

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1612
Version:	Committee Substitute
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Impact:	Fiscal impact likely, see analysis below

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 1612 creates the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Unification, Recruitment, and Retention Act of 2022. Upon the effective date of the act, the measure creates the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety with the following departments and agencies:

Oklahoma Highway Patrol;
Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation; and
Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control.

The Department of Public Safety may include a Division of Administration and a Training and Recruitment Division. The measure creates the nine-member Oklahoma Board of Public Safety which has the responsibility to formulate and implement a unified law enforcement and public safety strategy for activities of the Department with annual and long-term measurable goals and objectives to achieve greater public safety. The measure outlines other powers and duties of the Board. No later than July 1, 2023, all employees of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety are to be under the authority of the Board of Public Safety. The measure creates the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund. The measure directs the Department of Public Safety to maintain a Mental Wellness Division to provide mental wellness services and programs for public safety personnel. The measure creates the Mental Wellness Division Revolving Fund. The measure allows for the establishment of a not-for-profit foundation to raise funds for the Mental Wellness Division Revolving Fund. The measure is to take effect 90 days after adjournment.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to the measure would create the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, which would merge the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control. The measure would create the Oklahoma Board of Public Safety, provide for appointment of members to the board, and describes the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Board.

Upon review, a fiscal impact to the state is likely from passage of the measure. It is unknown what the exact impact would be. The merging of affected agencies may result in savings and efficiencies, but the Board would have the authority to appoint additional staff for the administration of the consolidated Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

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Other Considerations

None.

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