

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 2152

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Council on Law Enforcement
8 Education and Training; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
9 Section 3311.5, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 360,
10 O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 3311.5),
11 which relates to county and municipal law enforcement
12 academies; authorizing certain municipal academies to
13 accept certain peace officers; establishing
14 conditions for acceptance; directing the Council to
15 promulgate rules to evaluate and approve certain
16 requests based upon certain considerations; and
17 providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3311.5, as
20 amended by Section 8, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007,
21 Section 3311.5), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 3311.5 A. On and after the effective date of this act,
23 the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, pursuant to
24 its authority granted by Section 3311 of this title, shall include
in its required basic training courses for law enforcement
certification a minimum of four (4) hours of education and training
relating to recognizing and managing a person appearing to require

1 mental health treatment or services. The Council shall further
2 offer a minimum of four (4) hours of education and training on
3 specific mental health issues pursuant to Section 3311.4 of this
4 title to meet the annual requirement for continuing education in the
5 areas of mental health issues.

6 B. The Council is required to update that block of training or
7 course materials relating to legal issues, concepts, and state laws
8 annually, but not later than ninety (90) days following the
9 adjournment of any legislative session.

10 C. The Council is authorized to pay for and send training staff
11 and employees to one or more training and education courses in
12 jurisdictions outside this state for the purpose of expanding
13 curriculum, training skill development, and general knowledge within
14 the field of law enforcement education and training.

15 D. The Council shall promulgate rules to evaluate and approve
16 municipalities and counties that are deemed capable of conducting
17 separate basic law enforcement training academies in their
18 jurisdiction and to certify officers successfully completing such
19 academy training courses. Upon application to the Council, any
20 municipality with a population of sixty-five thousand (65,000) or
21 more or any county with a population of five hundred thousand
22 (500,000) or more shall be authorized to operate a basic law
23 enforcement academy. The Council shall approve an application when
24 the municipality or county making the application meets the criteria

1 for a separate training academy and demonstrates to the satisfaction
2 of the Council that the academy has sufficient resources to conduct
3 the training, the instructional staff is appropriately trained and
4 qualified to teach the course materials, the curriculum is composed
5 of comparable or higher quality course segments to the CLEET academy
6 curriculum, and the facilities where the academy will be conducted
7 are safe and sufficient for law enforcement training purposes. Any
8 municipality or county authorized to operate a basic law enforcement
9 academy after November 1, 2007, shall not be eligible to receive
10 funds pursuant to subsection E of Section 1313.2 of Title 20 of the
11 Oklahoma Statutes. The Council shall not provide any funding for
12 the operation of any separate training academy authorized by this
13 subsection.

14 E. Any municipality or county that, prior to November 1, 2007,
15 was authorized to conduct a basic law enforcement academy shall
16 continue to receive funding pursuant to subsection E of Section
17 1313.2 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

18 F. Any municipality authorized to conduct a basic law
19 enforcement academy may allow a law enforcement agency beyond its
20 jurisdiction and the peace officers of such agency to participate in
21 such academy upon approval of both governing bodies, provided such
22 agency:

23 1. Has concurrent jurisdiction with the municipality conducting
24 the academy;

1 2. Has a cross-deputization agreement with the municipality
2 conducting the academy; and

3 3. Is located within ten (10) miles of the jurisdictional
4 limits of the municipality conducting the academy.

5 G. The Council shall promulgate rules to evaluate and approve
6 the request of any peace officer seeking CLEET certification or
7 recertification to attend any basic law enforcement academy which
8 has been approved pursuant to subsection D of this section. When
9 evaluating such requests, the Council shall consider:

10 1. The availability of space in the requested academy. If the
11 requested academy is unable to accommodate the requesting peace
12 officer, the Council shall approve such peace officer's enrollment
13 at the next available time period;

14 2. The population and size of the municipality of the
15 requesting peace officer as it pertains to costs associated with
16 sending a peace officer to a basic law enforcement academy; and

17 3. The relationship between the requesting peace officer and
18 the requested academy.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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