

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 7, 2011

3 As Amended

4 SENATE BILL NO. 685

By: Sykes of the Senate

and

Sanders of the House

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8 **[ substate planning districts - requiring districts**  
9 **to participate in program - support to Rural Fire**  
10 **Coordinators - codification - effective date ]**

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 901.62 of Title 19, unless there  
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 The Forestry Division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,  
17 Food, and Forestry shall administer the Rural Fire Coordinator  
18 Program. Any substate planning district that has employed a Rural  
19 Fire Coordinator prior to January 1, 2011, shall participate in the  
20 Rural Fire Coordinator Program. The Rural Fire Coordinator shall  
21 work with rural fire departments to provide their expertise and  
22 experience in solving local problems related to equipment, staffing,  
23 and funding. In addition, the Rural Fire Coordinator shall:

1        1. Provide technical assistance to the rural fire departments  
2 in the development of their equipment, communications system, and  
3 training programs;

4        2. Administer state and federal grant programs to assist rural  
5 fire departments within established guidelines and procedures to  
6 obtain financial assistance to improve their fire protection  
7 capabilities;

8        3. Coordinate efforts of the rural fire departments with those  
9 of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to  
10 manage fire suppression throughout the state during periods of  
11 emergency; and

12       4. Provide certification of rural fire departments in the  
13 district in compliance with Section 901.56 of Title 19 of the  
14 Oklahoma Statutes.

15       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

16       COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 3-2-11 - DO  
17       PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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