

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

POLICY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3848

By: Roberts

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to sex offenders; creating the
Transient Sex Offender Elimination Act of 2026;
defining terms; providing guidelines and restrictions
for establishing program houses; allowing
incarcerated sex offenders to complete certain
curricula prior to release; requiring released sex
offenders to participate in certain curricula upon
arrival at program houses; providing for the issuance
of reentry portfolios; stating contents of
portfolios; allowing previously convicted sex
offenders to participate in housing and
rehabilitative programs; directing Department to
update certain procedures and public information
regarding sex offenders; 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 590.3 of Title 57, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Transient Sex
Offender Elimination Act of 2026".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 590.4 of Title 57, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 As used in the Transient Sex Offender Elimination Act of 2026:

5 1. "Approved rehabilitation curriculum" means a structured
6 series of classes or therapeutic programs that address behavioral
7 reform including, but not limited to, victims impact, life skills,
8 step-based study, and reentry planning;

9 2. "Department" means the Department of Corrections;

10 3. "Program house" means a residential property for one or more
11 registered sex offenders, providing housing, supervision, and access
12 to rehabilitative programming for registered sex offenders;

13 4. "Sex offender" means any person required to register
14 pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act; and

15 5. "Transient sex offender" means a registered sex offender who
16 lacks a fixed residence and whose housing status requires frequent
17 updates as required by the Sex Offenders Registration Act.

18 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 590.5 of Title 57, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. A program house may house more than one registered sex
22 offender; provided, the number of residents does not exceed the
23 legal or structural occupancy limit as determined by local housing
24 codes.

1 B. Program houses shall be located no closer than two thousand
2 (2,000) feet from protected zones unless otherwise restricted by
3 local ordinance or structural capacity.

4 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 590.6 of Title 57, unless there
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A. All incarcerated sex offenders, prior to discharge from the
8 custody of the Department of Corrections, shall successfully
9 complete the following programming, if available:

10 1. Victim impact curriculum, approved by the Department; and

11 2. Life skills curriculum, approved by the Department that
12 includes components related to financial literacy, personal
13 responsibility, and community reintegration.

14 B. The Department may make the programs provided for in
15 subsection A of this section available prior to release ensuring
16 that enrollment and completion are monitored and documented prior to
17 discharge of the inmate from custody.

18 C. Any sex offender eligible for community reentry programming
19 shall also participate in an approved recovery curriculum upon
20 arrival at the residence. This curriculum may include, but not be
21 limited to:

22 1. A structured step-based recovery or accountability program;

23 2. Ongoing job readiness education and goal setting; and
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1 3. Support group participation or therapy as required by
2 facility standards.

3 D. Upon release from the custody of the Department, each sex
4 offender shall be issued a reentry portfolio containing:

5 1. Identification documents including birth certificate, state
6 identification card, driver license, or documentation and voucher to
7 obtain a driver license or a Social Security card;

8 2. Documentation of program completion if programs are
9 available; and

10 3. A housing and employment plan developed with reentry staff.

11 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 590.7 of Title 57, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. The provisions of the Transient Sex Offender Elimination Act
15 of 2026 shall apply retroactively to all eligible individuals
16 currently classified as sex offenders in the State of Oklahoma.

17 B. Any person who has been convicted of an offense that
18 requires the person to register as a sex offender and is currently
19 in compliance with the Sex Offenders Registration Act shall be
20 considered eligible for all housing and rehabilitation programs
21 provided for in this act.

22 C. Retroactive application includes, but is not limited to:

23 1. Eligibility to reside in approved program houses as defined
24 in Section 2 of this act;

1 2. Relief from transient classification if stable housing is
2 secured under the provisions of this act; and

3 3. Participation in approved post-release rehabilitation
4 programs, services, and support systems.

5 D. The Department shall update internal procedures and
6 information available to the public to reflect the retroactive
7 implementation of this act.

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

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