

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 9, 2023

SENATE BILL NO. 230

By: Daniels

An Act relating to emergency management; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 683.2, which relates to findings and declarations; requiring emergency operations plan to include certain component; repealing 63 O.S. 2021, Section 6105, which relates to catastrophic health emergencies; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 683.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 683.2. A. Because of the existing and increasing possibility of the occurrence of disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness resulting from natural and man-made causes, in order to ensure that preparations of this state will adequately deal with such disasters and emergencies, to generally provide for the common defense and to protect the public peace, health, and safety, to preserve the lives and property of the people of this state, and to carry out the objectives of state and national survival and recovery in the event of a disaster or emergency, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary to:

1 1. Create the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management
2 (OEM);

3 2. Authorize the creation of local organizations for emergency
4 management in the counties and incorporated municipalities of this
5 state;

6 3. Provide for the formulation and execution of an emergency
7 operations plan for the state. A component of the plan shall be
8 response to a catastrophic health emergency as defined in Section
9 6104 of this title;

10 4. Confer upon the Governor and upon the executive heads or
11 governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the state the
12 emergency powers provided by the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act
13 of 2003;

14 5. Provide for the rendering of mutual aid among the political
15 subdivisions of this state and with other states to cooperate with
16 the federal government with respect to carrying out emergency
17 management functions and hazard mitigation; and

18 6. Provide sufficient organization to meet, prevent or reduce
19 emergencies in the general interest and welfare of the public and
20 this state.

21 B. It is further declared to be the purpose of the Oklahoma
22 Emergency Management Act of 2003 and the policy of this state that
23 all emergency management and hazard mitigation functions of this
24 state be coordinated to the maximum extent with the comparable

1 functions of the federal government, including its various
2 departments and agencies, of other states and localities, and of
3 private agencies of every type, to the end that the most effective
4 preparation and use may be made of available workforce, resources
5 and facilities for dealing with disaster and hazard mitigation.

6 C. It is also directed that each state agency, board,
7 commission, department or other state entity having responsibilities
8 either indicated in the state Emergency Operations Plan or by the
9 nature of the service it provides to the citizens of Oklahoma shall
10 have written plans and procedures in place to protect individual
11 employees, administrators and visitors from natural and man-made
12 disasters and emergencies occurring at the work place. Plans and
13 procedures shall be in concurrence with the Oklahoma Department of
14 Emergency Management Guidebook titled "Emergency Standard Operating
15 Procedures" for state departments, agencies, offices and employees.
16 Each state agency, board, commission, department or other state
17 entity shall provide a calendar year annual report on the status of
18 their emergency management program to OEM. OEM shall compile and
19 integrate all reports into a report to the Governor and Legislature
20 on the status of state emergency preparedness.

21 D. Each state agency, board, commission, department or other
22 state entity shall have written plans and procedures in place to
23 support the responsibilities stated in the state Emergency
24 Operations Plan.

1 E. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) shall be the
2 standard for incident management in the State of Oklahoma. All on-
3 scene management of disasters and emergencies shall be conducted
4 using the Incident Command System (ICS).

5 SECTION 2. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2021, Section 6105, is
6 hereby repealed.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
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