

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB682 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Lisa Billy _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 682

By: Barrington, Halligan and
Fields of the Senate

7 and

Billy and Armes of the
House

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11 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12 An Act relating to fire service training; stating
13 purpose of Oklahoma State University Fire Service
14 Training; providing duties and responsibilities;
15 directing collaboration with the Oklahoma Council on
16 Firefighter Training; directing adoption and delivery
17 of training programs, curriculum and instructional
18 materials; directing collaboration with technology
19 center schools; providing for maintenance of training
20 records; directing establishment of certification
21 program; specifying source of certain programs;
22 providing for contents and administration of the
23 certification programs; providing for maintenance of
24 trainer list; directing Oklahoma State University
Fire Service Training to serve as certain
representative; directing submission of certain
report; providing for certain construction; amending
70 O.S. 2011, Section 628.9, which relates to funding
for Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training;
clarifying provision of certain funds; amending 74
O.S. 2011, Section 325.3, which relates to training
programs for certain fire incidents; adding the
Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training to program
development requirement; modifying type of incidents
covered by the training; modifying facilities where
training is offered; deleting duty to maintain

1 certain training records; directing the Oklahoma
2 State University Fire Service Training to carry out
3 certain duties in certain manner; providing for
4 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

6 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3401.2 of Title 70, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. The purpose of Oklahoma State University Fire Service
10 Training (OSU FST) shall be to develop, deliver, support and
11 evaluate training, education and professional certification programs
12 for fire service in this state to ensure emergency responders may
13 safely and successfully perform their duties.

14 B. OSU FST shall:

15 1. Deliver and support training and education programs for fire
16 service and other emergency responders in this state to meet local
17 and state needs by:

18 a. collaborating with technology center schools and other
19 training providers to ensure training, training
20 support and support of certification testing is
21 readily available to all areas of the state to
22 accomplish the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter
23 Training (COFT) annual state training plan and
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1 regional training plans which are voluntarily
2 developed and adopted, and

3 b. collaborating with technology center schools and other
4 training providers to develop and maintain a database
5 of available instructors to teach fire and emergency
6 responder topics. The database shall be maintained on
7 the OSU FST website and made available to other
8 training providers;

9 2. Collaborate with COFT on efforts which shall include, but
10 not be limited to, participation in the activities of the COFT
11 training task force and initiatives intended to accomplish COFT
12 firefighter training goals and the state-specific standards
13 certification program;

14 3. Develop or adopt and disseminate curriculum and
15 instructional materials to fire departments and training providers
16 consistent with state and federal statutory requirements for
17 classes, courses and programs for delivery to fire service in this
18 state, with every effort being made to provide the curriculum and
19 materials at minimal or no cost. Unless required by state or
20 federal regulations, selection, adoption and/or use of the OSU-FST-
21 disseminated curriculum and training materials or instructors shall
22 be at the discretion of each training provider or local fire
23 department;

1 4. Maintain and make available by electronic means, in a manner
2 consistent with state and federal regulations, to the Oklahoma
3 Council on Firefighter Training, fire chiefs, training officers and
4 other agencies as required by law, as requested, all training and
5 certification records of Oklahoma firefighters who participate in
6 training sponsored by OSU FST or records provided to OSU FST by
7 local fire departments or other training agencies. The provisions
8 of this paragraph shall not apply to state and federal wild-land
9 fire agencies;

10 5. Develop, administer and evaluate an accredited certification
11 program available to all firefighters and other emergency responders
12 based on National Fire Protection Association standards and/or state
13 and federal standards. The program shall:

- 14 a. be accredited through the International Fire Service
15 Accreditation Congress and/or the National Board on
16 Fire Service Professional Qualifications at levels
17 deemed beneficial to fire service in this state,
- 18 b. provide for dissemination to recognized certification
19 partners and posting to the OSU FST's website a list
20 of qualified proctors and evaluators for use during
21 OSU FST certification events,
- 22 c. develop, as requested, special certifications based on
23 state-specific standards adopted by COFT or other

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- 1 state agencies that are designed for emergency
2 responders in this state, which may not be accredited,
- 3 d. maintain certification records and disseminate
4 certifications of COFT-adopted or -approved Oklahoma
5 state-specific certifications. The certifications may
6 be jointly labeled as COFT, OSU FST, the Oklahoma
7 Career and Technology Education System or other COFT-
8 approved training providers administering state-
9 specific certifications,
- 10 e. ensure that the Oklahoma state-specific certifications
11 shall not duplicate certifications accredited by the
12 International Fire Service Accreditation Congress or
13 the National Board on Fire Service Professional
14 Qualifications, or titles of certification levels
15 listed in the National Fire Protection Association
16 professional qualifications standards, and
- 17 f. when requested by an Oklahoma fire department or state
18 agency, facilitate delivery of International Fire
19 Service Accreditation Congress and National Board on
20 Fire Service Professional Qualifications accredited
21 certification processes which are not currently
22 available through OSU FST; and

23 6. Fulfill any other statutory requirements set forth by the
24 Legislature.

1 C. OSU FST shall be the Oklahoma state government
2 representative to the United States Fire Administration's National
3 Fire Academy and shall be responsible for delivering and
4 disseminating training courses provided by, or made available
5 through, the National Fire Academy.

6 D. Beginning September 15, 2014, and continuing on September 15
7 every following year, OSU FST shall submit an annual report
8 regarding its programs, activity and accomplishments to the Chair of
9 the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical
10 Colleges, the President of Oklahoma State University and the Dean of
11 the Oklahoma State University College of Engineering, Architecture
12 and Technology.

13 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to divert funding
14 from one entity to another. Nothing in this section shall be
15 construed to limit, preclude or exempt an organization, agency or
16 local department from delivery of training; development, adoption or
17 dissemination of training curriculum or materials; participation in
18 a COFT certification program based on an Oklahoma state-specific
19 standard adopted or approved by COFT; or issuance of a certificate
20 of completion of training.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 628.9, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 628.9 The State Regents ~~should~~ may provide to Oklahoma
24 State University, in addition to that institution's regular budget

1 allocation for educational and general operating functions, a
2 separate allocation of sufficient funds for underwriting the costs
3 of special programs in fire protection to be carried out through ~~the~~
4 ~~Department of~~ Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training ~~at the~~
5 ~~institution~~; and, the Legislature further expresses its intent that
6 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education provide sufficient
7 funds to expand the program of fire training adequate to meet the
8 needs of the State of Oklahoma, since such program is a matter of
9 essential public interest and safety.

10 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 325.3, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 325.3 A. Oklahoma State University Fire Service
13 Training in conjunction with the Oklahoma Office of Homeland
14 Security and the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training (COFT)
15 shall develop a program to educate firefighters on a unified command
16 protocol for ~~fire~~ emergency incidents occurring in this state. This
17 program shall be offered statewide by Oklahoma State University Fire
18 Service Training. Methods of training may include, but are not
19 limited to:

- 20 1. Live classroom sessions with approved instructors;
- 21 2. Live exercises and drills with approved instructors;
- 22 3. Interactive television;
- 23 4. Independent study; and
- 24 5. Web-based methods.

1 B. The training program shall be in compliance with the
2 National Incident Management System (NIMS) and shall include
3 provisions consistent with the National Fire Protection Association
4 training courses.

5 C. The program shall have curriculum and training materials
6 that are consistently utilized by all training providers at all
7 training locations.

8 D. Subject to funding, these programs shall be offered at
9 facilities approved by Oklahoma State University Fire Service
10 Training and shall include, but not be limited to, other
11 institutions of higher education, ~~Oklahoma Department of Career and~~
12 ~~Technology Education~~ technology center school facilities, local fire
13 departments and other qualified entities.

14 E. ~~All firefighter training records for this state shall be~~
15 ~~maintained by~~ Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training and
16 ~~shall be made available to the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter~~
17 ~~Training as requested. The provisions of this subsection shall not~~
18 ~~apply to state and federal wild land fire agencies~~ carry out all
19 duties and responsibilities in accordance with Section 1 of this
20 act.

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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