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March 31, 2021

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2374

By: Davis, Fugate and Pae of  
the House

and

Bullard and Jett of the  
Senate

An Act relating to state military forces; establishing a program to reimburse funeral expenses when a certain person dies in the line of duty; defining terms; designating Director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management to oversee program; setting limit on amount of reimbursement; listing duties for program administration; directing payment of funds from specified revolving fund; providing for implementation and promulgation of program regulations and processes; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 51.2, as amended by Section 701, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 51.2), which relates to the Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving Fund; modifying uses of fund; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 51.4 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State of Oklahoma shall establish a program to provide financial assistance for funeral expenses of members of the state

1 military forces who died in the line of duty while serving on state  
2 active duty orders. For purposes of this section, the terms "state  
3 military forces" and "state active duty" shall have the same  
4 definition as provided in Section 801 of Title 44 of the Oklahoma  
5 Statutes. The program shall provide reimbursement of the funeral  
6 expenses for any eligible member of the state military forces as  
7 determined in accordance with this section by the Director of the  
8 Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management. The reimbursement  
9 shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

10 B. The Director or his or her designee shall determine whether  
11 the deceased member meets eligibility criteria for the program, make  
12 final approval of all reimbursement applications and disburse funds.  
13 Reimbursement funds shall be paid from the Oklahoma Homeland  
14 Security Revolving Fund. Regulations and application processes for  
15 the implementation of this program shall be promulgated by the  
16 Director.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 51.2, as  
18 amended by Section 701, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.  
19 2020, Section 51.2), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 51.2. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury  
21 a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security to be  
22 designated the "Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving Fund". The  
23 Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving Fund shall be a continuing  
24 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall consist of

monies received by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security or the Department of Public Safety from:

1. Reimbursements from responsible parties for reasonable actions taken and costs incurred by a regional team in response to an incident or event involving a dangerous substance;

2. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received from other state agencies and entities of state government;

3. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security or the Department of Public Safety from the United States government or pursuant to proceedings in district court to enforce claims initiated pursuant to the Oklahoma Homeland Security Act or the Oklahoma Emergency Response Act;

4. Gifts, donations, and bequests;

5. Monies appropriated or apportioned by the state; and

6. Receipts from other ancillary services related to incidents or events related to dangerous substances, not otherwise provided by law.

B. All monies accruing to the credit of the Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving Fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security for:

1. Operating expenses;

2. Administrative duties; and

1        3. Education and reimbursement for expenses of regional teams,  
2 including maintenance of equipment; and

3        4. Reimbursement, as provided in Section 1 of this act, of  
4 funeral expenses for any member of the state military forces who  
5 died in the line of duty while serving on state active duty, as  
6 defined in Section 801 of Title 44 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7        C. Expenditures from the Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving  
8 Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
9 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the  
10 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
11 payment.

12        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
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