

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB595</b>
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**Research Analysis**

SB 595 creates the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act and requires all detention facilities and lockup facilities to operate in compliance with the Oklahoma Jail Standards Act. The measure requires staff to be available to perform sensitive functions and procedures as necessary to accommodate inmate gender as required by law. A facility may request a waiver from the provisions of the measure if the enforcement would impose undue hardship upon the county, municipality, or public trust, or upon the inmates held at such facility. Each facility is to develop policies for the uniform admission and release of inmates, sensible security measures, maintenance of sanitary conditions, provision of wholesome and adequate diets, and the provision of adequate bedding and clothing. Counties are authorized to build barrack-style or temporary tent jails. All employees who work in direct contact with inmates to receive after the first year of employment at least 4 hours of review of material as required by the State Department of Health and at maximum 8 hours of detention officer training per year. The measure prohibits confining any person without 24-hour supervision. The measure requires all cells to have at least 40 square feet of floor space for the initial inmate and at least 20 additional feet of floor space for each additional inmate occupying the same cell. The measure requires administrators to develop policies and procedures for verifying commitment papers, searching inmates, inventorying property of inmates, receiving medical information, providing first aid at certain locations, allowing inmates 2 calls at the time of booking, providing clean bedding, keeping inmate counts, separate housing for female and male inmates, and providing at least 3 meals per day. Administrators must also ensure adequate fire safety precautions are taken. Juvenile inmates must be able to communicate with staff members at all times. No staff member shall be permitted to enter a juvenile inmate living area without backup assistance being available from another staff member. The State Department of Health shall coordinate with the Office of Juvenile Affairs to certify detention facilities.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The Engrossed version of SB595 would require all detention facilities to operate in compliance with Oklahoma Jail Standards Act. In its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

