

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1785

6 By: Martinez

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;  
9 amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 537, which relates to  
10 the Oklahoma Corrections Act of 1967; removing  
11 exemption; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 537, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 537. A. There shall be established a Canteen System  
17 Board of Directors for all canteen system services operated within  
18 the Department of Corrections. The members of the Canteen System  
19 Board shall be appointed by the Director of the Department of  
20 Corrections. All canteen system operations shall be under the  
21 control of the Canteen System Board and shall operate pursuant to  
22 written guidelines established by the Board. The overall canteen  
23 operation composed of all correctional facility canteen operations,  
24 inmate telephone systems and inmate electronic mail systems shall be

1 collectively called the Canteen System and such system shall be  
2 required to be self-supporting from sales receipts.

3 B. Each correctional facility may have a canteen system  
4 operation. Each facility canteen system when established shall  
5 require the warden of such facility or a designee to oversee the  
6 day-to-day canteen system operations according to the guidelines set  
7 by the Canteen System Board. The Chief Financial Officer of the  
8 Department shall act as custodian of all canteen system funds and be  
9 responsible for all expenditures from the canteen system accounts.  
10 The Chief Financial Officer shall make daily deposits of all sales  
11 receipts in the canteen system accounts. Canteen system profits  
12 generated by items or services for resale shall be identified  
13 monthly by the Chief Financial Officer and transferred periodically  
14 from the canteen system account to the Department of Corrections  
15 Inmate and Employee Welfare and Canteen System Support Revolving  
16 Fund. All disbursements made from the canteen system account shall  
17 be by voucher approved by the Chief Financial Officer and shall be  
18 payable through the Office of the State Treasurer. Documentation of  
19 each disbursement shall be kept on file by the Department. Canteen  
20 system records may be disposed of in accordance with the records  
21 disposition schedule approved by the Archives and Records  
22 Commission. The Department shall notify the State Records  
23 Administrator thirty (30) days in advance of its intent to dispose  
24 of any canteen records. The Department shall follow accounting

1 procedures in accordance with state fiscal accounting procedures in  
2 administering canteen system funds. All profits from the canteen  
3 system shall be used exclusively for the benefit of the inmates of  
4 the various institutions and personnel of the Department of  
5 Corrections and support of canteen system operations as determined  
6 by the Canteen System Board of Directors pursuant to subsection A of  
7 this section.

8 C. Inmates may work in a correctional facility canteen and  
9 shall receive reimbursement for such work through the institution  
10 incentive pay program.

11 D. Any audit of canteen system operations and accounts  
12 conducted by the State Auditor and Inspector shall be provided to  
13 the warden of the concerned institution.

14 ~~E. Merchandise and services to be purchased for resale or~~  
15 ~~distribution through the canteen system, inmate telephone equipment~~  
16 ~~or services, and inmate electronic mail equipment and services shall~~  
17 ~~be purchased by voucher drawn against canteen system accounts and~~  
18 ~~all such purchases of goods and services shall be exempted from the~~  
19 ~~provisions of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act. All revenues~~  
20 ~~from canteen operations, inmate telephone system services and inmate~~  
21 ~~electronic mail system operations shall be used exclusively for the~~  
22 ~~benefit of the inmates of the various institutions and personnel of~~  
23 ~~the Department of Corrections as determined by the Canteen System~~  
24 ~~Board of Directors.~~

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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