

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3115

7 By: Hardin

8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to the Department of Corrections;
10 amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 506, which relates to
11 Oklahoma Corrections Act of 1967; modifying
12 qualifications of the Director of the Department of
13 Corrections; providing term of service; deleting
14 removal or replacement power of the Governor; and
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 506, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 506. There is hereby created the position of Director
20 of the Department of Corrections. The Director shall be qualified
21 for such position by character, knowledge, skill, ability,
22 education, training and successful administrative experience and
23 shall either be certified as a peace officer in this state by the
24 Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, or shall have
~~five (5)~~ ten (10) years of ~~professional level~~ corrections work. The

1 Director ~~of Corrections~~ shall be appointed by the Governor with the
2 advice and consent of the Senate and shall serve ~~at the pleasure of~~
3 ~~the Governor and may be removed or replaced without cause~~ for a term
4 of five (5) years. Compensation for the Director shall be
5 determined by the Governor. The Director may be removed from office
6 by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members elected to and
7 constituting each chamber of the Legislature.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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