

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 2296

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending  
7 63 O.S. 2001, Section 683.6, as last amended by  
8 Section 12, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 2008 (63 O.S. Supp.  
9 2009, Section 683.6), which relates to the Emergency  
10 Management Advisory Council; adding to the membership  
11 of the State Hazard Mitigation Team; amending Section  
12 4, Chapter 199, O.S.L. 2006, as amended by Section 1,  
13 Chapter 79, O.S.L. 2009 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section  
14 695.2), which relates to the statewide mutual aid  
15 system; clarifying language; amending Section 5,  
16 Chapter 199 and Section 8, Chapter 199, O.S.L. 2006  
17 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009, Sections 695.3 and 695.6), which  
18 relate to emergency assistance; deleting certain  
19 declaration; allowing for non-disaster incidents; and  
20 providing for an effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 683.6, as  
23 last amended by Section 12, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 2008 (63 O.S. Supp.  
24 2009, Section 683.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 683.6 A. There is hereby created an Emergency  
Management Advisory Council. The members of the Council shall be  
composed of the Governor, who shall serve as chair of the Council,  
and the following department heads:

1. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency  
Management;

- 1        2. The Commissioner of Public Safety;
- 2        3. The Adjutant General;
- 3        4. The State Commissioner of Health;
- 4        5. The Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
- 5 Food, and Forestry;
- 6        6. The Director of the Department of Human Services;
- 7        7. The Director of the Department of Transportation;
- 8        8. The Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board;
- 9        9. The State Fire Marshal;
- 10       10. The Department of Environmental Quality;
- 11       11. The Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association; and
- 12       12. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and
- 13 Dangerous Drugs Control,
- 14 who shall serve without additional compensation.

15        B. The Council shall advise the Governor and the Director on  
16 all matters pertaining to emergency management.

17        C. 1. There is hereby created the State Hazard Mitigation  
18 Team, composed of the administrative heads of the following agencies  
19 or their designees:

- 20            a. Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, who shall
- 21            serve as the Team Coordinator,
- 22            b. Oklahoma Water Resources Board,
- 23            c. Oklahoma Climatological Survey,
- 24            d. Oklahoma Conservation Commission,

- 1 e. Corporation Commission,
- 2 f. Oklahoma Department of Commerce,
- 3 g. Department of Environmental Quality,
- 4 h. Department of Human Services,
- 5 i. State Department of Health,
- 6 j. Department of Transportation,
- 7 k. Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
- 8 or Secretary of the Oklahoma Department of
- 9 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry,
- 10 l. Department of Wildlife Conservation,
- 11 m. Oklahoma Historical Society,
- 12 n. Oklahoma Insurance Department,
- 13 o. Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma,
- 14 p. Oklahoma Municipal League,
- 15 q. State Fire Marshal, ~~and~~
- 16 r. Department of Labor,
- 17 s. a local Emergency Management Director as determined by
- 18 the President of the Oklahoma Emergency Management
- 19 Association,
- 20 t. State Chancellor or his or her representative for
- 21 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and
- 22 u. State Director or his or her representative for the
- 23 Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology
- 24 Education.

1           2. Depending on the circumstances, the Team Coordinator may  
2 request participation of the heads of any other state agencies as  
3 deemed appropriate.

4           3. The Team Coordinator shall also request that a  
5 representative of the United States Army Corps of Engineers be  
6 appointed by the administrative head of the Tulsa District to  
7 participate on the Team.

8           4. The Team Coordinator shall also request a representative of  
9 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development be appointed by  
10 the administrative head of the Oklahoma City office to participate  
11 on the team.

12           5. The State Hazard Mitigation Team will meet as determined by  
13 the Team Coordinator to review and recommend updates to the State  
14 Comprehensive All-hazard Mitigation Plan, and shall have those  
15 additional responsibilities as provided by the Team Coordinator,  
16 including, but not limited to, the review and recommendation for  
17 loan and grant application under the Oklahoma Flood Hazard  
18 Mitigation Program.

19           SECTION 2.           AMENDATORY           Section 4, Chapter 199, O.S.L.  
20 2006, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 79, O.S.L. 2009 (63 O.S.  
21 Supp. 2009, Section 695.2), is amended to read as follows:

22           Section 695.2 A. The purpose of the Oklahoma Intrastate Mutual  
23 Aid Compact is to create a system of intrastate mutual aid between  
24 participating jurisdictions in the state.

1 B. As used in the Oklahoma Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact:

2 1. "Jurisdiction" means any county, city, town or municipal  
3 corporation of the State of Oklahoma represented by an elected  
4 governing body and city-county health department created pursuant to  
5 the Oklahoma Public Health Code.

6 Sovereign Tribal Nations in the State of Oklahoma shall also be  
7 considered jurisdictions under the Oklahoma Intrastate Mutual Aid  
8 Compact and participating unless electing not to participate or  
9 later withdrawing from the system;

10 2. "Emergency" means any occasion or instance for which  
11 assistance is needed to supplement local efforts and capabilities to  
12 save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or  
13 to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe; and

14 3. "Emergency responder" means anyone with special skills,  
15 qualifications, training, knowledge, and experience in the public or  
16 private sectors that would be beneficial to a participating  
17 jurisdiction in response to a local emergency as defined in  
18 applicable law or ordinance or authorized drill or exercise.

19 C. Each participant of the system shall recognize that  
20 emergencies transcend political jurisdictional boundaries and that  
21 intergovernmental coordination is essential for the protection of  
22 lives and property and for best use of available assets both public  
23 and private. The system shall provide for mutual assistance among  
24 the participating jurisdictions in the prevention of, response to,

1 and recovery from, any disaster ~~that results in a formal state of~~  
2 ~~emergency in a participating jurisdiction subject to the criterion~~  
3 ~~for declaration of that participating jurisdiction~~ or emergency, or  
4 any other activity, as determined by the participating  
5 jurisdictions. The system shall provide for mutual cooperation  
6 among the participating jurisdictions in conducting disaster-related  
7 exercises, testing, or other training activities outside actual  
8 declared emergency periods. This legislation provides no immunity,  
9 rights, or privileges for any individual responding to a state of  
10 emergency that is not requested and/or authorized to respond by a  
11 participating jurisdiction. Participating jurisdictions will be  
12 ensured eligibility, to the fullest extent possible, for state and  
13 federal disaster funding.

14 D. All jurisdictions within the state, upon enactment of this  
15 legislation, are automatically a part of the statewide mutual aid  
16 system. A jurisdiction within the state may elect not to  
17 participate or to later withdraw from the system upon enacting an  
18 appropriate resolution by its governing body declaring that it  
19 elects not to participate in the statewide mutual aid system and  
20 providing a copy of the resolution to the Oklahoma Department of  
21 Emergency Management. This legislation does not preclude  
22 participating jurisdictions from entering into supplementary  
23 agreements with another jurisdiction and does not affect any other

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1 agreement to which a jurisdiction may currently be a party or decide  
2 to be a party to.

3 E. Many disasters begin as emergencies where local jurisdictions  
4 require fire service and/or law enforcement assistance. These  
5 services would normally be requested and provided at the department  
6 level as normal day-to-day operations with no reimbursement. If an  
7 incident response expands beyond a normal day-to-day emergency into  
8 a disaster situation, reimbursement for mutual aid services may be  
9 necessary and will be in accordance with the Federal Emergency  
10 Management Agency reimbursement policy.

11 F. In support of the Emergency Management Compact, Section 684.1  
12 et seq. of ~~Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, the  
13 Governor or the representative of the Governor may request mutual  
14 aid assistance from local jurisdictions for other states or their  
15 jurisdictions. In such situations, the assisting local jurisdiction  
16 shall be considered an agent of the state.

17 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 199, O.S.L.  
18 2006 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 695.3), is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 Section 695.3 Each jurisdiction recognizes that there will be  
21 emergencies which require immediate actions and implementation of  
22 procedures to apply outside resources to make prompt and effective  
23 response to such an emergency. This is because few, if any,  
24 individual jurisdictions have all the resources they need in all

1 types of emergencies and the capability of delivering resources to  
2 the area where emergencies occur.

3 The prompt, full and effective utilization of resources of the  
4 participating jurisdictions, including any resources on hand or  
5 available from any other source, that are essential to the safety,  
6 care, and welfare of the people in the event of any emergency or  
7 disaster ~~declared by a party jurisdiction,~~ shall be the underlying  
8 principle on which all articles of this Compact shall be understood.

9 On behalf of the chief elected officer of each jurisdiction  
10 participating in the Compact, the legally designated jurisdiction  
11 official who is assigned responsibility for emergency management  
12 will be responsible for the formulation of the appropriate aid plans  
13 and procedures necessary to implement the Compact.

14 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 199, O.S.L.  
15 2006 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 695.6), is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 Section 695.6 Whenever any person holds a license, certificate,  
18 or other permit issued by any jurisdiction party evidencing the  
19 meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other  
20 skills, and when such assistance is requested by the receiving  
21 jurisdiction, such person shall be deemed licensed, certified, or  
22 permitted by the jurisdiction requesting assistance to render aid  
23 involving such skill to meet ~~a declared~~ an emergency or disaster, or  
24 a non-disaster incident or activity as determined by the

1 participating jurisdictions, subject to such limitations and  
2 conditions as the requesting jurisdiction may prescribe by executive  
3 order or otherwise.

4 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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