually on specified date; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 510.6a, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 510.6a A. Persons certified to teach in the State of
Oklahoma and meeting all minimum qualifications set by the Office of
Management and Enterprise Services, who are hired or employed as
Correctional Teachers or Vocational Instructors by the Department of
Corrections educational program, shall receive in salary the ~~minimum~~
~~amounts specified in Section 18-114.12 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma~~

1 ~~Statutes~~ amount specified by the Department of Corrections
2 Correctional Teacher Pay Scale based on credentials and years of
3 experience, multiplied by a factor of 1.20. Correctional Teachers
4 serving as lead workers with supervisory responsibilities shall
5 receive the ~~minimum amounts specified above~~ amount specified by the
6 Department of Corrections Correctional Teacher Pay Scale based on
7 credentials and years of experience, multiplied by a factor of 1.25.
8 Correctional Teachers who have a special education certificate shall
9 receive salary of an additional five percent (5%). Correctional
10 Teachers shall receive the benefits set forth in Sections 1370 and
11 1707 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided, however,
12 Correctional Teachers shall not be eligible for longevity payments
13 pursuant to Section 840-2.18 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 B. Persons employed by the Department of Corrections school
15 system as nonteaching administrators shall be in the unclassified
16 service and shall not be placed under the classified service;
17 however, any classified employee occupying an administrative
18 position prior to July 1, 2000, shall retain the right to remain in
19 the classified service. At such time as such position becomes
20 vacant, it shall be placed in the unclassified service.

21 C. Except as provided by this section of law, the employment of
22 persons by the Department of Corrections educational program as
23 teachers or administrators shall be entirely governed by the
24 provisions of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and any other laws

1 or rules regarding state employees and their employment; however, no
2 Department of Corrections Correctional Teacher or Vocational
3 Instructor, whose salary is calculated in accordance with the
4 provisions of this section, shall be entitled to receive any pay
5 increases for state employees authorized elsewhere in statute, rule
6 or law. ~~Correctional Teachers or Vocational Instructors shall~~
7 ~~receive any legislated pay increases granted in addition to the~~
8 ~~Title 70 minimum salary schedule; provided, such increases are given~~
9 ~~to all common education/vocational technical teachers. The~~
10 Department of Corrections Correctional Teacher Pay Scale shall
11 comply with the minimum salaries prescribed by the Minimum Salary
12 Schedule in Section 18-114.14 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 D. The salaries for all Correctional Teachers and Vocational
14 Instructors shall be reviewed and adjusted annually on July 1 ~~unless~~
15 ~~legislation authorizes a pay raise for educators with an~~
16 ~~implementation date other than July 1, in which case the annual~~
17 ~~adjustment shall occur on the date of the pay raise implementation.~~
18 The Department of Corrections Correctional Teacher Pay Scale shall
19 be reviewed and adjusted annually on May 1.

20 E. The monthly salaries of Correctional Teachers and Vocational
21 Instructors employed by the Department of Corrections on the
22 effective date of this act will be adjusted according to the
23 procedures authorized in subsection A of this section on the first
24 day of the month following ~~the effective date of this act~~ July 1,

1 2005. Longevity payments will be eliminated in the month following
2 the effective date of this act for Correctional Teachers and
3 Vocational Instructors whose salaries are calculated according to
4 the provisions of this section. The salaries of the employees
5 governed by this section who are employed on ~~the effective date of~~
6 ~~this act~~ July 1, 2005, will be recalculated. The recalculation will
7 be based on the provisions of subsection A of this section for
8 actual time employed as a Department of Corrections Correctional
9 Teacher or Vocational Instructor between July 1, 2004, and the last
10 day of the month in ~~which this act becomes effective~~ July 2005.
11 Authorized employees will receive a one-time payment equal to the
12 difference between the recalculated salary amount and the
13 compensation received.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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