

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 19, 2023

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB747

By: Stephens and Woods of the Senate and May and Boles of the House

Title: Income tax credit; increasing volunteer firefighter tax credit for certain tax years. Effective date.

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together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the House recede from all Amendments.
2. By restoring the title as follows:

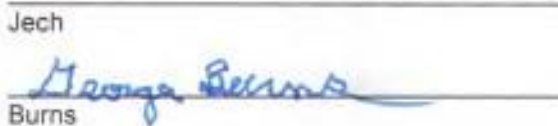
"An Act relating to income tax credit; amending 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2358.7, which relates to volunteer firefighter tax credit; modifying credit for certain tax years; and providing an effective date."

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:

  
Stephens

  
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Burns

Thompson, K  
  
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HOUSE CONFEREES:

General Conference Committee on Appropriations

Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 747 By: Stephens and Woods of the  
Senate  
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4 and  
5 May of the House  
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8 [ income tax credit - effective date ]  
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11 AUTHOR: Add the following House coauthor: Boles  
12 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, Line 8, strike the enacting clause  
13 Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 2023.  
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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives  
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18 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.  
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Presiding Officer of the Senate  
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2 BILL NO. 747

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4 May of the House

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6 [ income tax credit - effective date ]  
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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

9 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2358.7, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 2358.7. A. For taxable years beginning after December  
12 31, 2004, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed  
13 pursuant to Section 2355 of this title an amount equal to:

14 1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) ~~each year~~ for tax years 2005  
15 through 2023 and Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for tax years 2024  
16 and subsequent tax years for which a volunteer firefighter provides  
17 proof of certification as required by subsection B of this section;  
18 and

19 2. Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) ~~each year~~ for tax years 2005  
20 through 2023 and Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) for tax years 2024  
21 and subsequent tax years following the taxable years for which a  
22 taxpayer is eligible for the credit provided by paragraph 1 of this  
23 subsection for a volunteer firefighter providing proof of  
24 certification as required by subsection D of this section.

1       B. In order to claim the tax credit authorized by paragraph 1  
2 of subsection A of this section, a volunteer firefighter shall be  
3 required to provide adequate documentation to the Oklahoma Tax  
4 Commission of at least twelve (12) credited hours toward the State  
5 Support or State Basic Firefighter or Firefighter I from an  
6 internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board, their  
7 equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical services  
8 training approved by the State Fire Marshal Commission and offered  
9 by Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training or Oklahoma  
10 Department of Career and Technology Education prior to or during the  
11 first taxable year for which a tax credit is claimed pursuant to  
12 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section. For the purpose of  
13 this subsection, the local fire chief shall be the authority having  
14 jurisdiction and shall choose and approve all volunteer firefighter  
15 training in the applicable department.

16       C. For each year subsequent to the first year for which a  
17 volunteer firefighter may claim the tax credit authorized by  
18 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, in order to claim any  
19 further tax credits pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of this  
20 section, the volunteer firefighter shall be required to provide  
21 documentation that the firefighter has completed an additional six  
22 (6) hours of State Support or State Basic Firefighter or Firefighter  
23 I from an internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board,  
24 their equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical

services training approved by the State Fire Marshal Commission until such program or its equivalent is completed. For purposes of this subsection, equivalency shall be determined by the State Fire Marshal Commission and Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training. For purposes of this subsection, Firefighter I or Firefighter II certifications or their equivalents may be provided in lieu of the State Support or State Basic Firefighter completion.

D. After having completed the State Support or State Basic Firefighter program, in order to be eligible for the tax credit authorized by paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, the volunteer firefighter shall:

1. Complete at least six (6) hours of continuing education each year until the volunteer firefighter completes Intermediate or Advanced Firefighter or Firefighter I from an internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board, their equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical services training approved by the State Fire Marshal Commission or its equivalent. For purposes of this paragraph, equivalency shall be determined by the State Fire Marshal Commission and Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training;

2. After completion of Intermediate or Advanced Firefighter or Firefighter I from an internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board, their equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical services training approved by the State Fire

1 Marshal Commission, the volunteer firefighter shall complete six (6)  
2 hours of training per year to claim the tax credit. For the purpose  
3 of this subsection, the local fire chief shall be the authority  
4 having jurisdiction and shall choose and approve all volunteer  
5 firefighter training in the applicable department;

6 3. Provide documentation from the fire chief of the applicable  
7 department that the firefighter has been provided and participated  
8 in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities;  
9 and

10 4. Provide documentation from the fire chief of the applicable  
11 department that the volunteer firefighter has met the requirements  
12 under the fire department's constitution and bylaws and is a member  
13 in good standing of the department together with a record of the  
14 total number of years of service in good standing with such  
15 department.

16 E. The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the State Fire  
17 Marshal Commission shall prescribe a reporting form for use by  
18 volunteer fire departments and by volunteer firefighters in order to  
19 provide the certifications required by this section.

20 F. The Oklahoma Tax Commission may require copies of such  
21 reporting form provided by the State Fire Marshal Commission  
22 regarding training history to verify eligibility for the tax credits  
23 provided by this section.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

1 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2023.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House  
10 of Representatives