

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2024

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1636

By: Bullard

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6 An Act relating to wildlife; authorizing the
7 Department of Wildlife Conservation to produce
8 certain study; requiring distribution of report to
9 the Legislature and Governor; specifying geographic
10 location for study; allowing the Department to use
11 certain sources for data; permitting Department to
12 enter into certain agreements to assist in data
collection; allowing for Department to make
recommendations; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-316 of Title 29, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall produce an elk
18 population study to be presented electronically to the Legislature
19 and the Governor on or before a year following the effective date of
20 this act.

21 B. The study shall be used to determine Oklahoma's elk
22 population in southeastern Oklahoma. The study may incorporate
23 information available in other sources, such as studies produced by
24 collegiate or federal resources, into an analysis of Oklahoma's elk

1 population. The Department may also enter into agreements with
2 other agencies, organizations operating in this state, or tribal
3 governments to assist with the production of this study.

4 C. The study may include recommendations by the Department for
5 the conservation of Oklahoma elk populations.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND WILDLIFE
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