

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 9, 2010

House Bill No. 2579

HOUSE BILL NO. 2579 - By: TREBILCOCK of the House.

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:

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

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

9 B. The Director may employ personnel and fix their compensation in cooperation
10 with standards promulgated by the Office of Personnel Management, and may make
11 such expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from such other available funds

1 as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Oklahoma Emergency Management
2 Act of 2003 and other programs specified by law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 5. Implement the Oklahoma Hazard Mitigation Program;

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

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

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

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

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET
9 SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION, dated
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