

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1785

By: Martinez and Williams of  
the House

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

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

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

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

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

1 system shall be used exclusively for the benefit of the inmates of  
2 the various institutions and personnel of the Department of  
3 Corrections and support of canteen system operations as determined  
4 by the Canteen System Board of Directors pursuant to subsection A of  
5 this section.

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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