

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2747

By: Morrissette, Sherrer and
Hoskin of the House

and

Loveless and Brooks of the
Senate

An Act relating to law enforcement; creating the Oklahoma Blue Alert Act; providing short title; defining term; directing the Department of Public Safety to develop and implement statewide blue alert system; naming statewide coordinator; providing for the adoption of rules and policies; providing conditions for implementing blue alerts; authorizing blue alert notification to other jurisdictions; requiring annual review of blue alert system functions; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Blue Alert Act

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-316 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Blue Alert Act".

B. As used in this act, "law enforcement officer" means any duly appointed person who is charged with the responsibility of maintaining public order, safety and health by the enforcement of all laws, ordinances or orders of this state or any of its political subdivisions and who is authorized to bear arms in execution of his or her responsibilities including reserve force deputies, reserve

municipal police officers and tribal law enforcement officers who are commissioned pursuant to an agreement authorized by Section 1221 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The Department of Public Safety shall develop and implement a statewide blue alert system. The statewide blue alert system shall be designed to rapidly disseminate useful information in a predetermined manner to statewide media outlets.

D. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall be the statewide coordinator of the blue alert system. The Commissioner shall adopt rules and issue directives as necessary to ensure proper implementation of the alert. An Oklahoma Blue Alert shall be activated only in accordance with policies established by the Department of Public Safety and if all of the following conditions apply:

1. A law enforcement officer has been killed or seriously injured and the law enforcement agency investigating the incident has information identifying an individual as a suspect connected to the incident;

2. The law enforcement agency that is investigating the suspect determines that the suspect poses a serious risk or threat to the public and other law enforcement personnel;

3. The law enforcement agency investigating the suspect has obtained either:

- a. the name of the suspect,
- b. a detailed physical description of the suspect, or
- c. a description of the vehicle of the suspect, vehicle registration plate numbers or letters or partial vehicle registration plate numbers or letters; and

4. The law enforcement agency investigating the suspect recommends that the Department of Public Safety activate the Blue Alert.

E. The Commissioner may notify authorities and entities outside the State of Oklahoma upon verification that the criteria established under this section have been met.

F. The Commissioner shall annually review the function of the blue alert system and revise its criteria and procedures to provide for efficient and effective statewide public notification.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 19th day of April, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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