

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2736

By: Hamilton (James) and
Steidley of the House

and

Taylor and Haney of the
Senate

AS INTRODUCEDAn Act relating to the State Department of Agriculture;
requiring expenditure of amounts in certain categories; requiring
certain expenditures; limiting certain operational grants; directing
certain expenditures; limiting purposes; providing for duties and
compensation of employees; setting the maximum salary of the
Commissioner; establishing budgetary limits; requiring certain
expenditures; requiring reports; authorizing disallowals; requiring
audits; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SECTION 1. Of the funds appropriated in Sections __ and __ of
_____, the following amounts shall be expended in the following
categories:

Administration Division	\$0.00
Statistical Reporting Division	\$0.00
Animal Industry Division	\$0.00
Plant Industry and Consumer Services Division	\$0.00
Forestry Division	\$0.00

Agriculture Laboratory Division	\$0.00
Predatory Animal Control Division	\$0.00
Market Development Division	\$0.00
Rural Development Service	\$0.00
Brucellosis Depopulation and Expenses	\$0.00
Oklahoma State University for the Statewide Intensive Financial Management Assistance Program	\$0.00
Poultry Research and Disease Control Research Programs and Employment of a State Poultry Veterinarian and an Area Poultry Specialist	\$0.00
Tick Research	\$0.00
Wheat Root Rot/Nematode Complex Research	\$0.00
Peanut Pod Rot and Field Demonstration Research	\$0.00
Total Research Programs	\$0.00
Annual Fire Fighter Coordinators	\$0.00
AGLink/Agriculture Mediation Program	\$0.00
Operational Grants to Rural Fire Departments	\$0.00
Rural Fire Protection Program Fund Act (Title 19, Section 901.56)	\$0.00
Dry Fire Hydrant Program	\$0.00
OSU Animal Diagnostic Laboratory Equipment	\$0.00

SECTION 2. The State Board of Agriculture shall require a budget work plan and monthly reports on the expenditures and workload of the AGLink/Agriculture Mediation Program.

SECTION 3. Of the _____ Dollars (\$0.00) line itemed for operational grants to rural fire departments in Section ____ of this

act, each grant shall be limited to One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per municipality.

SECTION 4. The funds line itemed in Section ___ of this act for the Rural Fire Protection Program Act shall be expended to provide the state share for grants to rural fire protection coordination districts pursuant to the Rural Fire Protection Program Fund Act.

These funds shall only be expended for the purposes specified by Section 901.56 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 5. The funds line itemed in Section ___ of this act for the Dry Fire Hydrant Program shall be expended for the purposes of the statewide dry fire hydrant program in conjunction with substate planning districts with no districts to receive more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in state resources. State resources must be matched on a one-to-one basis with nonstate resources.

SECTION 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that from any monies appropriated in Section ____ of _____, at least the sum of One Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$187,200.00) be used for salaries, benefits and other personnel costs of the eight (8) McGee Creek Fire Protection full-time employees.

SECTION 7. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the State Department of Agriculture by law shall be set by the Commissioner. The salary of the Commissioner shall not exceed Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995. The State Department of Agriculture, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding expenditures for capital and special projects, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

Budgetary Limitation

Amount

Average Number of Full-time-equivalent Employees, Excluding Part-time Employees in the Forestry, Plant, and Animal Industry Divisions and Fruit and Vegetable Graders	0.0
Payroll, Salaries or Wages, Including Tax-sheltered Deferment Contracts and Longevity Payments Authorized by State Statutes	\$0.00
Professional and Personal Services Contracts	\$0.00
Purchase of Equipment	\$0.00
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00
Receipt of Federal Funds	\$0.00
Total Expenditures for Operations	\$0.00

SECTION 8. The State Department of Agriculture shall expend so much as may be necessary to accomplish contractual responsibilities for statewide dissemination of intensive financial management technical assistance by Oklahoma State University's extension service thus enabling businessmen and students of business to benefit from direct professional assistance provided by professors, associates and staff of the University and to improve and complement technical assistance provided by the Department. Contractors shall submit quarterly reports of activities and expenditures to the Department of Agriculture. The Department may disallow any expenditures for activities not within the scope of contractual responsibilities pursuant to an approved work plan. Contractors shall submit an annual audit as required by the Department of Agriculture which may be paid from allocated, appropriated funds.

SECTION 9. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

SECTION 10. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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