

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 1001

By: Smalley of the Senate

and

Echols of the House

An Act relating to investigation of inmates escaped from the Department of Corrections; amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 508.4, which relates to the Investigations Division; allowing certain investigations and warrants.

SUBJECT: Department of Corrections authority regarding prison escapees

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 508.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 508.4. A. There is hereby created the Investigations Division within the Department of Corrections. The purpose of the Division shall be to investigate allegations of criminal acts by inmates, offenders or employees of the Department ~~of Corrections~~, as well as to investigate allegations of constitutional or policy violations.

B. The Director of the Department of Corrections shall employ the proper personnel and adopt the necessary procedures to carry out the duties of the Investigations Division and shall appoint a Director of the Division who shall administer the activities of the Division.

C. The Investigations Division of the Department of Corrections shall have the jurisdiction and authority to investigate all

allegations of criminal behavior at any facility owned or operated by the Department ~~of Corrections~~, or any private prison facility or other facility with which the Department ~~of Corrections~~ contracts to house inmates from the State of Oklahoma.

D. The Investigations Division shall have jurisdiction and authority to investigate any escape committed by prisoners under the custody and control of the Department of Corrections. If it is determined that a prisoner has escaped the custody of the Department, in violation of Section 443 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Department is authorized to issue a warrant for the arrest of the escapee and the warrant shall have the force and effect of any warrant of arrest issued by a district court in the state. Nothing in this section shall affect the authority of a district attorney to issue an arrest warrant for the escapee.

Passed the Senate the 26th day of May, 2016.

  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of May, 2016.

  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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