

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1833

By: Sanders, Osborn (Leslie)  
and Murphey of the House

and

Griffin of the Senate

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10                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11                   An Act relating to the State Fire Marshal; amending  
12                   68 O.S. 2011, Section 50001, as amended by Section  
13                   569, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
14                   Section 50001), which relates to tax on fire  
15                   insurance gross premiums; redirecting certain amount  
16                   of monies collected to the Fire Marshal Fund and  
17                   General Revenue Fund; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Sections  
18                   325.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 161, O.S.L.  
19                   2012 and 325.3, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 220,  
20                   O.S.L. 2013 (74 O.S. Supp. 2016, Sections 325.1 and  
21                   325.3), which relate to the State Fire Marshal;  
22                   abolishing the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter  
23                   Training; transferring duties, equipment and funds to  
24                   the State Fire Marshal; creating the Firefighter  
                 Training Advisory Committee within the Office of the  
                 State Fire Marshal; providing for membership of the  
                 Committee; directing Committee to advise and assist  
                 State Fire Marshal; providing Committee meeting  
                 frequency to be determined by State Fire Marshal  
                 Commission; transferring certain duties of the  
                 Council on Firefighter Training to the State Fire  
                 Marshal Commission; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Section  
                 2358.7, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 161, O.S.L.  
                 2012 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 2358.7), which  
                 relates to tax credits for volunteer firefighters;  
                 transferring certain duties of the Council on

1 Firefighter Training to the State Fire Marshal  
Commission; amending Section 1, Chapter 220, O.S.L.  
2 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 3401.2), which  
3 relates to Oklahoma State University fire service  
training; transferring certain duties of the Council  
4 on Firefighter Training to the State Fire Marshal  
Commission; providing an effective date; and  
5 declaring an emergency.  
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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

8 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 50001, as  
9 amended by Section 569, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (68 O.S. Supp.  
10 2016, Section 50001), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 50001. A. There is hereby levied upon percentages of  
12 fire insurance gross premiums from a sum of the following lines of  
13 insurance: fire, allied, homeowners multiperil, commercial  
14 multiperil, growing crops, ocean marine, inland marine, auto  
15 physical damage (including collision), and aircraft physical damage,  
16 less returns and dividends to policyholders, which is issued in this  
17 state by companies doing business in this state a tax of five-  
18 sixteenths of one percent (5/16 of 1%). The percentages of fire  
19 insurance gross premiums to be considered for taxation shall be  
20 determined annually by the Commissioner. This tax shall be  
21 collected annually, by the last day of February, from companies  
22 collecting such premiums and shall be collected by the Insurance  
23 Commissioner as other taxes on insurance are collected. The  
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1 Insurance Commissioner shall keep a separate account of all such  
2 monies received and shall pay the same to the State Treasurer.

3 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund for the  
4 Fire Marshal Commission and the State Fire Marshal to be designated  
5 the "Fire Marshal Fund". The fund shall consist of all monies  
6 collected pursuant to the provisions of this section and shall be  
7 used in the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Fire  
8 Marshal Commission and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

9 Expenditures from the Fire Marshal Fund shall be made upon warrants  
10 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
11 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
12 Services for approval and payment. Beginning July 1, 1982, all  
13 expenditures from the Fire Marshal Fund shall be made pursuant only  
14 to legislative appropriation. ~~Beginning July 1, 1983, all monies~~  
15 ~~collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be~~  
16 ~~deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the General Revenue~~  
17 ~~Fund of the state.~~

18 C. All monies annually collected pursuant to the provisions of  
19 this section shall be apportioned as follows:

20 1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the first One  
21 Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) shall be  
22 deposited in the Fire Marshal Fund; provided that ten percent (10%)  
23 of the first One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars  
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1 (\$1,600,000.00) shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of this  
2 state;

3 2. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and for every  
4 subsequent fiscal year thereafter, the first Two Million Dollars  
5 (\$2,000,000.00) shall be deposited in the Fire Marshal Fund;  
6 provided that ten percent (10%) of the first Two Million Dollars  
7 (\$2,000,000.00) shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of this  
8 state; and

9 3. Any remaining monies not apportioned pursuant to paragraphs  
10 1 and 2 of this subsection shall be deposited into the General  
11 Revenue Fund of this state.

12 D. Employees of the Office of State Fire Marshal, other than  
13 the State Fire Marshal, shall have salaries commensurate with those  
14 fixed by the Merit System of Personnel Administration. All salaries  
15 shall be payable monthly from funds available to the State Fire  
16 Marshal. The State Fire Marshal, subject to confirmation by the  
17 Fire Marshal Commission, shall appoint and fix the salaries of such  
18 employees as are necessary to fulfill the duties of his office.

19 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 325.1, as  
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
21 Section 325.1), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 325.1 A. The Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training  
23 is hereby abolished and all powers, duties and responsibilities of  
24 the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training shall be transferred to

1 the Office of the State Fire Marshal. All equipment, vehicles,  
2 records, furniture and fixtures of the Oklahoma Council on  
3 Firefighter Training shall be turned over to the Office of the State  
4 Fire Marshal by January 1, 2018. Any unexpended balance of the  
5 Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training's operational funds as of  
6 January 1, 2018, shall be transferred to the Office of State Fire  
7 Marshal Revolving Fund.

8 B. There is hereby established within the Oklahoma Council on  
9 Firefighter Training Office of the State Fire Marshal, the  
10 Firefighter Training Advisory Committee.

11 ~~B. C. The Council Committee shall consist of ten (10) members,~~  
12 ~~three of whom shall be ex officio and nonvoting, as follows:~~

13 ~~1. One member to be appointed by the Oklahoma State~~  
14 ~~Firefighters Association who shall be a member of an Oklahoma fire~~  
15 ~~department representing all members of paid, volunteer and~~  
16 ~~combination fire departments;~~

17 ~~2. One member to be appointed by the Professional Fire Fighters~~  
18 ~~of Oklahoma who shall be a fire union officer, chief officer, or~~  
19 ~~fire service instructor from a full-time paid fire department;~~

20 ~~3. One member to be appointed by the Oklahoma Fire Chiefs'~~  
21 ~~Association who shall be a chief officer from an Oklahoma career or~~  
22 ~~combination or volunteer fire department;~~

23 ~~4. One member to be appointed by the State Fire Marshal~~  
24 ~~Commission who shall be a representative of the Oklahoma Fire~~

~~Service with preferred skills in arson investigation or code enforcement;~~

~~5. One member to be appointed by the Oklahoma Rural Fire Coordinators who shall be a chief officer or fire service instructor from a volunteer fire department;~~

~~6. One member to be appointed by the Director of the State Department of Health-Emergency Medical Services Division who shall be a chief officer or fire service EMS instructor from an Oklahoma fire department;~~

~~7. One member to be appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Homeland Security who shall be a municipal emergency management official;~~

~~8. The Director of Fire Service Training, Oklahoma State University, ex officio and nonvoting;~~

~~9. The Director of Fire Service Publications, Oklahoma State University, ex officio and nonvoting; and~~

~~10. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education or the Director's designee, ex officio and nonvoting.~~

~~C. The initial term of office for the members of the Council shall be:~~

~~1. Three (3) years for persons appointed pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection B of this section;~~

1       ~~2. Two (2) years for persons appointed pursuant to paragraphs 4~~  
2 ~~and 5 of subsection B of this section; and~~

3       ~~3. One (1) year for persons appointed pursuant to paragraphs 6~~  
4 ~~and 7 of subsection B of this section.~~

5       ~~D. After the expiration of the initial terms of office~~  
6 ~~prescribed by subsection C of this section, the term of office for~~  
7 ~~each member of the Council shall be for a period of three (3) years.~~

8       ~~E. Each member of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of~~  
9 ~~the appointing authority.~~

10       ~~F. Appointments made to fill a vacancy in any position shall be~~  
11 ~~for the period of time remaining for such appointed position and~~  
12 ~~shall be made in the same manner as for the original appointment.~~  
13 ~~Any vacancy in the Council shall be filled in the same manner as~~  
14 ~~provided for in the original appointment.~~

15       ~~G. representatives of the Oklahoma Fire Service, with the total~~  
16 ~~number and length of appointments to be determined by the State Fire~~  
17 ~~Marshal Commission.~~

18       ~~D. The Council Committee shall be responsible for:~~

19       ~~1. Identifying Advise and assist the State Fire Marshal~~  
20 ~~Commission in identifying firefighter training needs and setting the~~  
21 ~~firefighter training goals for the State of Oklahoma;~~

22       ~~2. Interacting Advise and assist the State Fire Marshal~~  
23 ~~Commission in interacting with the Homeland Security Department's~~  
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1 Preparedness and Awareness Division on firefighter training and  
2 grants;

3 3. ~~Administering~~ Advise and assist the State Fire Marshal  
4 Commission in administering and maintaining the incentive and  
5 recognition programs established for Oklahoma firefighters; and

6 4. ~~Ensuring~~ Advise and assist the State Fire Marshal Commission  
7 in ensuring that the state has consistent basic and continuing  
8 education programs that include steps for all ranks or positions of  
9 career and volunteer firefighters, by setting minimum standards for  
10 career, recommended levels for volunteer, identifying training  
11 programs and courses required for fire service members to achieve  
12 those levels.

13 ~~H. E.~~ The Council Committee shall advise assist the State Fire  
14 Marshal Commission in advising the Governor, the Speaker of the  
15 House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the State  
16 Senate and the Oklahoma State Fire Service on fire and emergency  
17 service training needs for the state. ~~The Council~~ State Fire  
18 Marshal Commission shall submit an annual report or recommendations  
19 regarding fire and emergency service training needs to the Governor,  
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro  
21 Tempore of the State Senate not later than December 31 each year.

22 ~~I. After the initial appointments to the Council have been made~~  
23 ~~and at the beginning of each fiscal year thereafter, the Council~~  
24 ~~shall select from among its membership a chairperson and vice-~~

1 ~~chairperson. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall be selected~~  
2 ~~annually at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on or~~  
3 ~~after July 1. Either the current chairperson or current vice~~  
4 ~~chairperson shall be a current volunteer member of a combination or~~  
5 ~~volunteer fire department.~~

6 ~~J. At least four members of the Council must be present to~~  
7 ~~constitute a quorum at the meetings of the Council. A simple~~  
8 ~~majority of the members in attendance and voting shall constitute~~  
9 ~~passage of any vote.~~

10 ~~K. The chair of the Council shall recommend to the appointing~~  
11 ~~authority the replacement of any Council member who misses more than~~  
12 ~~two consecutive regular meetings or who attends less than fifty~~  
13 ~~percent (50%) of the Council's regularly scheduled meetings in a~~  
14 ~~twelve-month period without an excused absence.~~

15 ~~L. The Council may seek federal and private grants where~~  
16 ~~applicable.~~

17 ~~M. The Council shall conduct six meetings annually. Meetings~~  
18 ~~of the Council shall be held at a location and time to be determined~~  
19 ~~by the chair. The chair shall have the discretion to cancel or~~  
20 ~~reschedule any regular meeting by written notice within a reasonable~~  
21 ~~time prior to the meeting. Council members shall be notified of the~~  
22 ~~time and place of all such meetings at least seven (7) days prior to~~  
23 ~~the meeting date.~~

1       ~~N. Special meetings of the Council may be called at the~~  
2 ~~discretion of the chair or by a written request of at least three~~  
3 ~~members of the Council. An agenda, together with a written notice~~  
4 ~~of the time and place of any such meeting must be provided to the~~  
5 ~~Council members at least seven (7) days in advance. Only matters~~  
6 ~~contained in the agenda shall be voted on at any special meeting.~~  
7 ~~The chair shall have the discretion to cancel any special meeting;~~  
8 ~~provided, that such meetings called by the members of the Council~~  
9 ~~are canceled only with their consent.~~

10       F. The Committee shall meet at the discretion of the State Fire  
11 Marshal Commission.

12       SECTION 3.       AMENDATORY       74 O.S. 2011, Section 325.3, as  
13 amended by Section 3, Chapter 220, O.S.L. 2013 (74 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
14 Section 325.3), is amended to read as follows:

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

- 23       1. Live classroom sessions with approved instructors;
- 24       2. Live exercises and drills with approved instructors;

1        3. Interactive television;

2        4. Independent study; and

3        5. Web-based methods.

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

8        C. The program shall have curriculum and training materials  
9 that are consistently utilized by all training providers at all  
10 training locations.

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

16       E. Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training shall carry  
17 out all duties and responsibilities in accordance with Section 4  
18 3401.2 of this act Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

19       SECTION 4.        AMENDATORY        68 O.S. 2011, Section 2358.7, as  
20 amended by Section 2, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 2012 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
21 Section 2358.7), is amended to read as follows:

22       Section 2358.7 A. For taxable years beginning after December  
23 31, 2004, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed  
24 pursuant to Section 2355 of this title an amount equal to:

1        1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) each year for which a  
2 volunteer firefighter provides proof of certification as required by  
3 subsection B of this section; and

4        2. Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) each year following the  
5 taxable years for which a taxpayer is eligible for the credit  
6 provided by paragraph 1 of this subsection for a volunteer  
7 firefighter providing proof of certification as required by  
8 subsection D of this section.

9        B. In order to claim the tax credit authorized by paragraph 1  
10 of subsection A of this section, a volunteer firefighter shall be  
11 required to provide adequate documentation to the Oklahoma Tax  
12 Commission of at least twelve (12) credited hours toward the State  
13 Support or State Basic Firefighter or Firefighter I from an  
14 internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board, their  
15 equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical services  
16 training approved by the ~~Council on Firefighter Training~~ State Fire  
17 Marshal Commission and offered by Oklahoma State University Fire  
18 Service Training or Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology  
19 Education prior to or during the first taxable year for which a tax  
20 credit is claimed pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of this  
21 section. For the purpose of this subsection, the local fire chief  
22 shall be the authority having jurisdiction and shall choose and  
23 approve all volunteer firefighter training in the applicable  
24 department.

1 C. For each year subsequent to the first year for which a  
2 volunteer firefighter may claim the tax credit authorized by  
3 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, in order to claim any  
4 further tax credits pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of this  
5 section, the volunteer firefighter shall be required to provide  
6 documentation that the firefighter has completed an additional six  
7 (6) hours of State Support or State Basic Firefighter or Firefighter  
8 I from an internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board,  
9 their equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical  
10 services training approved by the ~~Council on Firefighter Training~~  
11 State Fire Marshal Commission until such program or its equivalent  
12 is completed. For purposes of this subsection, equivalency shall be  
13 determined by the ~~Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training~~ State  
14 Fire Marshal Commission and Oklahoma State University Fire Service  
15 Training. For purposes of this subsection, Firefighter I or  
16 Firefighter II certifications or their equivalents may be provided  
17 in lieu of the State Support or State Basic Firefighter completion.

18 D. After having completed the State Support or State Basic  
19 Firefighter program, in order to be eligible for the tax credit  
20 authorized by paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, the  
21 volunteer firefighter shall:

22 1. Complete at least six (6) hours of continuing education each  
23 year until the volunteer firefighter completes Intermediate or  
24 Advanced Firefighter or Firefighter I from an internationally

1 recognized accrediting assembly or board, their equivalent, or other  
2 related fire or emergency medical services training approved by the  
3 ~~Council on Firefighter Training~~ State Fire Marshal Commission or its  
4 equivalent. For purposes of this paragraph, equivalency shall be  
5 determined by the ~~Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training~~ State  
6 Fire Marshal Commission and Oklahoma State University Fire Service  
7 Training;

8       2. After completion of Intermediate or Advanced Firefighter or  
9 Firefighter I from an internationally recognized accrediting  
10 assembly or board, their equivalent, or other related fire or  
11 emergency medical services training approved by the ~~Council on~~  
12 ~~Firefighter Training~~ State Fire Marshal Commission, the volunteer  
13 firefighter shall complete six (6) hours of training per year to  
14 claim the tax credit. For the purpose of this subsection, the local  
15 fire chief shall be the authority having jurisdiction and shall  
16 choose and approve all volunteer firefighter training in the  
17 applicable department;

18       3. Provide documentation from the fire chief of the applicable  
19 department that the firefighter has been provided and participated  
20 in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities;  
21 and

22       4. Provide documentation from the fire chief of the applicable  
23 department that the volunteer firefighter has met the requirements  
24 under the fire department's constitution and bylaws and is a member

1 in good standing of the department together with a record of the  
2 total number of years of service in good standing with such  
3 department.

4 E. The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Oklahoma  
5 Council on Firefighter Training shall prescribe a reporting form for  
6 use by volunteer fire departments and by volunteer firefighters in  
7 order to provide the certifications required by this section.

8 F. The Oklahoma Tax Commission may require copies of such  
9 reporting form provided by the ~~Oklahoma Council on Firefighter~~  
10 ~~Training~~ State Fire Marshal Commission regarding training history to  
11 verify eligibility for the tax credits provided by this section.

12 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 220, O.S.L.  
13 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 3401.2), is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 Section 3401.2 A. The purpose of Oklahoma State University  
16 Fire Service Training (OSU FST) shall be to develop, deliver,  
17 support and evaluate training, education and professional  
18 certification programs for fire service in this state to ensure  
19 emergency responders may safely and successfully perform their  
20 duties.

21 B. OSU FST shall:

22 1. Deliver and support training and education programs for fire  
23 service and other emergency responders in this state to meet local  
24 and state needs by:

1 a. collaborating with technology center schools and other  
2 training providers to ensure training, training  
3 support and support of certification testing is  
4 readily available to all areas of the state to  
5 accomplish the ~~Oklahoma Council on Firefighter~~  
6 ~~Training (COFT)~~ State Fire Marshal Commission annual  
7 state training plan and regional training plans which  
8 are voluntarily developed and adopted, and

9 b. collaborating with technology center schools and other  
10 training providers to develop and maintain a database  
11 of available instructors to teach fire and emergency  
12 responder topics. The database shall be maintained on  
13 the OSU FST website and made available to other  
14 training providers;

15 2. Collaborate with ~~COFT~~ the State Fire Marshal Commission on  
16 efforts which shall include, but not be limited to, participation in  
17 the activities of the ~~COFT~~ State Fire Marshal Commission training  
18 task force and initiatives intended to accomplish ~~COFT~~ the State  
19 Fire Marshal Commission firefighter training goals and the state-  
20 specific standards certification program;

21 3. Develop or adopt and disseminate curriculum and  
22 instructional materials to fire departments and training providers  
23 consistent with state and federal statutory requirements for  
24 classes, courses and programs for delivery to fire service in this

1 state, with every effort being made to provide the curriculum and  
2 materials at minimal or no cost. Unless required by state or  
3 federal regulations, selection, adoption and/or use of the OSU-FST-  
4 disseminated curriculum and training materials or instructors shall  
5 be at the discretion of each training provider or local fire  
6 department;

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

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

- 20 a. be accredited through the International Fire Service  
21 Accreditation Congress and/or the National Board on  
22 Fire Service Professional Qualifications at levels  
23 deemed beneficial to fire service in this state,  
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- 1           b.    provide for dissemination to recognized certification  
2               partners and posting to the OSU FST's website a list  
3               of qualified proctors and evaluators for use during  
4               OSU FST certification events,
- 5           c.    develop, as requested, special certifications based on  
6               state-specific standards adopted by COFT or other  
7               state agencies that are designed for emergency  
8               responders in this state, which may not be accredited,
- 9           d.    maintain certification records and disseminate  
10               certifications of ~~COFT~~ the State Fire Marshal  
11               Commission-adopted or -approved Oklahoma state-  
12               specific certifications. The certifications may be  
13               jointly labeled as ~~COFT~~ the State Fire Marshal  
14               Commission, OSU FST, the Oklahoma Career and  
15               Technology Education System or other ~~COFT~~ State Fire  
16               Marshal Commission-approved training providers  
17               administering state-specific certifications,
- 18           e.    ensure that the Oklahoma state-specific certifications  
19               shall not duplicate certifications accredited by the  
20               International Fire Service Accreditation Congress or  
21               the National Board on Fire Service Professional  
22               Qualifications, or titles of certification levels  
23               listed in the National Fire Protection Association  
24               professional qualifications standards, and

1           f.    when requested by an Oklahoma fire department or state  
2               agency, facilitate delivery of International Fire  
3               Service Accreditation Congress and National Board on  
4               Fire Service Professional Qualifications accredited  
5               certification processes which are not currently  
6               available through OSU FST; and

7           6.   Fulfill any other statutory requirements set forth by the  
8   Legislature.

9           C.   OSU FST shall be the Oklahoma state government  
10   representative to the United States Fire Administration's National  
11   Fire Academy and shall be responsible for delivering and  
12   disseminating training courses provided by, or made available  
13   through, the National Fire Academy.

14          D.   Beginning September 15, 2014, and continuing on September 15  
15   every following year, OSU FST shall submit an annual report  
16   regarding its programs, activity and accomplishments to the Chair of  
17   the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical  
18   Colleges, the President of Oklahoma State University and the Dean of  
19   the Oklahoma State University College of Engineering, Architecture  
20   and Technology.

21          E.   Nothing in this section shall be construed to divert funding  
22   from one entity to another. Nothing in this section shall be  
23   construed to limit, preclude or exempt an organization, agency or  
24   local department from delivery of training; development, adoption or

1 dissemination of training curriculum or materials; participation in  
2 a COFT certification program based on an Oklahoma state-specific  
3 standard adopted or approved by COFT; or issuance of a certificate  
4 of completion of training.

5 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

6 SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
7 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
12 02/28/2017 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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