

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1298

By: Coleman of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to offenders; directing development  
7 of a comprehensive reentry program; creating a  
8 certificate of rehabilitation; allowing certain  
9 judicial consideration; requiring certain  
notification; stating certain application  
requirements; requiring certain database; providing  
for codification; and providing an effective date.

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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 997 of Title 22, unless there is  
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. Subject to availability of funds, the Department of  
17 Corrections shall develop and implement a comprehensive reentry  
18 program that will assist offenders with reentry into society upon  
19 release from incarceration. In addition to educational and  
20 vocational programs, reentry programs may include social and  
21 behavioral programs, substance abuse counseling, mentoring programs,  
22 financial planning, physical and mental health programs and housing  
23 and federal assistance programs.

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1 B. The certificate of rehabilitation shall include, but not be  
2 limited to, the following information:

3 1. A general statement as to how the certificate would assist  
4 the individual and why it should be granted including all  
5 programming completed while incarcerated;

6 2. A summary of the individual's criminal history with respect  
7 to each offense including the years sentenced and the years served  
8 for each conviction or plea of guilty for each offense;

9 3. A summary of the individual's employment history, specifying  
10 the name of, and dates of employment with each employer;

11 4. Verifiable references and endorsements;

12 5. The name of one or more immediate family members of the  
13 individual, or other persons with whom the individual has a close  
14 relationship, who will support the individual's release and reentry;  
15 and

16 6. Any other information required by the Department of  
17 Corrections.

18 C. The Department of Corrections shall specify eligibility  
19 considerations and requirements for completion of the program  
20 provided for in subsection A of this section.

21 D. An offender convicted of a violent crime, as defined in  
22 paragraph 2 of Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
23 shall not be eligible for a certificate of rehabilitation.

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1 E. A certificate issued under this section shall be revoked if  
2 the individual to whom the certificate was issued is convicted of or  
3 pleads guilty to a felony offense committed subsequent to the  
4 issuance of the certificate of qualification for employment.

5 F. The Department of Corrections shall maintain a database that  
6 identifies granted certificates and revoked certificates and tracks  
7 the number of certificates granted and revoked, and if possible, the  
8 industries, occupations and professions with respect to which the  
9 certificates have been most applicable and the type of employers  
10 that have accepted the certificates of rehabilitation.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

12 Passed the Senate the 2nd day of March, 2020.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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16 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

17 2020.

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