

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3848

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AS INTRODUCED

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; requiring 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; directing the Department of Corrections to take certain measures relating to sex offenders; requiring submission of annual report to the Legislature; authorizing the Department and Office of Management and Enterprise Services to develop grant and incentive opportunities for certain organizations; 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:

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

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

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

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

11 2. "Program house" means a residential property approved by the
12 Department of Corrections or designated state agency, providing
13 housing, supervision, and access to rehabilitative programming for
14 registered sex offenders;

15 3. "Sex offender" means any person required to register
16 pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act;

17 4. "Single-family home" means a stand-alone residential
18 dwelling occupied by no more than one registered sex offender; and

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

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

1 A. A program house may house more than one registered sex
2 offender, provided, the number of residents does not exceed the
3 legal or structural occupancy limit as determined by local housing
4 codes and as approved by the Department of Corrections.

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

8 C. Single-family homes shall be located no closer than one
9 thousand (1,000) feet from protected zones unless otherwise
10 restricted by local ordinance. In accordance with current sex
11 offender registry restrictions, only one registered sex offender
12 shall be permitted to occupy a single-family residence at any given
13 time; provided, however, nothing in this subsection shall prohibit
14 married persons, both of whom are required to register as sex
15 offenders, or two or more blood relatives who are required to
16 register as sex offenders, from residing in a single-family home
17 during the term of registration as a sex offender.

18 D. All program houses shall be registered with and supervised
19 by the Department with documentation of its rehabilitative programs
20 and ongoing compliance available for review by the Department.

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

1 A. All incarcerated sex offenders, prior to discharge from the
2 custody of the Department of Corrections, shall successfully
3 complete the following mandatory programming:

- 4 1. Victim impact curriculum, approved by the Department; and
- 5 2. Life skills curriculum, approved by the Department that
6 includes components related to financial literacy, personal
7 responsibility, and community reintegration.

8 B. The Department shall make the programs provided for in
9 subsection A of this section available prior to release ensuring
10 that enrollment and completion are monitored and documented prior to
11 discharge of the defendant from custody.

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

- 16 1. A structured step-based recovery or accountability program;
- 17 2. Ongoing job readiness education and goal setting; and
- 18 3. Support group participation or therapy as required by
19 facility standards.

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

- 22 1. Identification documents including birth certificate, state
23 identification card or driver license, and Social Security card;
- 24 2. Documentation of program completion; and

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

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

5 A. The Department of Corrections shall take measures to:

6 1. Improve the registration and monitoring process for sex
7 offenders;

8 2. Ensure accuracy and accessibility of residency status; and

9 3. Prioritize timely updates to reduce transient classification
10 periods.

11 B. The Department shall annually collect and submit to the
12 Legislature a report with the following information:

13 1. Recidivism rates among sex offenders in program houses;

14 2. Housing stability and program compliance; and

15 3. Recommendations for continued system improvement.

16 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 590.8 of Title 57, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Department of Corrections, in partnership with the
20 Office of Management and Enterprise Services, shall develop grant
21 and incentive programs for:

22 1. Nonprofit organizations and housing providers who establish
23 program houses; and
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1 2. Organizations that develop and implement approved
2 rehabilitation curriculum.

3 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 590.9 of Title 57, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

9 B. Any person who has been released from the custody of the
10 Department of Corrections and is currently in compliance with the
11 Sex Offenders Registration Act shall be considered eligible for all
12 housing and rehabilitation programs provided for in this act.

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

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

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

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

20 D. The Department shall update internal procedures and
21 information available to the public to reflect the retroactive
22 implementation of this act.

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

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