

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1470

By: Brooks

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8 An Act relating to private prisons; authorizing entry
9 of certain individuals for certain purpose; requiring
10 certain request; requiring certain verification;
11 defining terms; providing for codification; and
12 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 561.6 of Title 57, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 Any elected official or religious leader of this state shall be
18 permitted to enter any private prison operated in this state for the
19 purpose of informal inspections upon request. A request to enter a
20 private prison shall be made at least three (3) calendar days in
21 advance of the visit. Such official or religious leader shall first
22 verify his or her identity and official capacity before admittance
23 to the private prison. For the purposes of this section, "elected
24 official" means a person elected to a state office in the

1 legislative or executive branch of this state and "religious leader"
2 means an individual who is associated with, and is an authorized
3 representative of, a recognized church or religious denomination
4 with a physical location in this state, including, but not limited
5 to, a clergy member, minister, pastor, priest, rabbi, or imam.

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

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