

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 584

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to bail bonds; directing assessment  
8 of certain fee on each bond written; setting fee;  
9 requiring fee be paid to court clerk where bond is  
10 written; directing monthly deposit of fees to certain  
11 fund; establishing revolving fund; naming fund the  
12 Jail Bail Contribution Fund; providing for deposits  
13 and expenditures; directing the Department of Public  
14 Safety to administer certain fund for certain  
15 purposes; requiring written offerings and terms;  
16 authorizing the Department of Public Safety to  
17 develop certain offerings from certain funds;  
18 requiring written applications from certain qualified  
19 county entities; prohibiting funds for certain  
20 private entities; providing for annual report at  
21 certain time; directing the Director of Public Safety  
22 to establish certain panel to review applications for  
23 funds; prohibiting certain members from receiving  
24 funds; providing for codification; and providing an  
effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1341 of Title 59, unless there  
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. Each person who holds a valid bail bondsman's license issued  
24 by the Insurance Commissioner in this state, and who is subject to

1 the provisions of Sections 1301 et seq of Title 59 of the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes, shall be assessed and required to pay a fee of Fifteen  
3 Dollars (\$15.00) for each bond written in this state. Each bond  
4 written shall be assessed the fee established in this section and  
5 such fee shall be payable by the bondsman to the court clerk of the  
6 court at the time and where such bond is written. Each court clerk,  
7 upon collection of the assessed bond fee, shall deposit such fee on  
8 a monthly basis into the Jail Bond Contribution Fund established in  
9 this act.

10 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
11 fund for the Department of Public Safety to be designated the "Jail  
12 Bond Contribution Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not  
13 subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of bail bond  
14 assessment fees pursuant to the provisions of this act. All monies  
15 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may  
16 be budgeted and expended by the Department of Public Safety for the  
17 purpose of improving the administration, staffing and programs of  
18 county jails and/or court clerk's offices through approved loans or  
19 grants offered by the Department of Public Safety as provided in  
20 this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants  
21 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
22 law with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

23 C. All loans or grants offered and made available by the  
24 Department of Public Safety pursuant to the funds in the Jail Bond

1 Contribution Fund shall be subject to written offerings, terms,  
2 conditions, and requirements developed by the Department of Public  
3 Safety for each separate offering, and shall be subject to separate  
4 written loan or grant applications from qualified county-owned and  
5 county-operated jails in this state or district court clerks'  
6 offices in this state. No funds from the Jail Bail Contribution  
7 Fund shall be available to any private jail or private jail  
8 management entity. The Department shall report annually with its  
9 budget request to the Legislature all offerings and expenditures  
10 from the fund and all loans and grants made, together with their  
11 individual terms and conditions. The Director of Public Safety  
12 shall establish a five-member panel to review and select qualified  
13 applicants and recipients for loans and grants authorized by this  
14 act. No member appointed to the review panel shall be an applicant  
15 or recipient of any loan or grant from the fund at any time.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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