

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 752

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Council on  
8 Firefighter Training; amending Section 2, Chapter  
9 515, O.S.L. 2004 (74 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section  
10 325.1), which relates to the membership of the  
11 council; clarifying language; and providing an  
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 515, O.S.L.  
15 2004 (74 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 325.1), is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 Section 325.1 A. There is hereby established the Oklahoma  
18 Council on Firefighter Training.

19 B. The Council ~~shall~~ will consist of nine (9) members, two of  
20 whom shall be ex officio and nonvoting, as follows:

21 1. One member to be appointed by the Oklahoma State  
22 Firefighters Association who shall be a member of an Oklahoma fire  
23 department representing all members of paid, volunteer and  
24 combination fire departments;

- 1        2. One member to be appointed by the Professional Fire Fighters  
2 of Oklahoma who shall be a fire union officer, chief officer, or  
3 fire service instructor from a full-time paid fire department;
- 4        3. One member to be appointed by the Oklahoma Fire Chiefs'  
5 Association who shall be a chief officer or fire service instructor  
6 from an Oklahoma combination fire department;
- 7        4. One member to be appointed by the State Fire Marshal  
8 Commission who shall be a representative of the Oklahoma Fire  
9 Service with commensurate skills in arson investigation or code  
10 enforcement;
- 11       5. One member to be appointed by the Oklahoma Rural Fire  
12 Coordinators who shall be a chief officer or fire service instructor  
13 from a volunteer fire department;
- 14       6. One member to be appointed by the Director of the State  
15 Department of Health-Emergency Medical Services Division who shall  
16 be a chief officer or fire service EMS instructor from an Oklahoma  
17 fire department;
- 18       7. One member to be appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma  
19 Department of Homeland Security who shall be a municipal emergency  
20 management official;
- 21       8. The Director of Fire Service Training, Oklahoma State  
22 University, ex officio and nonvoting; and
- 23       9. The Director of Fire Service Publications, Oklahoma State  
24 University, ex officio and nonvoting.

1 C. The initial term of office for the members of the Council  
2 shall be:

3 1. Three (3) years for persons appointed pursuant to paragraphs  
4 1 through 3 of subsection B of this section;

5 2. Two (2) years for persons appointed pursuant to paragraphs 4  
6 and 5 of subsection B of this section; and

7 3. One (1) year for persons appointed pursuant to paragraphs 6  
8 and 7 of subsection B of this section.

9 D. After the expiration of the initial terms of office  
10 prescribed by subsection C of this section, the term of office for  
11 each member of the Council shall be for a period of three (3) years.

12 E. Each member of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of  
13 the appointing authority.

14 F. Appointments made to fill a vacancy in any position shall be  
15 for the period of time remaining for such appointed position and  
16 shall be made in the same manner as for the original appointment.  
17 Any vacancy in the Council shall be filled in the same manner as  
18 provided for in the original appointment.

19 G. The Council shall be responsible for:

20 1. Identifying firefighter training needs and setting the  
21 firefighter training goals for the State of Oklahoma;

22 2. Interacting with the Homeland Security Department's  
23 Preparedness and Awareness Division on firefighter training and  
24 grants; and

1           3. Administering and maintaining the incentive and recognition  
2 programs established for Oklahoma firefighters.

3           H. The Council shall advise the Governor, the Speaker of the  
4 House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the State  
5 Senate and the Oklahoma State Fire Service on fire and emergency  
6 service training needs for the state. The Council shall submit an  
7 annual report or recommendations regarding fire and emergency  
8 service training needs to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate  
10 not later than December 31 each year.

11          I. After the initial appointments to the Council have been made  
12 and at the beginning of each fiscal year thereafter, the Council  
13 shall select from among its membership a chairperson.

14          J. At least four members of the Council must be present to  
15 constitute a quorum at the meetings of the Council. A simple  
16 majority of the members in attendance and voting shall constitute  
17 passage of any vote.

18          K. The chair of the Council shall recommend to the appointing  
19 authority the replacement of any Council member who misses more than  
20 two consecutive regular meetings or who attends less than fifty  
21 percent (50%) of the Council's regularly scheduled meetings in a  
22 twelve-month period without an excused absence.

23          L. The staff of the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association  
24 shall provide the Council with administrative, professional and

1 clerical services as funding permits. Functions of the Council that  
2 may be paid for from other sources shall be paid using such other  
3 sources as may be authorized by law.

4 M. The Council shall conduct four meetings annually. Meetings  
5 of the Council shall be held at a location and time to be determined  
6 by the chair. The chair shall have the discretion to cancel or  
7 reschedule any regular meeting by written notice within a reasonable  
8 time prior to the meeting. Council members shall be notified of the  
9 time and place of all such meetings at least seven (7) days prior to  
10 the meeting date.

11 N. Special meetings of the Council may be called at the  
12 discretion of the chair or by a written request of at least three  
13 members of the Council. An agenda, together with a written notice  
14 of the time and place of any such meeting must be provided to the  
15 Council members at least seven (7) days in advance. Only matters  
16 contained in the agenda shall be voted on at any special meeting.  
17 The chair shall have the discretion to cancel any special meeting;  
18 provided, that such meetings called by the members of the Council  
19 are canceled only with their consent.

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

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