

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1470

By: Brooks

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act;  
8 amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 193, as amended by  
9 Section 19, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 2025 (74 O.S. Supp.  
10 2025, Section 193), which relates to right of entry;  
authorizing entry of certain individuals for certain  
purpose; requiring certain verification; defining  
terms; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 193, as  
15 amended by Section 19, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 2025 (74 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
16 Section 193), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 193. A. Inspectors employed by the State Department of  
18 Health shall be permitted to enter all jail premises and  
19 administrative offices for the purpose of performing their assigned  
20 duties.

21 B. The results of these inspections shall be presented in the  
22 form of a written report to the person immediately responsible for  
23 the administration of the facility inspected and such other offices  
24 the Department deems appropriate. The report shall contain:

1       1. A list of deficiencies in the condition or operation of the  
2 facility and specific proposals for their solution; and

3       2. A statement as to whether or not the facility inspected is  
4 in substantial compliance with the jail standards established  
5 pursuant to the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act.

6       C. Any elected official or religious leader of this state shall  
7       be permitted to enter all jail premises operated in this state,  
8       whether publicly or privately owned, for the purpose of informal  
9       inspections that are not subject to the requirements of the Oklahoma  
10       Jail Standards Act. Such official or religious leader must first  
11       verify his or her identity and official capacity before admittance  
12       to a jail premise. For the purposes of this subsection, "elected  
13       official" means a person elected to a state office in the  
14       legislative or executive branch of this state and "religious leader"  
15       means an individual who is associated with, and is an authorized  
16       representative of, a recognized church or religious denomination,  
17       including, but not limited to, a clergy member, minister, pastor,  
18       priest, rabbi, or imam.

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

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