

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3308

By: Humphrey of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
8 amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 504, which relates to
9 powers and duties of the State Board of Corrections;
10 providing gender-neutral language; expanding powers
11 and duties to include oversight of the Office of the
12 Inspector General; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 504, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 504. ~~(a)~~ A. The Board shall elect from its members a
17 ~~chairman~~ chair, ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chair and a secretary. It shall
18 adopt rules and regulations for its government and may adopt an
19 official seal for the Department. Members shall be reimbursed for
20 travel expenses, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act
21 while attending meetings of the Board or while performing other
22 official duties.

23 ~~(b)~~ B. The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

24 ~~(1)~~ 1. To establish policies for the operation of the
Department;

1 ~~(2)~~ 2. To establish and maintain such institutions as are
2 necessary or convenient for the operation of programs for the
3 education, training, vocational education and rehabilitation of
4 prisoners under the jurisdiction of the Department;

5 ~~(3)~~ 3. To lease, from time to time, without restriction as to
6 terms, any property which said Board shall determine advisable to
7 more fully carry into effect the operation of prison industries;

8 ~~(4)~~ 4. To acquire, construct, extend, improve, maintain and
9 operate any and all facilities of all kinds which in the judgment of
10 the Board shall be necessary or convenient to foster the prison
11 industries program;

12 ~~(5)~~ 5. To require the Director and any other personnel of the
13 Department, when deemed necessary by the Board, to give bond for the
14 faithful performance of their duties;

15 ~~(6)~~ 6. To appoint and fix the salary of the Director;

16 ~~(7)~~ 7. To enter into contracts with private prison contractors;

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18 ~~(8)~~ 8. To provide training to employees of private prison
19 contractors and other governmental entities on a fee basis; and

20 9. To provide oversight of the operations of the Office of the
21 Inspector General within the Department. The Board shall define the
22 duties of the Inspector General, who shall report directly to the
23 Board.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2022.

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5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2022.

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