

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1615

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8 (public health and safety - Emergency Response

9 Systems Development Revolving Fund - training

10 program - tuition reimbursement - adding board

11 member - benefits - codification -

12 effective date)

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2524 of Title 63, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
21 fund to be designated the "Emergency Response Systems Development
22 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
23 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies, fees,
24 and revenues collected, authorized, or received from any source by

1 the State Department of Health or any division, officer, or employee
2 of the State Department of Health pursuant to any law or agreement.

3 B. All monies accruing to the credit of the Emergency Response
4 Systems Development Revolving Fund are hereby appropriated and may
5 be budgeted and expended by the State Department of Health for:

6 1. Assessment activities funded for One Hundred Thousand
7 Dollars (\$100,000.00) per year;

8 2. Development grants for regional medical systems funded for
9 Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) per year; and

10 3. Capital and equipment improvement grants funded for Five
11 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per year, including One
12 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) annually earmarked for radio
13 equipment upgrades consistent with the state emergency medical
14 system communications plan.

15 C. Expenditures from the Emergency Response Systems Development
16 Revolving Fund shall be made by the majority approval of the State
17 Board of Health, or the Commissioner of Health in the absence of the
18 Board.

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2524.1 of Title 63, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. The Commissioner of Health shall:

23 1. Administer medical emergency response centers to coordinate
24 medical responses in disasters and provide physician medical

1 direction and certified emergency medical dispatch services to rural
2 agencies, and add the designated medical director of each medical
3 emergency response center to the medical direction subcommittee of
4 the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Advisory
5 Council;

6 2. Establish a transition plan and request appropriations to
7 ensure the operations of the medical emergency response centers in
8 the event federal funding is withdrawn; and

9 3. Establish a transition plan and request appropriations to
10 ensure the operations of the regional emergency medical systems
11 disaster response teams currently being developed under the Health-
12 Resources-and-Services-Administration-funded "EMS Package Plan" in
13 the event federal funding is withdrawn.

14 B. The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education
15 shall:

16 1. Develop and maintain a comprehensive statewide emergency
17 medical technician training program meeting national accreditation
18 standards and ensuring statewide access through distance learning
19 resources;

20 2. Establish a tuition fund for emergency medical technicians
21 providing tuition reimbursement of not more than Three Thousand
22 Dollars (\$3,000.00) for emergency medical technicians who complete
23 advanced training and work at least one thousand (1,000) hours each
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1 year for two (2) years for a licensed or certified emergency medical
2 service provider; and

3 3. Develop a comprehensive training program for medical
4 directors.

5 C. The Physician Manpower Training Commission shall:

6 1. Develop emergency medical technicians as a rural medical
7 resource through grants, scholarships, and training opportunities;
8 and

9 2. Add the current chair of the Oklahoma Emergency Response
10 Systems Development Advisory Council as an ex officio board member.

11 D. The State Department of Health shall create a line-of-duty
12 death benefit for emergency medical technicians using the criteria
13 established for fire and police. Funding shall not exceed Ten
14 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per incident.

15 E. The Office of State Finance shall study and make written
16 recommendations regarding the admission of emergency medical
17 technicians to a pension fund.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.

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