

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB1612
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

SB 1612 creates the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Unification, Recruitment, and Retention Act of 2022. The measure recreates 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 measure provides the qualifications for the Commissioner of Public Safety. The measure creates the eleven-member Oklahoma Board of Public Safety who are to appoint the Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety. The Board can appoint or dismiss the Commissioner, determine compensation for the Commissioner, and has the authority to hear and investigate any complaint against the Commissioner. The measure provides the powers and duties of the Commissioner. 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 measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.