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Bill Analysis

SB 1896 creates the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Development Act of 2020. The measure adds the terms manned aircraft and model aircraft to the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission Act and directs the Commission to develop a knowledge and skills test for operating an unmanned aircraft system. The Commission is authorized to permit a state agency, employer, or private training facility to administer the test. No person may operate an unmanned aircraft without completing the test.

Persons authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate an unmanned aircraft system shall not be in violation of the prohibition, provided they apply for a state permit within 60 days. The measure directs the Commission to develop a permit application process and outlines the qualifications to apply. The Commission is authorized to develop a fee schedule for the application and permit process. The measure prohibits any person from operating an unmanned aircraft within 500 horizontal feet or 250 vertical feet of a correctional facility unless explicitly authorized to do so by the measure.

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