

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 171

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to law enforcement training; amending  
8 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3311, as last amended by  
9 Section 1, Chapter 217, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp.  
10 2018, Section 3311), which relates to the Council on  
11 Law Enforcement Education and Training; allowing  
12 certain certification by the Council; requiring  
13 competency and qualifications; and providing an  
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3311, as  
17 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 217, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp.  
18 2018, Section 3311), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 3311. A. There is hereby created a Council on Law  
20 Enforcement Education and Training which shall be, and is hereby  
21 declared to be, a governmental law enforcement agency of the State  
22 of Oklahoma, body politic and corporate, with powers of government  
23 and with the authority to exercise the rights, privileges and  
24 functions necessary to ensure the professional training and  
continuing education of law enforcement officers in the State of  
Oklahoma. These rights, privileges and functions include, but are

1 not limited to, those specified in Sections 3311 through 3311.15 of  
2 this title and in the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private  
3 Investigator Act and the Oklahoma Bail Enforcement and Licensing  
4 Act. The Council shall be composed of thirteen (13) members as  
5 follows:

6 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, or  
7 designee;

8 2. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and  
9 Dangerous Drugs Control, or designee;

10 3. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation,  
11 or designee;

12 4. One member appointed by the Governor who shall be a law  
13 enforcement administrator representing a tribal law enforcement  
14 agency;

15 5. One member appointed by the Governor who shall be a chief of  
16 police of a municipality with a population over one hundred thousand  
17 (100,000), as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census;

18 6. One member appointed by the Board of Directors of the  
19 Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association who shall be a sheriff of a county  
20 with a population under twenty-five thousand (25,000), as determined  
21 by the latest Federal Decennial Census;

22 7. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Police  
23 Chiefs who shall be a chief of police representing a municipality  
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1 with a population over ten thousand (10,000), as determined by the  
2 latest Federal Decennial Census;

3 8. One member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of  
4 the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association who shall be a sheriff of a  
5 county with a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more,  
6 as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census;

7 9. One member appointed by the Board of Directors of the  
8 Fraternal Order of Police who shall have experience as a training  
9 officer;

10 10. One member appointed by the Chancellor of Higher Education  
11 who shall be a representative of East Central University;

12 11. One member appointed by the Board of Directors of the  
13 Oklahoma Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association who shall be a  
14 full-time law enforcement officer in good standing with CLEET within  
15 a county with a population under fifty thousand (50,000);

16 12. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint one  
17 member from a list of three or more nominees submitted by a  
18 statewide organization representing cities and towns that is exempt  
19 from taxation under federal law and designated pursuant to the  
20 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 170(a);  
21 and

22 13. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
23 one member from a list of three or more nominees submitted by an  
24 organization that assists in the establishment of accreditation  
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1 standards and training programs for law enforcement agencies  
2 throughout the State of Oklahoma.

3 The Executive Director selected by the Council shall be an ex  
4 officio member of the Council and shall act as Secretary. The  
5 Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training shall select a  
6 chair and vice-chair from among its members. Members of the Council  
7 on Law Enforcement Education and Training shall not receive a salary  
8 for duties performed as members of the Council, but shall be  
9 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
10 performance of Council duties pursuant to the provisions of the  
11 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

12 B. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training is  
13 hereby authorized and directed to:

14 1. Appoint a larger Advisory Council to discuss problems and  
15 hear recommendations concerning necessary research, minimum  
16 standards, educational needs, and other matters imperative to  
17 upgrading Oklahoma law enforcement to professional status;

18 2. Promulgate rules with respect to such matters as  
19 certification, revocation, suspension, withdrawal and reinstatement  
20 of certification, minimum courses of study, testing and test scores,  
21 attendance requirements, equipment and facilities, minimum  
22 qualifications for instructors, minimum standards for basic and  
23 advanced in-service courses, and seminars for Oklahoma police and  
24 peace officers;

1       3. Authorize research, basic and advanced courses, and seminars  
2 to assist in program planning directly and through subcommittees;

3       4. Authorize additional staff and services necessary for  
4 program expansion;

5       5. Recommend legislation necessary to upgrade Oklahoma law  
6 enforcement to professional status;

7       6. Establish policies and regulations concerning the number,  
8 geographic and police unit distribution, and admission requirements  
9 of those receiving tuition or scholarship aid available through the  
10 Council. Such waiver of costs shall be limited to duly appointed  
11 members of legally constituted local, county, and state law  
12 enforcement agencies on the basis of educational and financial need;

13       7. Appoint an Executive Director and an Assistant Director to  
14 direct the staff, inform the Council of compliance with the  
15 provisions of this section and perform such other duties imposed on  
16 the Council by law. An Executive Director appointed by the Council  
17 must qualify for the position with a bachelor or higher degree in  
18 law enforcement from an accredited college or university, or a  
19 bachelor or higher degree in a law-enforcement-related subject area,  
20 and a minimum of five (5) years of active law enforcement experience  
21 including, but not limited to, responsibility for enforcement,  
22 investigation, administration, training, or curriculum  
23 implementation.

1       The Executive Director of the Council on Law Enforcement  
2 Education and Training may commission CLEET staff as peace officers  
3 for purposes consistent with the duties of CLEET as set out in state  
4 law. The powers and duties conferred on the Executive Director or  
5 any staff member appointed by the Executive Director as a peace  
6 officer shall not limit the powers and duties of other peace  
7 officers of this state or any political subdivision thereof. The  
8 Executive Director or any staff member appointed by the Executive  
9 Director as a peace officer may, upon request, assist any federal,  
10 state, county or municipal law enforcement agency;

11       8. Enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of  
12 classroom space, food, and lodging expenses as may be necessary for  
13 law enforcement officers attending any official course of  
14 instruction approved or conducted by the Council. Such expenses may  
15 be paid directly to the contracting agency or business  
16 establishment. The food and lodging expenses for each law  
17 enforcement officer shall not exceed the authorized rates as  
18 provided for in the State Travel Reimbursement Act; provided,  
19 however, the Council may provide food and lodging to law enforcement  
20 officials attending any official course of instruction approved or  
21 conducted by the Council rather than paying for the provision of  
22 such food and lodging by an outside contracting agency or business  
23 establishment;

1       9.    a.    Certify canine teams, consisting of a dog and a  
2               handler working together as a team, trained to detect:  
3               (1)   controlled dangerous substances, or  
4               (2)   explosives, explosive materials, explosive  
5               devices, or materials which could be used to  
6               construct an explosive device;

7               provided, the dog of a certified canine team shall not  
8               be certified at any time as both a drug dog and a bomb  
9               dog, and any dog of a certified canine team who has  
10              been previously certified as either a drug dog or a  
11              bomb dog shall not be eligible at any time to be  
12              certified in the other category.

13         b.    Upon retiring the dog from the service it was  
14               certified to perform, the law enforcement department  
15               that handled the dog shall retain possession of the  
16               dog. The handler shall have first option of adopting  
17               the dog. If that option is not exercised, the law  
18               enforcement department shall provide for its adoption.  
19               Once adopted the dog shall not be placed back into  
20               active service;

21       10.   Enter into a lease, loan or other agreement with the  
22       Oklahoma Development Finance Authority or a local public trust for  
23       the purpose of facilitating the financing of a new facility for its  
24       operations and use and pledge, to the extent authorized by law, all

1 or a portion of its receipts of the assessment penalty herein  
2 referenced for the payment of its obligations under such lease, loan  
3 or other agreement. It is the intent of the Legislature to increase  
4 the assessment penalty to such a level or appropriate sufficient  
5 monies to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to  
6 make payments on the lease, loan or other agreement for the purpose  
7 of retiring the bonds to be issued by the Oklahoma Development  
8 Finance Authority or local public trust. Such lease, loan or other  
9 agreement and the bonds issued to finance such facilities shall not  
10 constitute an indebtedness of the State of Oklahoma or be backed by  
11 the full faith and credit of the State of Oklahoma, and the lease,  
12 loan or other agreement and the bonds shall contain a statement to  
13 such effect;

14 11. Accept gifts, bequests, devises, contributions and grants,  
15 public or private, of real or personal property;

16 12. Appoint an advisory committee composed of representatives  
17 from security guard and private investigative agencies to advise the  
18 Council concerning necessary research, minimum standards for  
19 licensure, education, and other matters related to licensure of  
20 security guards, security guard agencies, private investigators, and  
21 private investigative agencies;

22 13. Enter into agreements with individuals, educational  
23 institutions, agencies, and business and tribal entities for  
24 professional services, the use of facilities and supplies, and staff



1 overtime costs incurred as a result of the user's requests to  
2 schedule functions after-hours, on weekends, or anytime such  
3 requests extend staff beyond its normal capacity, whereby  
4 contracting individuals, educational institutions, agencies, and  
5 business and tribal entities shall pay a fee to be determined by the  
6 Council by rule. All fees collected pursuant to these agreements  
7 shall be deposited to the credit of the C.L.E.E.T. Training Center  
8 Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 3311.6 of this title.  
9 The Council is authorized to promulgate emergency rules to  
10 effectuate the provisions of this paragraph;

11 14. Promulgate rules to establish a state firearms  
12 requalification standard for active peace officers and meet any  
13 requirements imposed on the Council by the federal Law Enforcement  
14 Officers Safety Act of 2004;

15 15. Set minimal criteria relating to qualifications for chief  
16 of police administrative training pursuant to Section 34-102 of  
17 Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, assist in developing a course of  
18 training for a Police Chief Administrative School, and approve all  
19 police chief administrative training offered in this state;

20 16. Appoint a Curriculum Review Board to be composed of six (6)  
21 members as follows:

- 22 a. one member shall be selected by the Chancellor for  
23 Higher Education, who possesses a background of  
24 creation and review of curriculum and experience

- 1 teaching criminal justice or law enforcement courses,  
2 who shall serve an initial term of one (1) year,
- 3 b. one member shall represent a municipal jurisdiction  
4 with a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more  
5 and who shall be a management-level CLEET-certified  
6 training officer, who shall serve an initial term of  
7 two (2) years,
- 8 c. one member shall represent a county jurisdiction with  
9 a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more and  
10 who shall be a management-level CLEET-certified  
11 training officer, who shall serve an initial term of  
12 three (3) years,
- 13 d. one member shall represent a municipal jurisdiction  
14 with a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000)  
15 and who shall be a CLEET-certified training officer,  
16 who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years,
- 17 e. one member shall represent a county jurisdiction with  
18 a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000) and  
19 who shall be a CLEET-certified training officer, who  
20 shall serve an initial term of one (1) year, and
- 21 f. one member selected by the Oklahoma Department of  
22 Career and Technology Education from the Curriculum  
23 Material and Instructional Material Center, who shall  
24 serve an initial term of three (3) years.

1 After the initial terms of office, all members shall be  
2 appointed to serve three-year terms. Any member may be reappointed  
3 to serve consecutive terms. Members shall serve without  
4 compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to  
5 the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The Board shall review and  
6 establish curriculum for all CLEET academies and training courses  
7 pursuant to procedures established by the Council on Law Enforcement  
8 Education and Training;

9 17. Conduct review and verification of any records relating to  
10 the statutory duties of CLEET;

11 18. Receive requested reports including investigative reports,  
12 court documents, statements, or other applicable information from  
13 local, county and state agencies and other agencies for use in  
14 actions where a certification or license issued by CLEET may be  
15 subject to disciplinary or other actions provided by law;

16 19. Summarily suspend a certification of a peace officer,  
17 without prior notice but otherwise subject to administrative  
18 proceedings, if CLEET finds that the actions of the certified peace  
19 officer may present a danger to the peace officer, the public, a  
20 family or household member, or involve a crime against a minor. A  
21 certified copy of the information or indictment charging such a  
22 crime shall be considered clear and convincing evidence of the  
23 charge; and  
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1       20. Approve law enforcement agencies and police departments in  
2 accordance with the following:

3           a. this section applies only to an entity authorized by  
4 statute or by the Constitution to create a law  
5 enforcement agency or police department and  
6 commission, appoint, or employ officers that first  
7 creates or reactivates an inactive law enforcement  
8 agency or police department and first begins to  
9 commission, appoint, or employ officers on or after  
10 November 1, 2011,

11          b. the entity shall submit to CLEET, a minimum of sixty  
12 (60) days prior to creation of the law enforcement  
13 agency or police department, information regarding:  
14           (1) the need for the law enforcement agency or police  
15 department in the community,  
16           (2) the funding sources for the law enforcement  
17 agency or police department, and proof that no  
18 more than fifty percent (50%) of the funding of  
19 the entity will be derived from ticket revenue or  
20 fines,  
21           (3) the physical resources available to officers,  
22           (4) the physical facilities that the law enforcement  
23 agency or police department will operate,  
24 including descriptions of the evidence room,

1 dispatch area, restroom facilities, and public  
2 area,

3 (5) law enforcement policies of the law enforcement  
4 agency or police department, including published  
5 policies on:

6 (a) use of force,

7 (b) vehicle pursuit,

8 (c) mental health,

9 (d) professional conduct of officers,

10 (e) domestic abuse,

11 (f) response to missing persons,

12 (g) supervision of part-time officers, and

13 (h) impartial policing,

14 (6) the administrative structure of the law  
15 enforcement agency or police department,

16 (7) liability insurance, and

17 (8) any other information CLEET requires by rule,

18 c. within sixty (60) days of receiving an entity's  
19 request, CLEET will forward to the entity by certified  
20 mail, return receipt requested, a letter of  
21 authorization or denial to create a law enforcement  
22 agency or police department and commission, appoint,  
23 or employ officers, signed by the Executive Director  
24 of CLEET, and  
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1           d.    in cases of denial, the entity may appeal the decision  
2               of the Executive Director to the full CLEET Council.  
3               The Executive Director shall ensure that the final  
4               report is provided to all members of the Council. The  
5               Council shall review and make recommendations  
6               concerning the report at the first meeting of the  
7               Council to occur after all members of the Council have  
8               received the report. The Council may, by majority  
9               vote:

- 10            (1)   order additional information be provided,  
11            (2)   order confirmation of the opinion of the  
12               Executive Director, or  
13            (3)   order authorization of the entity.

14           C. 1. Payment of any fee provided for in this section may be  
15           made by a nationally recognized credit or debit card issued to the  
16           applicant. The Council may publicly post and collect a fee for the  
17           acceptance of the nationally recognized credit or debit card not to  
18           exceed five percent (5%) of the amount of the payment. For purposes  
19           of this subsection, "nationally recognized credit card" means any  
20           instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate,  
21           charge plate, or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an  
22           issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services,  
23           or anything else of value and which is accepted by over one thousand  
24           merchants in this state. "Debit card" means an identification card

1 or device issued to a person by a business organization which  
2 permits such person to obtain access to or activate a consumer  
3 banking electronic facility. The Council shall determine which  
4 nationally recognized credit or debit cards will be accepted as  
5 payment for fees.

6 2. Payment for any fee provided for in this title may be made  
7 by a business check. The Council may:

8 a. add an amount equal to the amount of the service  
9 charge incurred, not to exceed three percent (3%) of  
10 the amount of the check as a service charge for the  
11 acceptance and verification of the check, or

12 b. add an amount of no more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) as  
13 a service charge for the acceptance and verification  
14 of a check. For purposes of this subsection,  
15 "business check" shall not mean a money order,  
16 cashier's check, or bank certified check.

17 D. Failure of the Legislature to appropriate necessary funds to  
18 provide for expenses and operations of the Council on Law  
19 Enforcement Education and Training shall not invalidate other  
20 provisions of this section relating to the creation and duties of  
21 the Council.

22 E. 1. No person shall be eligible for employment as a peace  
23 officer or reserve peace officer until the employing law enforcement  
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1 agency has conducted a background investigation of such person  
2 consisting of the following:

- 3 a. a fingerprint search submitted to the Oklahoma State  
4 Bureau of Investigation with a return report to the  
5 submitting agency that such person has no felony  
6 record,
- 7 b. a fingerprint search submitted to the Federal Bureau  
8 of Investigation with a return report to the  
9 submitting agency that such person has no felony  
10 record,
- 11 c. such person has undergone psychological evaluation by  
12 a psychologist licensed by the State of Oklahoma and  
13 has been evaluated to be suitable to serve as a peace  
14 officer in the State of Oklahoma,
- 15 d. the employing agency has verified that such person has  
16 a high school diploma or a GED equivalency certificate  
17 as recognized by state law,
- 18 e. such person is not participating in a deferred  
19 sentence agreement for a felony, a crime involving  
20 moral turpitude or a crime of domestic violence, and  
21 does not have any criminal charges pending in any  
22 court in this state, another state, in tribal court or  
23 pursuant to the United States Code,



- 1 f. such person is not currently subject to an order of  
2 the Council revoking, suspending, or accepting a  
3 voluntary surrender of peace officer certification,
- 4 g. such person is not currently undergoing treatment for  
5 a mental illness, condition or disorder. For purposes  
6 of this subsection, "currently undergoing treatment  
7 for mental illness, condition or disorder" means the  
8 person has been diagnosed by a licensed physician,  
9 psychologist, or licensed mental health professional  
10 as being afflicted with a substantial disorder of  
11 thought, mood, perception, psychological orientation  
12 or memory that significantly impairs judgment,  
13 behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to  
14 meet the ordinary demands of life and such condition  
15 continues to exist,
- 16 h. such person is twenty-one (21) years of age.  
17 Provided, this requirement shall not affect those  
18 persons who are already employed as a police or peace  
19 officer prior to November 1, 1985, and
- 20 i. such person has provided proof of United States  
21 citizenship or resident alien status, pursuant to an  
22 employment eligibility verification form from the  
23 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.  
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1        2. To aid the evaluating psychologist in interpreting the test  
2 results, including automated scoring and interpretations, the  
3 employing agency shall provide the psychologist a statement  
4 confirming the identity of the individual taking the test as the  
5 person who is employed or seeking employment as a peace officer of  
6 the agency and attesting that it administered the psychological  
7 instrument in accordance with standards within the test document.  
8 The psychologist shall report to the employing agency the evaluation  
9 of the assessment instrument and may include any additional  
10 recommendations to assist the employing agency in determining  
11 whether to certify to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and  
12 Training that the person being evaluated is suitable to serve as a  
13 peace officer in the State of Oklahoma. No additional procedures or  
14 requirements shall be imposed for performance of the psychological  
15 evaluation. The psychological instrument utilized shall be  
16 evaluated by a psychologist licensed by the State of Oklahoma, and  
17 the employing agency shall certify to the Council that the  
18 evaluation was conducted in accordance with this provision and that  
19 the employee or applicant is suitable to serve as a peace officer in  
20 the State of Oklahoma.

- 21            a. Any person found not to be suitable for employment or  
22                certification by the Council shall not be employed,  
23                retained in employment as a peace officer, or  
24                certified by the Council for at least one (1) year, at  
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1 which time the employee or applicant may be  
2 reevaluated by a psychologist licensed by the State of  
3 Oklahoma. This section shall also be applicable to  
4 all reserve peace officers in the State of Oklahoma.

5 b. Any person who is certified by CLEET and has undergone  
6 the psychological evaluation required by this  
7 subparagraph and has been found to be suitable as a  
8 peace officer shall not be required to be reevaluated  
9 for any subsequent employment as a peace officer  
10 following retirement or any break in service as a  
11 peace officer, unless such break in service exceeds  
12 five (5) years or the Council determines that a peace  
13 officer may present a danger to himself or herself,  
14 the public, or a family or household member.

15 c. All persons seeking certification shall have their  
16 name, gender, date of birth, and address of such  
17 person submitted to the Department of Mental Health  
18 and Substance Abuse Services by the Council. The  
19 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
20 Services shall respond to the Council within ten (10)  
21 days whether the computerized records of the  
22 Department indicate the applicant has ever been  
23 involuntarily committed to an Oklahoma state mental  
24 institution. In the event that the Department of

1 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services reports to  
2 the Council that the applicant has been involuntarily  
3 committed, the Council shall immediately inform the  
4 employing agency.

5 All basic police courses shall include a minimum of four (4)  
6 hours of education and training in recognizing and managing a person  
7 appearing to require mental health treatment or services. The  
8 training shall include training in crime and drug prevention, crisis  
9 intervention, youth and family intervention techniques, recognizing,  
10 investigating and preventing abuse and exploitation of elderly  
11 persons, mental health issues, and criminal jurisdiction on  
12 Sovereign Indian Land.

13 Subject to the availability of funding, for full-time salaried  
14 police or peace officers a basic police course academy shall consist  
15 of a minimum of six hundred (600) hours.

16 For reserve deputies a basic reserve academy shall consist of a  
17 minimum of two hundred forty (240) hours.

18 3. Beginning January 1, 2018, any reserve peace officer who has  
19 completed the two-hundred-forty-hour reserve peace officer  
20 certification program and who has been in active service in that  
21 capacity for the past six (6) months shall be eligible to attend a  
22 three-hundred-sixty-hour basic full-time training academy to become  
23 certified as a full-time peace or police officer.  
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1       4. Every person who has not been certified as a police or peace  
2 officer and is duly appointed or elected as a police or peace  
3 officer shall hold such position on a temporary basis only, and  
4 shall, within six (6) months from the date of appointment or taking  
5 office, qualify as required in this subsection or forfeit such  
6 position. In computing the time for qualification, all service  
7 shall be cumulative from date of first appointment or taking office  
8 as a police or peace officer with any department in this state.

9           a. The Council may extend the time requirement specified  
10           in this paragraph for good cause as determined by the  
11           Council.

12          b. A duty is hereby imposed upon the employing agency to  
13           withhold payment of the compensation or wage of such  
14           unqualified officer.

15          c. If the police or peace officer fails to forfeit the  
16           position or the employing agency fails to require the  
17           officer to forfeit the position, the district attorney  
18           shall file the proper action to cause the forfeiting  
19           of such position. The district court of the county  
20           where the officer is employed shall have jurisdiction  
21           to hear the case.

22       5. The Council may certify officers who have completed a course  
23 of study in another state deemed by the Council to meet standards  
24 for Oklahoma peace officers providing the officer's certification in  
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1 the other state has not been revoked or voluntarily surrendered and  
2 is not currently under suspension.

3       6. The Council may certify individuals who have completed  
4 training as identified in the Department of Defense (DOD) POST  
5 Instruction 5525.1 Guideline 1 and who have served in a full-time  
6 military police capacity for six (6) months within the preceding two  
7 (2) years providing the individual was honorably discharged from  
8 military service. Officers certified pursuant to this subsection  
9 shall be required to demonstrate firearm qualification and  
10 competence as determined by the Council.

11       7. For purposes of this section, a police or peace officer is  
12 defined as a full-time duly appointed or elected officer who is paid  
13 for working more than twenty-five (25) hours per week and whose  
14 duties are to preserve the public peace, protect life and property,  
15 prevent crime, serve warrants, transport prisoners, and enforce laws  
16 and ordinances of this state, or any political subdivision thereof;  
17 provided, elected sheriffs and their deputies and elected,  
18 appointed, or acting chiefs of police shall meet the requirements of  
19 this subsection within the first six (6) months after assuming the  
20 duties of the office to which they are elected or appointed or for  
21 which they are an acting chief; provided further, that this section  
22 shall not apply to persons designated by the Director of the  
23 Department of Corrections as peace officers pursuant to Section 510  
24 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 F. No person shall be certified as a police or peace officer by  
2 the Council or be employed by the state, a county, a city, or any  
3 political subdivision thereof, who is currently subject to an order  
4 of the Council revoking, suspending, or accepting a voluntary  
5 surrender of peace officer certification or who has been convicted  
6 of a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or a crime of  
7 domestic violence, unless a full pardon has been granted by the  
8 proper agency; however, any person who has been trained and  
9 certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
10 and is actively employed as a full-time peace officer as of November  
11 1, 1985, shall not be subject to the provisions of this subsection  
12 for convictions occurring prior to November 1, 1985.

13 G. 1. The Council is hereby authorized to provide to any  
14 employing agency the following information regarding a person who is  
15 or has applied for employment as a police or peace officer of such  
16 employing agency:

- 17 a. Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and Federal  
18 Bureau of Investigation reports,
  - 19 b. administration of the psychological tests provided for  
20 herein,
  - 21 c. performance in the course of study or other basis of  
22 certification,
  - 23 d. previous certifications issued, and
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1           e.    any administrative or judicial determination denying  
2                certification.

3           2.   An employing agency shall not be liable in any action  
4   arising out of the release of contents of personnel information  
5   relevant to the qualifications or ability of a person to perform the  
6   duties of a police or peace officer when such information is  
7   released pursuant to written authorization for release of  
8   information signed by such person and is provided to another  
9   employing agency which has employed or has received an application  
10   for employment from such person.

11          3.   As used in this subsection, "employing agency" means a  
12   political subdivision or law enforcement agency which either has  
13   employed or received an employment application from a person who, if  
14   employed, would be subject to this section.

15          H.   1.   A law enforcement agency employing police or peace  
16   officers in this state shall report the hiring, resignation, or  
17   termination for any reason of a police or peace officer to the  
18   Council within ten (10) days. Failure to comply with the provisions  
19   of this subsection may disqualify a law enforcement agency from  
20   participating in training programs sponsored by the Council. Every  
21   law enforcement agency employing police or peace officers in this  
22   state shall submit to CLEET on or before October 1 of each calendar  
23   year a complete list of all commissioned employees with a current  
24   mailing address and phone number for each such employee. In



1 addition to the above, CLEET may impose an administrative fine for  
2 violations of this section.

3       2. A tribal law enforcement agency that has peace officers  
4 commissioned by an Oklahoma law enforcement agency pursuant to a  
5 cross-deputization agreement with the State of Oklahoma or any  
6 political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the  
7 provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes  
8 shall report the commissioning, resignation, or termination of  
9 commission for any reason of a cross-deputized tribal police or  
10 peace officer to CLEET within ten (10) days of the commissioning,  
11 resignation, or termination. Failure to comply with the provisions  
12 of this subsection may disqualify a tribal law enforcement agency  
13 from participating in training programs sponsored by the Council.

14       I. It is unlawful for any person to willfully make any  
15 statement in an application to CLEET knowing the statement is false  
16 or intentionally commit fraud in any application to the Council for  
17 attendance in any CLEET-conducted or CLEET-approved peace officer  
18 academy or Collegiate Officer Program or for the purpose of  
19 obtaining peace officer certification or reinstatement. It is  
20 unlawful for any person to willfully submit false or fraudulent  
21 documents relating to continuing education rosters, transcripts or  
22 certificates, or any canine license application. Any person  
23 convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a  
24 felony punishable by imprisonment in the Department of Corrections

1 for a term of not less than two (2) years nor more than five (5)  
2 years, or by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00),  
3 or by both such fine and imprisonment. In addition to the above,  
4 CLEET may impose an administrative fine.

5 J. 1. A police or peace officer shall be subject to  
6 disciplinary action to include a denial, suspension, revocation or  
7 acceptance of voluntary surrender of peace officer certification  
8 upon a showing of clear and convincing evidence for the following:

- 9 a. conviction of a felony or a crime of domestic  
10 violence,
- 11 b. conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;  
12 provided, if the conviction is a single isolated  
13 incident that occurred more than five (5) years ago  
14 and the Council is satisfied that the person has been  
15 sufficiently rehabilitated, the Council may, in its  
16 discretion, certify such person providing that all  
17 other statutory requirements have been met,
- 18 c. a verdict of guilt or entry of a plea of guilty or  
19 nolo contendere or an "Alford" plea or any plea other  
20 than a not guilty plea for a felony offense, a crime  
21 of moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic violence,
- 22 d. falsification or a willful misrepresentation of  
23 information in an employment application or  
24 application to the Council on Law Enforcement

1 Education and Training, records of evidence, or in  
2 testimony under oath,

3 e. revocation or voluntary surrender of police or peace  
4 officer certification in another state for a violation  
5 of any law or rule or in settlement of any  
6 disciplinary action in such state,

7 f. involuntary commitment of a reserve or peace officer  
8 in a mental institution or licensed private mental  
9 health facility for any mental illness, condition or  
10 disorder that is diagnosed by a licensed physician,  
11 psychologist or a licensed mental health professional  
12 as a substantial disorder of thought, mood,  
13 perception, psychological orientation, or memory that  
14 significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to  
15 recognize reality, or ability to meet the ordinary  
16 demands of life. Provided, the peace officer  
17 certification may be reinstated upon the Council  
18 receiving notification of a psychological evaluation  
19 conducted by a licensed physician, psychologist or  
20 licensed mental health professional which attests and  
21 states by affidavit that the officer and the  
22 evaluation test data of the officer have been examined  
23 and that, in the professional opinion of the  
24 physician, psychologist or licensed mental health

1 professional, the officer is psychologically suitable  
2 to return to duty as a peace officer. Notwithstanding  
3 any other provision of state law pertaining to  
4 confidentiality of hospital or other medical records,  
5 and as allowable under federal law, CLEET may subpoena  
6 or request a court to subpoena records necessary to  
7 assure compliance with these provisions. Any  
8 confidential information received by CLEET for such  
9 purpose shall retain its confidential character while  
10 in the possession of CLEET,

11 g. abuse of office,

12 h. entry of a final order of protection against applicant  
13 or officer, or

14 i. any violation of the Oklahoma Private Security  
15 Licensing Act.

16 2. Disciplinary proceedings shall be commenced by filing a  
17 complaint with the Council on a form approved by the Council. Any  
18 employing agency or other person having information may submit such  
19 information to the Council for consideration as provided in this  
20 subsection.

21 3. Upon the filing of the complaint, a preliminary  
22 investigation shall be conducted to determine whether:  
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1           a.    there is reason to believe the person has violated any  
2                provision of this subsection or any other provision of  
3                law or rule, or

4           b.    there is reason to believe the person has been  
5                convicted of a felony, a crime involving moral  
6                turpitude or a domestic violence offense or is  
7                currently participating in a deferred sentence for  
8                such offenses.

9           4.    When the investigation of a complaint does not find the  
10               person has violated any of the provisions of this subsection, or  
11               finds that the person is sufficiently rehabilitated as provided in  
12               subparagraph b or f of paragraph 1 of this subsection, no  
13               disciplinary action shall be required and the person shall remain  
14               certified as a police or peace officer. When the investigation of a  
15               complaint finds that the person has violated any of the provisions  
16               of this subsection, the matter shall be referred for disciplinary  
17               proceedings. The disciplinary proceedings shall be in accordance  
18               with Articles I and II of the Administrative Procedures Act.

19           5.    The Council shall revoke the certification of any person  
20               upon determining that such person has been convicted of a felony or  
21               a crime involving moral turpitude or a domestic violence offense or  
22               has entered a plea of guilty, or nolo contendere or an "Alford" plea  
23               or any plea other than a not guilty plea for a felony offense, a  
24               crime of moral turpitude or a crime of domestic violence or is the

1 respondent in a final Victims Protective Order; provided, that if  
2 the conviction has been reversed, vacated or otherwise invalidated  
3 by an appellate court, such conviction shall not be the basis for  
4 revocation of certification; provided further, that any person who  
5 has been trained and certified by the Council on Law Enforcement  
6 Education and Training and is actively employed as a full-time peace  
7 officer as of November 1, 1985, shall not be subject to the  
8 provisions of this subsection for convictions occurring prior to  
9 November 1, 1985. The sole issue to be determined at the hearing  
10 shall be whether the person has been convicted of a felony, a crime  
11 involving moral turpitude or a domestic violence offense.

12 6. The Council shall revoke the certification of any person  
13 upon determining that such person has received a deferred sentence  
14 for a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude or a domestic  
15 violence offense.

16 7. The Council may suspend the certification of any person upon  
17 a determination that such person has been involuntarily committed to  
18 a mental institution or mental health facility for a mental illness,  
19 condition or disorder as provided in subparagraph f of paragraph 1  
20 of this subsection.

21 8. Every law enforcement agency in this state shall, within  
22 thirty (30) days of a final order of termination or resignation  
23 while under investigation of a CLEET-certified peace officer, report  
24 such order or resignation in writing to the Executive Director of  
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1 the Council. Any report, upon receipt by the Council, shall be  
2 considered as personnel records and shall be afforded confidential  
3 protection pursuant to Sections 24A.7 and 24A.8 of Title 51 of the  
4 Oklahoma Statutes. Any medical or other confidential records  
5 obtained by subpoena pursuant to this subsection shall not be made a  
6 part of such report. The Executive Director shall ensure that the  
7 report is provided to all members of the Council. The Council shall  
8 review and make recommendations concerning the report at the first  
9 meeting of the Council to occur after all members of the Council  
10 have received the report. The Council may, by a majority vote,  
11 order the suspension, for a given period of time, or revocation of  
12 the CLEET certification of the peace officer in question if there  
13 are grounds for such actions pursuant to this section and the peace  
14 officer in question has been provided with notice and an opportunity  
15 for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.  
16 Suspension or revocation of CLEET certification pursuant to this  
17 paragraph shall be reported to the district attorney for the  
18 jurisdiction in which the peace officer was employed, to the  
19 liability insurance company of the law enforcement agency that  
20 employed the peace officer, the chief elected official of the  
21 governing body of the law enforcement agency and the chief law  
22 enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency.

23 9. For all other violations of this subsection, the hearing  
24 examiner shall take into consideration the severity of the  
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1 violation, any mitigating circumstances offered by the person  
2 subject to disciplinary action, and any other evidence relevant to  
3 the person's character to determine the appropriate disciplinary  
4 action.

5 10. a. A police or peace officer may voluntarily surrender  
6 and relinquish the peace officer certification to  
7 CLEET. Pursuant to such surrender or relinquishment,  
8 the person surrendering the certification shall be  
9 prohibited from applying to CLEET for reinstatement  
10 within five (5) years of the date of the surrender or  
11 relinquishment, unless otherwise provided by law for  
12 reinstatement.

13 b. No person who has had a police or peace officer  
14 certification from another state revoked or  
15 voluntarily surrendered and has not been reinstated by  
16 that state shall be considered for certification by  
17 CLEET.

18 c. Any person seeking reinstatement of police or peace  
19 officer certification which has been suspended,  
20 revoked, or voluntarily surrendered may apply for  
21 reinstatement pursuant to promulgated CLEET rules  
22 governing reinstatement. Except as provided in this  
23 subsection, any person whose certification has been  
24 revoked, suspended or voluntarily surrendered for any



1           reason, including failure to comply with mandatory  
2           education and training requirements, shall pay a  
3           reinstatement fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars  
4           (\$150.00) to be deposited to the credit of the Peace  
5           Officer Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section  
6           3311.7 of this title.

7           11. A duty is hereby imposed upon the district attorney who, on  
8           behalf of the State of Oklahoma, prosecutes a person holding police  
9           or peace officer or reserve peace officer certification for a  
10          felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic  
11          violence in which a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or an "Alford"  
12          plea or any other plea other than a not guilty plea or other finding  
13          of guilt is entered by, against or on behalf of a certified police  
14          or peace officer to report such plea, agreement, or other finding of  
15          guilt to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
16          within ten (10) days of such plea agreement or the finding of guilt.

17          12. Any person or agency required or authorized to submit  
18          information pursuant to this section to the Council shall be immune  
19          from liability arising from the submission of the information as  
20          long as the information was submitted in good faith and without  
21          malice.

22          13. Any peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency in  
23          this state which has internal discipline policies and procedures on  
24          file with CLEET shall be exempt from the disciplinary proceedings

1 and actions provided for in this subsection; provided, however, such  
2 exemption shall not apply if the peace officer has been convicted of  
3 a felony crime, a crime of moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic  
4 violence.

5 14. All criminal proceedings initiated against a CLEET-  
6 certified peace officer or reserve peace officer shall be reported  
7 by the officer to CLEET immediately after arrest or discovery of the  
8 filing of such criminal proceeding. All CLEET-certified peace  
9 officers and reserve peace officers shall be required to report when  
10 a Victim Protective Order has been issued against the officer,  
11 including orders issued on an emergency basis and all final orders  
12 of protection. Failure to give notice pursuant to the provisions of  
13 this paragraph may be cause to initiate an action against the  
14 officer by CLEET.

15 15. As used in this subsection:

- 16 a. "law enforcement agency" means any department or  
17 agency of the state, a county, a municipality, or  
18 political subdivision thereof, with the duties to  
19 maintain public order, make arrests, and enforce the  
20 criminal laws of this state or municipal ordinances,  
21 which employs CLEET-certified personnel,
- 22 b. "final order of termination" means a final notice of  
23 dismissal from employment provided after all  
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1 grievance, arbitration, and court actions have been  
2 completed, and

3 c. "resignation while under investigation" means the  
4 resignation from employment of a peace officer who is  
5 under investigation for any felony violation of law, a  
6 crime of moral turpitude, a crime of domestic  
7 violence, or the resignation from employment of a  
8 peace officer as part of an arbitration or plea  
9 agreement.

10 K. 1. Every canine team in the state trained to detect  
11 controlled dangerous substances shall be certified, by test, in the  
12 detection of such controlled dangerous substances and shall be  
13 recertified annually so long as the canine is used for such  
14 detection purposes. The certification test and annual  
15 recertification test provisions of this subsection shall not be  
16 applicable to canines that are owned by a law enforcement agency and  
17 that are certified and annually recertified in the detection of  
18 controlled dangerous substances by the United States Customs  
19 Service. No employee of CLEET may be involved in the training or  
20 testing of a canine team.

21 2. The Council shall appoint a Drug Dog Advisory Council to  
22 make recommendations concerning minimum standards, educational  
23 needs, and other matters imperative to the certification of canines  
24 and canine teams trained to detect controlled dangerous substances.

1 The Council shall promulgate rules based upon the recommendations of  
2 the Advisory Council. Members of the Advisory Council shall  
3 include, but need not be limited to, a commissioned officer with  
4 practical knowledge of such canines and canine teams from each of  
5 the following:

- 6 a. the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous  
7 Drugs Control,
- 8 b. the Department of Public Safety,
- 9 c. a police department,
- 10 d. a sheriff's office, and
- 11 e. a university or college campus police department.

12 3. The fee for the certification test shall be Two Hundred  
13 Dollars (\$200.00) and the annual recertification test fee shall be  
14 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per canine team. A retest fee of  
15 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be charged if the team fails the test.  
16 No such fee shall be charged to any local, state or federal  
17 government agency. The fees provided for in this paragraph shall be  
18 deposited to the credit of the CLEET Fund created pursuant to  
19 Section 1313.2 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

20 L. 1. Every canine team in the state trained to detect  
21 explosives, explosive materials, explosive devices, and materials  
22 which could be used to construct an explosive device shall be  
23 certified, by test, in the detection of such explosives and  
24 materials and shall be recertified annually so long as the canine is

1 used for such detection purposes. The certification test and annual  
2 recertification test provisions of this subsection shall not be  
3 applicable to canines that are owned by a law enforcement agency if  
4 such canines are certified and annually recertified in the detection  
5 of explosives and materials by the United States Department of  
6 Defense. No employee of CLEET may be involved in the training or  
7 testing of a canine team.

8 2. The Council shall appoint a Bomb Dog Advisory Council to  
9 make recommendations concerning minimum standards, educational  
10 needs, and other matters imperative to the certification of canines  
11 and canine teams trained to detect explosives, explosive materials,  
12 explosive devices and materials which could be used to construct an  
13 explosive device. The Council shall promulgate rules based upon the  
14 recommendations of the Advisory Council. Members of the Advisory  
15 Council shall include, but need not be limited to, a commissioned  
16 officer with practical knowledge of such canines and canine teams  
17 from each of the following:

- 18 a. the Department of Public Safety,
- 19 b. a police department,
- 20 c. a sheriff's office, and
- 21 d. a university or college campus police department.

22 3. The fee for the certification test shall be Two Hundred  
23 Dollars (\$200.00) and the annual recertification test fee shall be  
24 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per canine team. A retest fee of

1 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be charged if the team fails the test.  
2 No such fee shall be charged to any local, state or federal  
3 government agency. The fees provided for in this paragraph shall be  
4 deposited to the credit of the CLEET Fund created pursuant to  
5 Section 1313.2 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6 M. All tribal police officers of any Indian tribe or nation who  
7 have been commissioned by an Oklahoma law enforcement agency  
8 pursuant to a cross-deputization agreement with the State of  
9 Oklahoma or any political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma  
10 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74 of the  
11 Oklahoma Statutes shall be eligible for peace officer certification  
12 under the same terms and conditions required of members of the law  
13 enforcement agencies of the State of Oklahoma and its political  
14 subdivisions. CLEET shall issue peace officer certification to  
15 tribal police officers who, as of July 1, 2003, are commissioned by  
16 an Oklahoma law enforcement agency pursuant to a cross-deputization  
17 agreement with the State of Oklahoma or any political subdivision of  
18 the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the provisions of Section 1221 of  
19 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and have met the training and  
20 qualification requirements of this section.

21 N. If an employing law enforcement agency in this state has  
22 paid the salary of a person while that person is completing in this  
23 state a basic police course approved by the Council and if within  
24 one (1) year after certification that person resigns and is hired by  
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1 another law enforcement agency in this state, the second agency or  
2 the person receiving the training shall reimburse the original  
3 employing agency for the salary paid to the person while completing  
4 the basic police course by the original employing agency. CLEET  
5 shall not be a party to any court action based on this provision.

6 O. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, in  
7 its discretion, may waive all or part of any moneys due to the  
8 Council, if deemed uncollectable by the Council.

9 P. Peace officers, reserve peace officers, tribal peace  
10 officers, agencies, bail enforcers, security guards and private  
11 investigators shall maintain with the Council current mailing  
12 addresses and shall notify the Council, in writing, of any change of  
13 address or name. Notification of change of name shall require  
14 certified copies of any marriage license or other court document  
15 which reflects the change of name. Notice of change of address or  
16 telephone number must be made within ten (10) days of the effected  
17 change. Notices shall not be accepted over the phone. In any  
18 proceeding in which the Council is required to serve notice or an  
19 order on an individual or an agency, the Council may send a letter  
20 to the mailing address on file with the Council. If the letter is  
21 returned and a notation of the U.S. Postal Service indicates  
22 "unclaimed", or "moved", or "refused" or any other nondelivery  
23 markings and the records of the Council indicate that no change of  
24 address as required by this subsection has been received by the

1 Council, the notice and any subsequent notices or orders shall be  
2 deemed by the Court as having been legally served for all purposes.

3 Q. All CLEET records of Bail Enforcers may be released only in  
4 compliance with this section and the Oklahoma Bail Enforcement and  
5 Licensing Act. All records in CLEET possession concerning other  
6 persons or entities shall be released only in compliance with this  
7 section and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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