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February 22, 2017

**AS AMENDED**

SENATE BILL NO. 159

By: Shaw

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[ volunteer firefighters - Volunteer Firefighters
Group Insurance Pool - appropriation - effective date
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 85 O.S. 2011, Section 380, as amended by Section 45, Chapter 254, O.S.L. 2013 (85 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 380), is amended to read as follows:

Section 380. A. 1. Volunteer fire departments organized pursuant to state law may obtain workers' compensation insurance for volunteer firefighters through the Volunteer Firefighter Group Insurance Pool pursuant to requirements established by ~~CompSource Mutual Insurance Company~~ an insurance company selected by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services through a competitive bid which shall administer the Pool. For the premium set by ~~CompSource Mutual Insurance Company~~ the insurance company, the state shall provide ~~Fifty-five Dollars (\$55.00)~~ Eighty-five Dollars and thirty-two cents (\$85.32) per firefighter per year. Except as otherwise

provided by subsection D of this section, the total amount paid by the state shall not exceed ~~Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-eight Dollars (\$320,338.00)~~ Eight Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-five Dollars and fifty-six cents (\$898,675.56) per year or so much thereof as may be necessary to fund the Volunteer Firefighter Group Insurance Pool.

2. ~~CompSource Mutual Insurance Company~~ The Legislature shall collect the premium from state agencies, public trusts and other instrumentalities of the state appropriate adequate funding to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for the purpose of providing workers' compensation insurance pursuant to this section. Any funds received by ~~CompSource Mutual Insurance Company~~ the insurance company from any state agency, public trust, or other instrumentality the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for purposes of workers' compensation insurance pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the Volunteer Firefighter Group Insurance Pool. ~~CompSource Mutual Insurance Company~~ The insurance company shall collect premiums, pay claims, and provide for excess insurance as needed.

B. ~~CompSource Mutual Insurance Company~~ The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall report, annually, to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate the number of enrollees in the Volunteer Firefighter Group Insurance Pool, and the amount of any

1 anticipated surplus or deficiency of the Pool; and shall also  
2 provide to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
3 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate  
4 sixty (60) days advance notice of any proposed change in rates for  
5 the Volunteer Firefighter Group Insurance Pool as determined by the  
6 insurance company.

7 C. The amount of claims paid, claim expenses, underwriting  
8 losses, loss ratio, or any other financial aspect of the Volunteer  
9 Firefighter Group Insurance Pool shall not be considered when  
10 determining or considering bids for the amount of any premiums,  
11 rates, or expenses owed by, or any discounts, rebates, dividends, or  
12 other financial benefits owed to any other policyholder of  
13 ~~CompSource Mutual Insurance Company~~ the insurance company.

14 D. Except as otherwise provided by law, any increase in the  
15 state payment rate for volunteer firefighters under the Volunteer  
16 Firefighter Group Insurance Pool shall not exceed five percent (5%)  
17 per annum. Any proposed change in rates for the Volunteer  
18 Firefighter Group Insurance Pool ~~must~~ shall be approved by the ~~Board~~  
19 ~~of Directors of CompSource Mutual Insurance Company~~ Office of  
20 Management and Enterprise Services with notice provided pursuant to  
21 subsection B of this section. ~~CompSource Mutual Insurance Company~~  
22 The insurance company shall not increase premiums for the Volunteer  
23 Firefighter Group Insurance Pool more than once per annum.

1       E. For purposes of this section, the term "volunteer fire  
2 departments" includes those volunteer fire departments which have  
3 authorized voluntary or uncompensated workers rendering services as  
4 firefighters and are created by statute pursuant to Section 592 of  
5 Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 29-201 through 29-204 of  
6 Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and those defined by Section 351  
7 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
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