

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 959

By: Standridge

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to peace officers; amending 63 O.S.
8 2011, Section 2-501, as amended by Section 2, Chapter
9 186, O.S.L. 2012 (63 O.S. Supp. 2012, Section 2-501),
10 which relates to certain powers of enforcement
11 personnel; requiring certain question to be asked
12 under certain circumstances; providing an effective
13 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 2-501, as
16 amended by Section 2, Chapter 186, O.S.L. 2012 (63 O.S. Supp. 2012,
17 Section 2-501), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2-501. A. Any peace officer may:

- 19 1. Carry firearms;
- 20 2. Execute search warrants, arrest warrants, subpoenas, and
21 summonses issued under the authority of this state;
- 22 3. Make an arrest without warrant of any person the officer has
23 probable cause for believing has committed any felony under the
24 Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act or a violation of
Section 2-402 of this title;

1 4. Make seizures of property pursuant to the provisions of the
2 Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act;

3 5. Perform such other lawful duties as are required to carry
4 out the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances
5 Act;

6 6. Conduct investigations and make an arrest of any person the
7 officer has probable cause to believe is involved in money
8 laundering activities, as otherwise set forth by laws of this state;
9 and

10 7. Conduct investigations and make an arrest of any person the
11 officer has probable cause to believe is involved in human
12 trafficking activities, as otherwise set forth by laws of this
13 state.

14 B. Upon the arrest of any person for a drug-related offense,
15 the arresting peace officer shall ask the arrested person the
16 following question: "Are you currently receiving public assistance,
17 including, but not limited to, food stamps, Temporary Assistance for
18 Needy Families (TANF-formerly known as welfare), housing assistance
19 or Medicaid?". Responses to such questions shall be collected by
20 the law enforcement agency and shall be made readily available to
21 the Legislature upon request.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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