

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 24, 2026

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1470

By: Brooks

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7 An Act relating to private prisons; authorizing entry
8 of certain individuals for certain purpose; requiring
9 certain request; requiring certain verification;
10 defining terms; providing for codification; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 561.6 of Title 57, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 Any elected official or religious leader of this state shall be
17 permitted to enter any facility operated by a private prison
18 contractor, as such term is defined in subparagraph b of paragraph 8
19 of Section 502 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes, in this state
20 for the purpose of informal inspections upon request. A request to
21 enter a private prison shall be made at least three (3) calendar
22 days in advance of the visit. Such official or religious leader
23 shall first verify his or her identity and official capacity before
24 admittance to the private prison. For the purposes of this section,

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

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
9 February 24, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED BY CS

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