

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2567

By: Caldwell (Chad), Pittman  
and Roe of the House

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4 McCortney of the Senate  
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7 An Act relating to prison system training program;  
8 providing for a hospice care training program within  
9 the state prison system; providing for training  
10 requirements; providing for review of applicants;  
11 providing for program completion certificates;  
12 providing authority for promulgation of rules;  
13 providing for construal of provision; providing for  
14 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-863 of Title 63, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Department of Corrections may establish a Nurse Aide  
20 training program for eligible inmates, who are in work assignments,  
21 which will provide long-term end-of-life care to fellow inmates.  
22 The curriculum will follow established training requirements for  
23 Nurse Aides as provided in Section 1-1951 of Title 63 of the  
24 Oklahoma Statutes. The Chief Medical Officer of the Department of  
Corrections will have oversight of the training program.

1 B. Inmates with convictions pursuant to the provisions of  
2 Section 1-1950.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes are prohibited  
3 from participation unless written permission to participate is  
4 granted by the State Department of Health. Eligible inmates are  
5 subject to a criminal background check, as provided in Section 1-  
6 1947 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 C. Upon successful completion of the training program provided  
8 for in this section, the Department of Corrections shall issue a  
9 program completion certificate to the inmate. The Department of  
10 Corrections in cooperation with the State Department of Health and  
11 the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education shall  
12 develop appropriate processes to submit notice of training  
13 completion and application for licensure or certification to the  
14 State Department of Health in a manner prescribed by the State  
15 Department of Health.

16 D. The Department of Corrections, in consultation with the  
17 State Department of Health, shall have authority to promulgate rules  
18 to maintain the curriculum established pursuant to subsection A of  
19 this section.

20 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to establish a  
21 right to employment with any licensed hospice provider.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2021.

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5 of Representatives

6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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