

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3301

By: Humphrey

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;  
directing the Department of Corrections to provide  
minimum ratio of correctional officer staffing at  
facilities; providing considerations when determining  
ratios; directing the Department to post ratios on  
the homepage of its website; 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 528.9 of Title 57, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Corrections shall provide minimum  
correctional officer staffing sufficient to ensure continuous  
appropriate supervision of inmates at all facilities of the  
Department according to the profile of each individual facility.  
When establishing the correctional officer-to-inmate ratio, the  
Department shall consider the following:

1. Level of security at each facility;
2. Classification of inmates housed at each facility;

1        3. Layout and configuration of each facility;

2        4. Perimeter or physical security of each facility;

3        5. The ability to effectively classify and separate categories  
4 of inmates at each facility; and

5        6. Any other considerations that would require additional  
6 correctional officer staffing at each facility.

7        B. Beginning November 1, 2022, the Department shall be required  
8 to have a minimum ratio of one (1) correctional officer for every  
9 five (5) inmates for each facility.

10       C. The Department shall publish on the homepage of its Internet  
11 website a report listing each ratio of correctional officers to  
12 inmates for every facility of the Department.

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

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