

# DOC Legislative Update-May 1st

## Update on DOC request bills. . .

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SB412-creates a single list of violent crimes in statute.

Authors=Senator Rick Brinkley, Representative Scott Biggs

- *SB412 has passed both the House floor and the Senate floor with no trouble. Once the conference committee restores title it will go to the Governor's desk.*

HB1630-relates to receiving offenders from county jails

Authors=Representative Lisa Billy, Senator Don Barrington

- *HB1630 has passed both the House and the Senate. This has been a combined effort between the Department, the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association and leadership. The bill should be sent to the Governor's desk for her signature soon.*

SB54-allows employees with the Inspector General and Probation and Parole to keep their firearms when they retire.

Authors=Senator Kim David, Representative Sean Roberts

- *SB54 was SIGNED by the Governor on April 21st!!!!*

### Capitol Updates- Week 13

- The Governor acted on several bills this week.
- Lawmakers in both chambers worked through a large number of bills fueling the rumors that they will adjourn a week early.

### Upcoming Deadlines

- May 7th-Deadline to reject Senate amendments to House bills.
- May 29th at 5p.m.-Deadline for lawmaker to adjourn Sine Die

## Legislation being monitored by DOC

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DOC is actively monitoring all legislation being presented at the Capitol that could affect our agency. Below are a few of the bills we are watching. By listing these bills we are not stating our support or lack of support for any piece of legislation. *If you don't see a bill on this list then it likely is inactive.*

### AWAITING GOVERNOR ACTION:

HB1518-gives judges the ability to go outside minimum sentences and send an offender to alternative programs

Author: Representative Pam Peterson and Senator Wayne Shaw

- *Sent to the Governor on 4/29. Deadline for her to take action is 5/5.*

SB578-allows terminally ill offenders to be paroled to private nursing homes

Author: Wayne Shaw and Representative Doug Cox

- *Sent to the Governor on 4/28. Deadline for her to act is 5/4.*

SB525-Allows DOC employees, with a license to carry a firearm, to have their firearms in their vehicles if they notify the facility and show that they have an approved lock box

Author: Senator Ralph Shortey

- *Sent to the Governor on 4/27. Deadline for her to act is 5/2.*

#### GOVERNOR'S ACTION TAKEN:

HB1046-allows reduction of fees for certain offenses under certain circumstances

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Anthony Sykes

- *Governor Vetoed on April 24th*

HB1879-requires death sentences to be carried out by nitrogen hypoxia if lethal injection is held unconstitutional.

Authors: Representative Mike Christian and Senator Anthony Sykes

- *Signed by the Governor on April 17th.*

SB97-prohibits a correctional facility from being within city limits without approval from the city

Author: Senator Jack Fry and Representative Charlie Joyner

- *Signed by the Governor on April 21st.*

SB38-allows for offenders with no reasonable risk to be considered for medical parole

Authors: Senator Wayne Shaw and Representative Pam Peterson

- *Signed by the Governor on April 13th*

SB55-makes reaching for a police officer's firearm a felony

Author: Senator Kim David and Representative Lisa Billy

- *Signed by the Governor on April 7th*

#### EVERYTHING ELSE:

HB1047-makes aggravated child pornography an 85% crime

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Kim David

- *Sent to the Governor on 4/22. The Governor sent it back to the House and Senate because an amendment was left off when it passed through the Senate.*

HB1687-changes how we administer high school equivalency tests

Authors: Representative Lee Denney and Senator Jim Halligan

- *This has been sent to conference and the House Common Education committee was named as conferees.*

SB764-Community sentencing planning council

Authors: Senator Anthony Sykes and Representative Randy Grau

- *Passed both the House and Senate. The Senate will have to approve or deny the House amendments before it is sent to the Governor.*

HB2187-allows Pardon and Parole to release offenders on GPS

Authors: Speaker Jeff Hickman and Senator A.J. Griffin

- *Passed both the House and the Senate. Waiting for the House to accept or reject Senate amendments.*

#### Helpful Links:

State Senate

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State House

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