BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.: SB 1374
Version: Committee Substitute
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Impact: No direct fiscal impact anticipated

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 1374 expands the State Fire Marshal's inspection requirements to include correctional facilities under the jurisdiction or control of any public trust. The measure also prohibits the construction or major alteration to buildings classified as occupancies in the building codes adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission.

Additionally, the measure expands the list of entities subject to payment of fines to include partnerships, organizations, cities, towns, school districts, counties or other subdivisions of government. Any person or entity who is fined can request a hearing within 10 business days of the fine notice. The State Fire Marshal will preside over the hearing and issue a proposed order containing proposed findings of fact and present them to the State Fire Marshal Commission. The Appellant should receive notice from the State Fire Marshall regarding the proposed findings and the date the findings will be presented to the Commission. Once reviewed, the Commission may adopt, modify or deny the proposal from the State Fire Marshal and should issue a final order to all parties involved. Any party aggrieved by the final order may appeal to the district court.

Finally, the measure requires that all fines collected be deposited into the State Fire Marshal Revolving Fund and removes the \$550,000 cap previously placed on the State Fire Marshall Revolving Fund.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to the measure would allow the State Fire Marshal Commission to review decisions of the State Fire Marshal as they relate to fines assessed against non-compliant buildings.

Upon review and with consultation from the State Fire Marshal, no direct fiscal impact to the state is anticipated from passage of the measure. The State Fire Marshal is currently a non-appropriated agency and has enough budget resources to implement the provisions of the measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

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