

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1319

By: Humphrey

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;  
8 granting elected state officials the right to access  
9 facilities operated by the Department of Corrections  
10 for purposes of inspection and evaluation; providing  
11 for announced and unannounced visits; authorizing  
access to inmates; directing the Department to  
implement security protocols to manage visits;  
providing for codification; and providing an  
effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 509.7 of Title 57, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Beginning November 1, 2025, elected state officials shall  
19 have the right to access all facilities operated by the Department  
20 of Corrections for purposes of inspection and evaluation of said  
21 facilities and to ensure compliance with policies and procedures  
22 promulgated by the Department. An inspection and evaluation may be  
23 announced or unannounced with higher risk facilities receiving more  
24 frequent inspections and evaluations.

1 B. The Department shall further allow elected state officials  
2 access to inmates incarcerated at said facilities upon request by  
3 elected state officials.

4 C. The Department shall implement the necessary security  
5 protocols to manage said visits without compromising the safety and  
6 security of the facility, its inmates, correctional officers, and  
7 employees of the Department.

8 SECTION 1. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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