

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

HOUSE BILL 3308

By: Humphrey

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

~~(b)~~ B. The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

~~(1)~~ 1. To establish policies for the operation of the
Department;

1 ~~(2)~~ 2. To establish and maintain such institutions as are
2 necessary or convenient for the operation of programs for the
3 education, training, vocational education and rehabilitation of
4 prisoners under the jurisdiction of the Department;

5 ~~(3)~~ 3. To lease, from time to time, without restriction as to
6 terms, any property which said Board shall determine advisable to
7 more fully carry into effect the operation of prison industries;

8 ~~(4)~~ 4. To acquire, construct, extend, improve, maintain and
9 operate any and all facilities of all kinds which in the judgment of
10 the Board shall be necessary or convenient to foster the prison
11 industries program;

12 ~~(5)~~ 5. To require the Director and any other personnel of the
13 Department, when deemed necessary by the Board, to give bond for the
14 faithful performance of their duties;

15 ~~(6)~~ 6. To appoint and fix the salary of the Director;

16 ~~(7)~~ 7. To enter into contracts with private prison contractors;
17 and

18 ~~(8)~~ 8. To provide training to employees of private prison
19 contractors and other governmental entities on a fee basis; and

20 9. To provide oversight of the operations of the Office of the
21 Inspector General within the Department. The Board shall define the
22 duties of the Inspector General, who shall report directly to the
23 Board.
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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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