

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2275

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22 O.S. 2011, Section 988.15, which relates to the Oklahoma Community Sentencing Act; directing the Community Sentencing Division of the Department of Corrections to annually submit certain statistical data to the Legislature and Governor; requiring annual submission of the report to the Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 988.15, is amended to read as follows:

Section 988.15 The Community Sentencing Division within the Department of Corrections shall have the duty to:

1. Administer a statewide community sentencing system pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Community Sentencing Act and other provisions of law;
2. Establish goals and standards for the statewide community sentencing system and the local community sentencing systems;

1        3. Promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures  
2 Act for the implementation and operation of the Oklahoma Community  
3 Sentencing Act;

4        4. Provide technical assistance and administrative support to  
5 each local community sentencing system. The technical assistance  
6 shall include, but not be limited to, information on:

- 7            a. corrections system design,
- 8            b. administration,
- 9            c. development, monitoring, and evaluating of programs  
10            and services,
- 11           d. program identification and specifications,
- 12           e. offender risk management,
- 13           f. supervision of offenders,
- 14           g. planning and budgeting,
- 15           h. grant applications, and
- 16           i. preparation and submission of documents, data,  
17           budgets, and system plans;

18        5. Coordinate and collaborate with other state agencies for  
19 services and technical assistance to each local community sentencing  
20 system;

21        6. Apply for and accept money and other assets to be utilized  
22 for support of a statewide community sentencing system and to  
23 allocate and disburse appropriated funds to local community  
24 sentencing systems through an appropriate funding method;

1        7. Review, analyze and fund local system plans within budgetary  
2 limitations;

3        8. Contract with local service providers and state agencies for  
4 services to the local system;

5        9. Identify and solicit other funding sources and resources to  
6 support the statewide community sentencing system;

7        10. Request post-audits of state funds;

8        11. Monitor and coordinate local systems;

9        12. Provide performance-based evaluations for all service  
10 providers of the statewide system;

11        13. Report annually by January 15 to the Legislature and  
12 Governor on the statewide system. The report shall provide an  
13 evaluation of the effectiveness of the Oklahoma Community Sentencing  
14 Act in terms of public safety, appropriate range of community  
15 punishments, cost-effectiveness, performance-based effectiveness in  
16 reducing recidivism, utilization by the judiciary, resource  
17 allocation, ~~and~~ reduced state and local institutional receptions, if  
18 any, and statistical data, including, but not limited to, community  
19 sentencing participation by county, total number of qualifying and  
20 nonqualifying community sentences per month for each local community  
21 sentencing system, total number of community sentences ordered per  
22 month, program participation and the annual average cost per  
23 offender. A copy of the report shall also be submitted to the  
24 Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center, a division of the Office of

1 Criminal Justice Statistics of the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
2 Investigation, who shall publish the annual report on the website of  
3 the Bureau; and

4 14. Disseminate information to local administrators and  
5 community sentencing systems concerning corrections issues  
6 including, but not limited to:

- 7 a. punishment options,
- 8 b. disciplinary sanctions,
- 9 c. resource allocation,
- 10 d. administration,
- 11 e. legal issues,
- 12 f. supervision and risk management,
- 13 g. treatment methodology and services,
- 14 h. education and vocational services,
- 15 i. service and program monitoring and evaluation methods,
- 16 j. grants and funding assistance,
- 17 k. data and record keeping, and
- 18 l. offender characteristics.

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

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