

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1636

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to wildlife; authorizing the Department of Wildlife Conservation to produce certain study; requiring distribution of report to the Legislature and Governor; specifying geographic location for study; allowing the Department to use certain sources for data; permitting Department to enter into certain agreements to assist in data collection; allowing for Department to make recommendations; 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 3-316 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

B. The study shall be used to determine Oklahoma's elk population in southeastern Oklahoma. The study may incorporate information available in other sources, such as studies produced by

1 collegiate or federal resources, into an analysis of Oklahoma's elk
2 population. The Department may also enter into agreements with
3 other agencies, organizations operating in this state, or tribal
4 governments to assist with the production of this study.

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

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

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