

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3156

By: Wright of the House

and

Brinkley of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating  
8 the Oklahoma First Informer Broadcasters Act;  
9 defining certain terms; permitting broadcasters to  
10 develop certain plans relating to emergencies;  
11 permitting certain organization to establish program  
12 to train and certify first informer broadcasters;  
13 establishing certain criteria of program; requiring  
14 state and local agencies to allow first informer  
15 broadcaster to access certain area for certain  
16 purpose; providing for codification; and declaring an  
17 emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.35 of Title 63, unless there  
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma First  
Informer Broadcasters Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.36 of Title 63, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As defined in this section:

1           1. "Broadcaster" means a radio broadcasting station or  
2 television broadcasting station primarily engaged in, and deriving  
3 income from, the business of facilitating speech via over-the-air  
4 communications, both as to pure speech and commercial speech; and

5           2. "First informer broadcaster" means a person who has been  
6 certified as a first informer broadcaster pursuant to subsection C  
7 of this section.

8           B. Broadcasters in this state may, in cooperation with the  
9 Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and a statewide  
10 organization that represents radio and television broadcasters,  
11 develop comprehensive, coordinated plans for preparing for and  
12 responding appropriately to an emergency or disaster.

13           C. A statewide organization that represents radio and  
14 television broadcasters may establish a program for training and  
15 certifying broadcast engineers and technical personnel as first  
16 informer broadcasters. The program established pursuant to this  
17 subsection shall:

18           1. Be consistent with federal law and guidelines;

19           2. Provide training and education concerning restoring,  
20 repairing and resupplying any facilities and equipment of a  
21 broadcaster in an area affected by an emergency or disaster; and

22           3. Provide training and education concerning the personal  
23 safety of a first informer broadcaster in an area affected by an  
24 emergency or disaster.

