

DOC Legislative Update-February 6th

This week's activity. . .

- On Monday, February 2nd Governor Fallin delivered her State of the State address and released her budget. Corrections was mentioned in her address as a top priority for her this year. She is also pushing for a \$15 million increase in funding for our agency.
- Staff from DOC presented our budget request to the House Appropriations Committee on Public Safety. We presented to the Senate Appropriations committee on Public Safety and Judiciary on January 27th.
- All three of DOC's request bills were heard in the Senate Public Safety committee. Updates on these bills are below.

UPDATE on DOC request bills. . .

SB412-creates a single list of violent crimes in statute.
Author=Senator Rick Brinkley

- SB412 was heard in the Senate Public Safety Committee and passed unanimously. The next step is for this to be heard on the Senate floor.

SB116-relates to receiving judgment and sentencing documents from counties

Author=Senator Don Barrington

- SB116 was heard in the Senate Public Safety Committee and passed unanimously. This bill was assigned to two committees and will now be heard by Senate Appropriations.

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

Author=Senator Kim David

- SB54 was hearing in Senate Public Safety Committee and passed unanimously. This bill was assigned to two committees and will now be heard by Senate Appropriations.



Upcoming Deadlines

February 26-

Deadline to pass Senate bills from Senate committees

February 27-

Deadline to pass House bills from House committees

March 12-

Deadline for third reading and final passage of bills in their house of origin

Legislation being monitored by DOC

DOC is actively monitoring all legislation being presented at the Capitol to make sure it's not going to prohibit us from doing our job effectively. Also, at times, legislation can be introduced that helps us doing our jobs better and save taxpayer dollars. Below are bills that we are watching because of their potential impact on our agency. By listing these bills we are not stating our support or lack of support for any piece of legislation.

SB1879-requires death sentences to be carried out by nitrogen hypoxia if lethal injection is held unconstitutional.
Author: Representative Mike Christian

HB2044-requires DOC to post a link to the Reentry Resource Website and Guide on the front page of our website.
Author: Representative George Young

- This passed the House Public Safety Committee this week

HB1337-requires public bodies to report the number persons with disabilities that they employ
Author: Representative James Lockhart

HB1046-allows reduction of fees for certain offenses under certain circumstances
Author: Representative Scott Biggs

HB1047-makes aggravated child pornography an 85% crime
Author: Representative Scott Biggs

SB38-allows for offenders with no reasonable risk to be considered for medical parole
Author: Senator Wayne Shaw

SB578-requires DOC to submit an RFP for long term care for terminally ill offenders
Author: Wayne Shaw

SB55-makes reaching for a police officer's firearm a felony
Author: Senator Kim David

HB1687-changes how we administer high school equivalency tests
Author: Representative Lee Denney

SB97-prohibits a correctional facility from being within city limits without approval from the city
Author: Senator Jack Fry

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