

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2579

By: Trebilcock and Dorman of
the House

and

Schulz of the Senate

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 683.4, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2003 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 683.4) which relates to requirements of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; requiring Director of the Department of Emergency Management to make certain report; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 683.4, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2003 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 683.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 683.4 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (OEM). The Governor shall appoint a Director of the Department, with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be the head of the Department. The Governor shall fix the salary of the Director, in cooperation with standards promulgated by the Office of Personnel Management.

B. The Director may employ personnel and fix their compensation in cooperation with standards promulgated by the Office of Personnel Management, and may make such expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from such other available funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003 and other programs specified by law.

C. The Director and other personnel of the Department shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state agencies.

D. The Director, subject to the direction and control of the Governor, shall be the executive head of the Department and shall serve as the chief advisor to the Governor on emergency management and shall:

1. Be responsible to the Governor for carrying out the programs as required by law;

2. Coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management within the state;

3. Maintain liaison with and cooperate with the emergency management agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government;

4. Develop and maintain a comprehensive all-hazards mitigation plan for this state;

5. Implement the Oklahoma Hazard Mitigation Program;

6. Have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003 and as may be prescribed by the Governor; ~~and~~

7. Supervise the Office of Volunteerism in accordance with Section 683.26 of this title; and

8. Report quarterly to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate the balance and outstanding obligations of the State Emergency Fund.

E. The Director shall supervise the formulation, execution, review and revisions of the state Emergency Operations Plan as provided for by Section 683.2 of this title. The plan shall be reviewed annually and revised as necessary.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 14th day of April, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate