

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1890

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; making appropriations; stating purpose and legislative intent; requiring transfer of certain funds; requiring certain funds to be budgeted in specified manners and amounts; creating the "Extreme Fire Cost Recovery Contingency Fund"; providing for deposit to the contingency fund; making appropriations nonfiscal; making appropriations exempt from certain agency category and budget limits; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury, the sum of _____ (\$0.00) or so much thereof as may necessary for the purpose of volunteer fire fighter training, establishing an extreme fire contingency fund, and equipment upgrades for volunteer fire departments.

SECTION 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry expend at least _____ (\$0.00) or so much thereof as is necessary from funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act for the purpose of volunteer fire fighter training contracted with the Oklahoma State University Fire Training Center.

SECTION 3. Of the monies appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry is directed to transfer the sum of _____ (\$0.00) to the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils or so much thereof as may be

necessary for the purpose of equipment upgrades for volunteer fire departments. The said funds shall be divided evenly between the eleven regional councils. No monies from the fund shall be expended or obligated for the construction of buildings.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-25.1 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a contingency fund for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be designated as the "Extreme Fire Cost Recovery Contingency Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall consist of all monies directed thereto by law, grants, and gifts. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry for the purpose of assisting rural fire protection coordination districts in recovery costs associated with fighting fires. Said fund shall be accessible when there is a gubernatorially proclaimed extraordinary danger from fire. Expenditures from said fund shall be made against claims filed as prescribed by the rural fire coordinator but with the approval of the President of the Board and Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

SECTION 5. There is hereby appropriated to the Extreme Fire Cost Recovery Contingency Fund from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury, the sum of _____ (\$0.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of the fund.

SECTION 6. The appropriations made by this act shall not be subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be available for encumbrance and expenditure purposes for a period of thirty (30) months from the date this act is approved.

SECTION 7. The appropriations made by this act shall not be subject to fiscal years 2006 and 2007 agency category and budget limits.

SECTION 8. 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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