An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3039

By: Jordan and Sherrer of the House

and

Shaw, Matthews and Jech of the Senate

An Act relating to work release programs; creating the Debt to Society Act of 2016; authorizing county sheriffs to establish and maintain certain program; providing requirements when establishing program; providing for the reduction of prison sentence through earned credits; providing limitations for earning early release credits; requiring suspension from work release program under certain circumstances; amending 51 O.S. 2011, Section 155, as last amended by Section 34, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (51 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 155), which relates to the Governmental Tort Claims Act; expanding scope of certain exemption; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Work release programs

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 532 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Debt to Society Act of 2016".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 533 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each county is hereby authorized to establish and maintain for the benefit of nonviolent misdemeanor offenders a "debt to society" work release or community service program. When a county establishes such program, the following requirements shall apply:

1. In conjunction with the office of the district attorney, the county sheriff shall establish guidelines for the monitoring and enforcement of persons the program would be available to;

2. The program guidelines shall provide the details for a work release program or a community service program;

3. The program guidelines shall be approved by the district judge prior to implementation;

4. Only defendants who enter a plea or are convicted of a nonviolent misdemeanor offense may be eligible for the program;

5. An eight-hour work day shall translate into one (1) full day of imprisonment in a county jail. A four-hour work day shall translate into one-half (1/2) day of imprisonment in a county jail; and

6. Counties may use the program in lieu of incarceration and/or housing a defendant.

B. 1. The sentence of the person may be reduced by earned early release time in accordance with procedures developed and promulgated by the county sheriff and approved by the district attorney.

2. The earned early release time shall be for good behavior and good performance in the work release or community service program as determined by the county sheriff.

3. The county sheriff shall not credit the person with earned early release time in advance of the person actually earning the credits.

4. Under no circumstances shall the aggregate sum of earned early release time exceed one-third (1/3) of the total sentence.

C. 1. The earnings of a person participating in a work release program may be collected by the county.

2. The county may deduct from the earnings of the work release or community service program participant amounts necessary for the payment of the following:

a. incarceration costs,

b. administrative expenses relating to participation in the work release or community service program,

c. court-ordered victim restitution, and

d. court costs and fees associated with the criminal case of the person.

Child support obligations for dependents of the person, if any, shall be made as directed by the court.

Any remaining balance shall be returned to the person.

D. If the person violates any of the conditions of the work release or community service program, custody or employment, the person shall be suspended from further participation in the work release or community service program. The sentencing court may require the person to spend the remainder of the sentence in actual confinement and may revoke any earned early release credits.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 2011, Section 155, as last amended by Section 34, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (51 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 155), is amended to read as follows:

Section 155. The state or a political subdivision shall not be liable if a loss or claim results from:

1. Legislative functions;

2. Judicial, quasi-judicial, or prosecutorial functions, other than claims for wrongful criminal felony conviction resulting in imprisonment provided for in Section 154 of this title;

3. Execution or enforcement of the lawful orders of any court;

4. Adoption or enforcement of or failure to adopt or enforce a law, whether valid or invalid, including, but not limited to, any statute, charter provision, ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or written policy;

5. Performance of or the failure to exercise or perform any act or service which is in the discretion of the state or political subdivision or its employees;

6. Civil disobedience, riot, insurrection or rebellion or the failure to provide, or the method of providing, police, law enforcement or fire protection;

7. Any claim based on the theory of attractive nuisance;

8. Snow or ice conditions or temporary or natural conditions on any public way or other public place due to weather conditions, unless the condition is affirmatively caused by the negligent act of the state or a political subdivision;

9. Entry upon any property where that entry is expressly or implied authorized by law;

10. Natural conditions of property of the state or political subdivision;

11. Assessment or collection of taxes or special assessments, license or registration fees, or other fees or charges imposed by law;

12. Licensing powers or functions including, but not limited to, the issuance, denial, suspension or revocation of or failure or refusal to issue, deny, suspend or revoke any permit, license, certificate, approval, order or similar authority;

13. Inspection powers or functions, including failure to make an inspection, review or approval, or making an inadequate or negligent inspection, review or approval of any property, real or personal, to determine whether the property complies with or violates any law or contains a hazard to health or safety, or fails to conform to a recognized standard;

14. Any loss to any person covered by any workers' compensation act or any employer's liability act;

15. Absence, condition, location or malfunction of any traffic or road sign, signal or warning device unless the absence, condition, location or malfunction is not corrected by the state or political subdivision responsible within a reasonable time after actual or constructive notice or the removal or destruction of such signs, signals or warning devices by third parties, action of weather elements or as a result of traffic collision except on failure of the state or political subdivision to correct the same within a reasonable time after actual or constructive notice. Nothing herein shall give rise to liability arising from the failure of the state or any political subdivision to initially place any of the above signs, signals or warning devices. The signs, signals and warning devices referred to herein are those used in connection with hazards normally connected with the use of roadways or public ways and do not apply to the duty to warn of special defects such as excavations or roadway obstructions;

16. Any claim which is limited or barred by any other law;

17. Misrepresentation, if unintentional;

18. An act or omission of an independent contractor or consultant or his or her employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers or of a person other than an employee of the state or political subdivision at the time the act or omission occurred;

19. Theft by a third person of money in the custody of an employee unless the loss was sustained because of the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the employee;

20. Participation in or practice for any interscholastic or other athletic contest sponsored or conducted by or on the property of the state or a political subdivision;

21. Participation in any activity approved by a local board of education and held within a building or on the grounds of the school district served by that local board of education before or after normal school hours or on weekends;

22. Use of indoor or outdoor school property and facilities made available for public recreation before or after normal school hours or on weekends or school vacations, except those claims resulting from willful and wanton acts of negligence. For purposes of this paragraph:

a. "public" includes, but is not limited to, students during nonschool hours and school staff when not working as employees of the school, and

b. "recreation" means any indoor or outdoor physical activity, either organized or unorganized, undertaken for exercise, relaxation, diversion, sport or pleasure, and that is not otherwise covered by paragraph 20 or 21 of this section;

23. Any court-ordered ~~or~~, Department of Corrections or county approved work release program; provided, however, this provision shall not apply to claims from individuals not in the custody of the Department of Corrections based on accidents involving motor vehicles owned or operated by the Department of Corrections;

24. The activities of the National Guard, the militia or other military organization administered by the Military Department of the state when on duty pursuant to the lawful orders of competent authority:

a. in an effort to quell a riot,

b. in response to a natural disaster or military attack, or

c. if participating in a military mentor program ordered by the court;

25. Provision, equipping, operation or maintenance of any prison, jail or correctional facility, or injuries resulting from the parole or escape of a prisoner or injuries by a prisoner to any other prisoner; provided, however, this provision shall not apply to claims from individuals not in the custody of the Department of Corrections based on accidents involving motor vehicles owned or operated by the Department of Corrections;

26. Provision, equipping, operation or maintenance of any juvenile detention facility, or injuries resulting from the escape of a juvenile detainee, or injuries by a juvenile detainee to any other juvenile detainee;

27. Any claim or action based on the theory of manufacturer's products liability or breach of warranty, either expressed or implied;

28. Any claim or action based on the theory of indemnification or subrogation;

29. Any claim based upon an act or omission of an employee in the placement of children;

30. Acts or omissions done in conformance with then current recognized standards;

31. Maintenance of the state highway system or any portion thereof unless the claimant presents evidence which establishes either that the state failed to warn of the unsafe condition or that the loss would not have occurred but for a negligent affirmative act of the state;

32. Any confirmation of the existence or nonexistence of any effective financing statement on file in the office of the Secretary of State made in good faith by an employee of the office of the Secretary of State as required by the provisions of Section 1-9-320.6 of Title 12A of the Oklahoma Statutes;

33. Any court-ordered community sentence;

34. Remedial action and any subsequent related maintenance of property pursuant to and in compliance with an authorized environmental remediation program, order, or requirement of a federal or state environmental agency;

35. The use of necessary and reasonable force by a school district employee to control and discipline a student during the time the student is in attendance or in transit to and from the school, or any other function authorized by the school district;

36. Actions taken in good faith by a school district employee for the out-of-school suspension of a student pursuant to applicable Oklahoma Statutes; or

37. Use of a public facility opened to the general public during an emergency.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of May, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 20th day of April, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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