

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 492

By: Woods, Stephens, and Paxton
of the Senate

and

Hardin of the House

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; creating the Wildfire Reimbursement Revolving Fund; establishing purpose; providing for promulgation of rules to administer the Fund; making an appropriation; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 16-14 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be designated the "Wildfire Reimbursement Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year

1 limitations, and shall consist of all monies designated to the fund
2 by law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
3 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma
4 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry for the purpose of
5 reimbursement of expenditures of Oklahoma rural fire departments and
6 the Oklahoma Forestry Service who participated in extinguishment
7 efforts of fires that:

8 1. Were not fully extinguished in the twenty-four (24) hours
9 after their reporting; and

10 2. Involved more than one rural fire department jurisdiction.

11 B. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
12 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
13 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
14 Services for approval and payment.

15 C. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
16 is authorized to promulgate rules for the administration of the
17 Wildlife Reimbursement Fund.

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
19 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

20 There is hereby appropriated to the Wildfire Reimbursement
21 Revolving Fund created in Section 1 of this act from any monies not
22 otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State
23 Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the sum of Five
24 Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be

1 necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Department
2 of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry by law.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

4 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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