

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
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3 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 91 By: Woods of the Senate  
4 and  
5 Hardin of the House  
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7 [ water quality study - advisory groups - reporting  
8 requirement - fund - codification - effective date ]  
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13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause, and  
14 entire bill and insert:  
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16 "An Act relating to law enforcement; amending 70 O.S.  
17 2021, Section 3311, as last amended by Section 1,  
18 Chapter 65, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section  
19 3311), which relates to the creation of the Council  
20 on Law Enforcement Education and Training; modifying  
21 qualifications for the position of Executive  
22 Director; and declaring an emergency.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1       SECTION 1.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 3311, as  
2 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 65, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp.  
3 2024, Section 3311), is amended to read as follows:

4       Section 3311. A. There is hereby created a Council on Law  
5 Enforcement Education and Training which shall be, and is hereby  
6 declared to be, a governmental law enforcement agency of the State  
7 of Oklahoma, body politic and corporate, with powers of government  
8 and with the authority to exercise the rights, privileges and  
9 functions necessary to ensure the professional training and  
10 continuing education of law enforcement officers in this state.  
11 These rights, privileges and functions include, but are not limited  
12 to, those specified in Sections 3311 through 3311.15 of this title  
13 and in the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act and  
14 the Bail Enforcement and Licensing Act. The Council shall be  
15 authorized to require agency employees and the employees of agency  
16 contractors in positions to have access to Oklahoma Peace Officer  
17 records, Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator records,  
18 Bail Enforcement and Licensing Act records, to be subject to a  
19 criminal history search by the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
20 Investigation, as well as be fingerprinted for submission of the  
21 fingerprints through the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to  
22 the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history  
23 check. The Council shall be the recipient of the results of the  
24 record check. In accordance with Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the

1 Oklahoma Statutes, this includes a national criminal record with a  
2 finger print analysis. The Council shall be composed of thirteen  
3 (13) members as follows:

4 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, or  
5 designee;

6 2. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and  
7 Dangerous Drugs Control, or designee;

8 3. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation,  
9 or designee;

10 4. One member appointed by the Governor who shall be a law  
11 enforcement administrator representing a tribal law enforcement  
12 agency;

13 5. One member appointed by the Governor who shall be a chief of  
14 police of a municipality with a population over one hundred thousand  
15 (100,000), as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census;

16 6. One member appointed by the Board of Directors of the  
17 Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association who shall be a sheriff of a county  
18 with a population under twenty-five thousand (25,000), as determined  
19 by the latest Federal Decennial Census;

20 7. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs  
21 of Police who shall be a chief of police representing a municipality  
22 with a population over ten thousand (10,000), as determined by the  
23 latest Federal Decennial Census;

1        8. One member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of  
2 the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association who shall be a sheriff of a  
3 county with a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more,  
4 as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census;

5        9. One member appointed by the Board of Directors of the  
6 Fraternal Order of Police who shall have experience as a training  
7 officer;

8        10. One member appointed by the Chancellor of Higher Education  
9 who shall be a representative of East Central University;

10       11. One member appointed by the Board of Directors of the  
11 Oklahoma Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association who shall be a  
12 full-time law enforcement officer in good standing with CLEET within  
13 a county with a population under fifty thousand (50,000);

14       12. The President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate  
15 shall appoint one member from a list of three or more nominees  
16 submitted by a statewide organization representing cities and towns  
17 that is exempt from taxation under federal law and designated  
18 pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C.,  
19 Section 170(a); and

20       13. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall  
21 appoint one member from a list of three or more nominees submitted  
22 by an organization that assists in the establishment of  
23 accreditation standards and training programs for law enforcement  
24 agencies throughout this state.

1       The Executive Director selected by the Council shall be an ex  
2 officio member of the Council and shall act as Secretary. The  
3 Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training shall select a  
4 chair and vice-chair from among its members. Members of the Council  
5 on Law Enforcement Education and Training shall not receive a salary  
6 for duties performed as members of the Council, but shall be  
7 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
8 performance of Council duties pursuant to the provisions of the  
9 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

10       B. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training is  
11 hereby authorized and directed to:

12       1. Appoint a larger Advisory Council to discuss problems and  
13 hear recommendations concerning necessary research, minimum  
14 standards, educational needs, and other matters imperative to  
15 upgrading Oklahoma law enforcement to professional status;

16       2. Promulgate rules with respect to such matters as  
17 certification, revocation, suspension, withdrawal and reinstatement  
18 of certification, minimum courses of study, testing and test scores,  
19 attendance requirements, equipment and facilities, minimum  
20 qualifications for instructors, minimum standards for basic and  
21 advanced in-service courses, and seminars for Oklahoma police and  
22 peace officers;

23       3. Authorize research, basic and advanced courses, and seminars  
24 to assist in program planning directly and through subcommittees;

1        4. Authorize additional staff and services necessary for  
2 program expansion;

3        5. Recommend legislation necessary to upgrade Oklahoma law  
4 enforcement to professional status;

5        6. Establish policies and regulations concerning the number,  
6 geographic and police unit distribution, and admission requirements  
7 of those receiving tuition or scholarship aid available through the  
8 Council. Such waiver of costs shall be limited to duly appointed  
9 members of legally constituted local, county, and state law  
10 enforcement agencies on the basis of educational and financial need;

11        7. Appoint an Executive Director. The law enforcement agency  
12 shall be under the control of an executive officer to be known as  
13 the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training Executive  
14 Director, who shall direct the staff, inform the Council of  
15 compliance with the provisions of this section, and perform such  
16 other duties imposed on the Council by law. An Executive Director  
17 appointed by the Council ~~must qualify for the position~~ shall be a  
18 professional law enforcement officer with ~~a bachelor or higher~~  
19 ~~degree in law enforcement from an accredited college or university,~~  
20 ~~or a bachelor or higher degree in a law enforcement related subject~~  
21 ~~area, and~~ a minimum of ten (10) years of experience in the field of  
22 law enforcement as a supervisor or a minimum of five (5) years of  
23 ~~active law enforcement experience including, but not limited to,~~  
24 ~~responsibility for enforcement, investigation, administration,~~

1 ~~training, or curriculum implementation~~ in the field of law  
2 enforcement as a supervisor and a graduate of a four-year college  
3 with a degree in law enforcement administration, law, criminology,  
4 or a related science.

5 The Executive Director of the Council on Law Enforcement  
6 Education and Training may hire an Assistant Director to perform  
7 such duties as directed by the Executive Director.

8 The Executive Director of the Council on Law Enforcement  
9 Education and Training may commission CLEET staff as peace officers  
10 for purposes consistent with the duties of CLEET as set out in state  
11 law. The powers and duties conferred on the Executive Director or  
12 any staff member appointed by the Executive Director as a peace  
13 officer shall not limit the powers and duties of other peace  
14 officers of this state or any political subdivision thereof. The  
15 Executive Director or any staff member appointed by the Executive  
16 Director as a peace officer may, upon request, assist any federal,  
17 state, county or municipal law enforcement agency;

18 8. Enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of  
19 classroom space, food, and lodging expenses as may be necessary for  
20 law enforcement officers attending any official course of  
21 instruction approved or conducted by the Council. Such expenses may  
22 be paid directly to the contracting agency or business  
23 establishment. The food and lodging expenses for each law  
24 enforcement officer shall not exceed the authorized rates as

1 provided for in the State Travel Reimbursement Act; provided,  
2 however, the Council may provide food and lodging to law enforcement  
3 officials attending any official course of instruction approved or  
4 conducted by the Council rather than paying for the provision of  
5 such food and lodging by an outside contracting agency or business  
6 establishment;

7 9. a. Certify canine teams, consisting of a dog and a  
8 handler working together as a team, trained to detect:

- 9 (1) controlled dangerous substances, or  
10 (2) explosives, explosive materials, explosive  
11 devices, or materials which could be used to  
12 construct an explosive device;

13 provided, the dog of a certified canine team shall not  
14 be certified at any time as both a drug dog and a bomb  
15 dog, and any dog of a certified canine team who has  
16 been previously certified as either a drug dog or a  
17 bomb dog shall not be eligible at any time to be  
18 certified in the other category.

19 b. Upon retiring the dog from the service it was  
20 certified to perform, the law enforcement department  
21 that handled the dog shall retain possession of the  
22 dog. The handler shall have first option of adopting  
23 the dog. If that option is not exercised, the law  
24 enforcement department shall provide for its adoption.

1                   Once adopted the dog shall not be placed back into  
2                   active service;

3           10. Enter into a lease, loan or other agreement with the  
4 Oklahoma Development Finance Authority or a local public trust for  
5 the purpose of facilitating the financing of a new facility for its  
6 operations and use and pledge, to the extent authorized by law, all  
7 or a portion of its receipts of the assessment penalty herein  
8 referenced for the payment of its obligations under such lease, loan  
9 or other agreement. It is the intent of the Legislature to increase  
10 the assessment penalty to such a level or appropriate sufficient  
11 monies to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to  
12 make payments on the lease, loan or other agreement for the purpose  
13 of retiring the bonds to be issued by the Oklahoma Development  
14 Finance Authority or local public trust. Such lease, loan or other  
15 agreement and the bonds issued to finance such facilities shall not  
16 constitute an indebtedness of this state or be backed by the full  
17 faith and credit of this state, and the lease, loan or other  
18 agreement and the bonds shall contain a statement to such effect;

19           11. Accept gifts, bequests, devises, contributions and grants,  
20 public or private, of real or personal property;

21           12. Appoint an advisory committee composed of representatives  
22 from security guard and private investigative agencies to advise the  
23 Council concerning necessary research, minimum standards for  
24 licensure, education, and other matters related to licensure of

1 security guards, security guard agencies, private investigators, and  
2 private investigative agencies;

3 13. Enter into agreements with individuals, educational  
4 institutions, agencies, and business and tribal entities for  
5 professional services, the use of facilities and supplies, and staff  
6 overtime costs incurred as a result of the user's requests to  
7 schedule functions after-hours, on weekends, or anytime such  
8 requests extend staff beyond its normal capacity, whereby  
9 contracting individuals, educational institutions, agencies, and  
10 business and tribal entities shall pay a fee to be determined by the  
11 Council by rule. All fees collected pursuant to facilities usage  
12 shall be deposited to the credit of the C.L.E.E.T. Training Center  
13 Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 3311.6 of this title.  
14 All other fees collected pursuant to these agreements shall be  
15 deposited to the credit of the Peace Officer Revolving Fund created  
16 pursuant to Section 3311.7 of this title. The Council is authorized  
17 to promulgate emergency rules to effectuate the provisions of this  
18 paragraph;

19 14. Promulgate rules to establish a state firearms  
20 requalification standard for active peace officers and meet any  
21 requirements imposed on the Council by the federal Law Enforcement  
22 Officers Safety Act of 2004;

23 15. Set minimal criteria relating to qualifications for chief  
24 of police administrative training pursuant to Section 34-102 of

1 Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, assist in developing a course of  
2 training for a Police Chief Administrative School, and approve all  
3 police chief administrative training offered in this state;

4 16. Appoint a Curriculum Review Board to be composed of six (6)  
5 members as follows:

- 6 a. one member shall be selected by the Chancellor for  
7 Higher Education, who possesses a background of  
8 creation and review of curriculum and experience  
9 teaching criminal justice or law enforcement courses,  
10 who shall serve an initial term of one (1) year,
- 11 b. one member shall represent a municipal jurisdiction  
12 with a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more  
13 and who shall be a management-level CLEET-certified  
14 training officer, who shall serve an initial term of  
15 two (2) years,
- 16 c. one member shall represent a county jurisdiction with  
17 a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more and  
18 who shall be a management-level CLEET-certified  
19 training officer, who shall serve an initial term of  
20 three (3) years,
- 21 d. one member shall represent a municipal jurisdiction  
22 with a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000)  
23 and who shall be a CLEET-certified training officer,  
24 who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years,

- 1           e.    one member shall represent a county jurisdiction with  
2               a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000) and  
3               who shall be a CLEET-certified training officer, who  
4               shall serve an initial term of one (1) year, and  
5           f.    one member selected by the Oklahoma Department of  
6               Career and Technology, who shall have experience in  
7               the creation and review of curriculum as well as  
8               experience in teaching criminal justice or law  
9               enforcement courses, who shall serve an initial term  
10              of three (3) years.

11        After the initial terms of office, all members shall be  
12 appointed to serve three-year terms. Any member may be reappointed  
13 to serve consecutive terms. Members shall serve without  
14 compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to  
15 the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The Board shall review and  
16 establish curriculum for all CLEET academies and training courses  
17 pursuant to procedures established by the Council on Law Enforcement  
18 Education and Training;

19        17. Conduct review and verification of any records relating to  
20 the statutory duties of CLEET;

21        18. Receive requested reports including investigative reports,  
22 court documents, statements, or other applicable information from  
23 local, county and state agencies and other agencies for use in  
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1 actions where a certification or license issued by CLEET may be  
2 subject to disciplinary or other actions provided by law;

3 19. Summarily suspend a certification of a peace officer,  
4 without prior notice but otherwise subject to administrative  
5 proceedings, if CLEET finds that the actions of the certified peace  
6 officer may present a danger to the peace officer, the public, a  
7 family or household member, or involve a crime against a minor. A  
8 certified copy of the information or indictment charging such a  
9 crime shall be considered clear and convincing evidence of the  
10 charge; and

11 20. Approve law enforcement agencies and police departments in  
12 accordance with the following:

13 a. this section applies only to an entity authorized by  
14 statute or by the Constitution to create a law  
15 enforcement agency or police department and  
16 commission, appoint, or employ officers that first  
17 creates or reactivates an inactive law enforcement  
18 agency or police department and first begins to  
19 commission, appoint, or employ officers on or after  
20 November 1, 2011,

21 b. the entity shall submit to CLEET, a minimum of sixty  
22 (60) days prior to creation of the law enforcement  
23 agency or police department, information regarding:  
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- (1) the need for the law enforcement agency or police department in the community,
- (2) the funding sources for the law enforcement agency or police department, and proof that no more than fifty percent (50%) of the funding of the entity will be derived from ticket revenue or fines,
- (3) the physical resources available to officers,
- (4) the physical facilities that the law enforcement agency or police department will operate including descriptions of the evidence room, dispatch area, restroom facilities, and public area,
- (5) law enforcement policies of the law enforcement agency or police department including published policies on:
  - (a) use of force,
  - (b) vehicle pursuit,
  - (c) mental health,
  - (d) professional conduct of officers,
  - (e) domestic abuse,
  - (f) response to missing persons,
  - (g) supervision of part-time officers, and
  - (h) impartial policing,

- 1 (6) the administrative structure of the law  
2 enforcement agency or police department,  
3 (7) liability insurance, and  
4 (8) any other information CLEET requires by rule,  
5 c. within sixty (60) days of receiving an entity's  
6 request, CLEET will forward to the entity by certified  
7 mail, return receipt requested, a letter of  
8 authorization or denial to create a law enforcement  
9 agency or police department and commission, appoint,  
10 or employ officers, signed by the Executive Director  
11 of CLEET, and  
12 d. in cases of denial, the entity may appeal the decision  
13 of the Executive Director to the full CLEET Council.  
14 The Executive Director shall ensure that the final  
15 report is provided to all members of the Council. The  
16 Council shall review and make recommendations  
17 concerning the report at the first meeting of the  
18 Council to occur after all members of the Council have  
19 received the report. The Council may, by majority  
20 vote:  
21 (1) order additional information be provided,  
22 (2) order confirmation of the opinion of the  
23 Executive Director, or  
24 (3) order authorization of the entity.

1 C. 1. Payment of any fee provided for in this section may be  
2 made by a nationally recognized credit or debit card issued to the  
3 applicant. The Council may publicly post and collect a fee for the  
4 acceptance of the nationally recognized credit or debit card not to  
5 exceed five percent (5%) of the amount of the payment. For purposes  
6 of this subsection, "nationally recognized credit card" means any  
7 instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate,  
8 charge plate, or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an  
9 issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services,  
10 or anything else of value and which is accepted by over one thousand  
11 merchants in this state. "Debit card" means an identification card  
12 or device issued to a person by a business organization which  
13 permits such person to obtain access to or activate a consumer  
14 banking electronic facility. The Council shall determine which  
15 nationally recognized credit or debit cards will be accepted as  
16 payment for fees.

17 2. Payment for any fee provided for in this title may be made  
18 by a business check. The Council may:

19 a. add an amount equal to the amount of the service  
20 charge incurred, not to exceed three percent (3%) of  
21 the amount of the check as a service charge for the  
22 acceptance and verification of the check, or

23 b. add an amount of no more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) as  
24 a service charge for the acceptance and verification

1 of a check. For purposes of this subsection,  
2 "business check" shall not mean a money order,  
3 cashier's check, or bank-certified check.

4 D. Failure of the Legislature to appropriate necessary funds to  
5 provide for expenses and operations of the Council on Law  
6 Enforcement Education and Training shall not invalidate other  
7 provisions of this section relating to the creation and duties of  
8 the Council.

9 E. 1. No person shall be eligible for employment as a peace  
10 officer or reserve peace officer until the employing law enforcement  
11 agency has conducted a background investigation of such person  
12 consisting of the following:

13 a. a fingerprint search submitted to the Oklahoma State  
14 Bureau of Investigation with a return report to the  
15 submitting agency that such person has no felony  
16 record,

17 b. a fingerprint search submitted to the Federal Bureau  
18 of Investigation with a return report to the  
19 submitting agency that such person has no felony  
20 record,

21 c. such person has undergone psychological evaluation by  
22 a psychologist licensed by the State of Oklahoma and  
23 has been evaluated to be suitable to serve as a peace  
24 officer in the State of Oklahoma,

- 1           d.    the employing agency has verified that such person has  
2               a high school diploma or a GED equivalency certificate  
3               as recognized by state law,
- 4           e.    such person is not participating in a deferred  
5               sentence agreement for a felony, a crime involving  
6               moral turpitude or a crime of domestic violence, and  
7               does not have any criminal charges pending in any  
8               court in this state, another state, in tribal court or  
9               pursuant to the United States Code,
- 10          f.    such person is not currently subject to an order of  
11               the Council revoking, suspending, or accepting a  
12               voluntary surrender of peace officer certification,
- 13          g.    such person is not currently undergoing treatment for  
14               a mental illness, condition or disorder. For purposes  
15               of this subsection, "currently undergoing treatment  
16               for mental illness, condition or disorder" means the  
17               person has been diagnosed by a licensed physician,  
18               psychologist, or licensed mental health professional  
19               as being afflicted with a substantial disorder of  
20               thought, mood, perception, psychological orientation  
21               or memory that significantly impairs judgment,  
22               behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to  
23               meet the ordinary demands of life and such condition  
24               continues to exist,

1           h.    such person is twenty-one (21) years of age.

2                Provided, this requirement shall not affect those  
3                persons who are already employed as a police or peace  
4                officer prior to November 1, 1985, and

5           i.    such person has provided proof of United States  
6                citizenship or resident alien status, pursuant to an  
7                employment eligibility verification form from the  
8                United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

9           2.    To aid the evaluating psychologist in interpreting the test  
10           results including automated scoring and interpretations, the  
11           employing agency shall provide the psychologist a statement  
12           confirming the identity of the individual taking the test as the  
13           person who is employed or seeking employment as a peace officer of  
14           the agency and attesting that it administered the psychological  
15           instrument in accordance with standards within the test document.  
16           The psychologist shall report to the employing agency the evaluation  
17           of the assessment instrument and may include any additional  
18           recommendations to assist the employing agency in determining  
19           whether to certify to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and  
20           Training that the person being evaluated is suitable to serve as a  
21           peace officer in this state. No additional procedures or  
22           requirements shall be imposed for performance of the psychological  
23           evaluation. The psychological instrument utilized shall be  
24           evaluated by a psychologist licensed by the State of Oklahoma, and

1 the employing agency shall certify to the Council that the  
2 evaluation was conducted in accordance with this provision and that  
3 the employee or applicant is suitable to serve as a peace officer in  
4 this state.

5       a. Any person found not to be suitable for employment or  
6       certification by the Council shall not be employed,  
7       retained in employment as a peace officer, or  
8       certified by the Council for at least one (1) year, at  
9       which time the employee or applicant may be  
10      reevaluated by a psychologist licensed by the State of  
11      Oklahoma. This section shall also be applicable to  
12      all reserve peace officers in this state.

13      b. Any person who is certified by CLEET and has undergone  
14      the psychological evaluation required by this  
15      subparagraph and has been found to be suitable as a  
16      peace officer shall not be required to be reevaluated  
17      for any subsequent employment as a peace officer  
18      following retirement or any break in service as a  
19      peace officer, unless such break in service exceeds  
20      five (5) years or the Council determines that a peace  
21      officer may present a danger to himself or herself,  
22      the public, or a family or household member.

23      c. All persons seeking certification shall have their  
24      name, gender, date of birth, and address of such

1 person submitted to the Department of Mental Health  
2 and Substance Abuse Services by the Council. The  
3 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
4 Services shall respond to the Council within ten (10)  
5 days whether the computerized records of the  
6 Department indicate the applicant has ever been  
7 involuntarily committed to an Oklahoma state mental  
8 institution. In the event that the Department of  
9 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services reports to  
10 the Council that the applicant has been involuntarily  
11 committed, the Council shall immediately inform the  
12 employing agency.

13 All basic police courses shall include a minimum of four (4)  
14 hours of education and training in recognizing and managing a person  
15 appearing to require mental health treatment or services. The  
16 training shall include training in crime and drug prevention, crisis  
17 intervention, youth and family intervention techniques, recognizing,  
18 investigating and preventing abuse and exploitation of elderly  
19 persons, mental health issues, and criminal jurisdiction on  
20 Sovereign Indian Land.

21 Subject to the availability of funding, for full-time salaried  
22 police or peace officers a basic police course academy shall consist  
23 of a minimum of six hundred (600) hours.

1 For reserve deputies a basic reserve academy shall consist of a  
2 minimum of two hundred forty (240) hours.

3 3. Beginning January 1, 2018, any reserve peace officer who has  
4 completed the two-hundred-forty-hour reserve peace officer  
5 certification program and who has been in active service in that  
6 capacity for the past six (6) months shall be eligible to attend a  
7 three-hundred-sixty-hour basic full-time training academy to become  
8 certified as a full-time peace or police officer.

9 4. Every person who has not been certified as a police or peace  
10 officer and is duly appointed or elected as a police or peace  
11 officer shall hold such position on a temporary basis only, and  
12 shall, within six (6) months from the date of appointment or taking  
13 office, qualify as required in this subsection or forfeit such  
14 position. In computing the time for qualification, all service  
15 shall be cumulative from date of first appointment or taking office  
16 as a police or peace officer with any department in this state.

17 a. The Council may extend the time requirement specified  
18 in this paragraph for good cause as determined by the  
19 Council.

20 b. A duty is hereby imposed upon the employing agency to  
21 withhold payment of the compensation or wage of such  
22 unqualified officer.

23 c. If the police or peace officer fails to forfeit the  
24 position or the employing agency fails to require the

1 officer to forfeit the position, the district attorney  
2 shall file the proper action to cause the forfeiting  
3 of such position. The district court of the county  
4 where the officer is employed shall have jurisdiction  
5 to hear the case.

6 5. The Council may certify officers who have completed a course  
7 of study in another state deemed by the Council to meet standards  
8 for Oklahoma peace officers providing the officer's certification in  
9 the other state has not been revoked or voluntarily surrendered and  
10 is not currently under suspension.

11 6. For purposes of this section, a police or peace officer is  
12 defined as a full-time duly appointed or elected officer who is paid  
13 for working more than twenty-five (25) hours per week and whose  
14 duties are to preserve the public peace, protect life and property,  
15 prevent crime, serve warrants, transport prisoners, and enforce laws  
16 and ordinances of this state, or any political subdivision thereof;  
17 provided, elected sheriffs and their deputies and elected,  
18 appointed, or acting chiefs of police shall meet the requirements of  
19 this subsection within the first six (6) months after assuming the  
20 duties of the office to which they are elected or appointed or for  
21 which they are an acting chief; provided further, that this section  
22 shall not apply to persons designated by the Director of the  
23 Department of Corrections as peace officers pursuant to Section 510  
24 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 F. No person shall be certified as a police or peace officer by  
2 the Council or be employed by the state, a county, a city, or any  
3 political subdivision thereof, who is currently subject to an order  
4 of the Council revoking, suspending, or accepting a voluntary  
5 surrender of peace officer certification or who has been convicted  
6 of a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or a crime of  
7 domestic violence, unless a full pardon has been granted by the  
8 proper agency; however, any person who has been trained and  
9 certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
10 and is actively employed as a full-time peace officer as of November  
11 1, 1985, shall not be subject to the provisions of this subsection  
12 for convictions occurring prior to November 1, 1985.

13 G. 1. The Council is hereby authorized to provide to any  
14 employing agency the following information regarding a person who is  
15 or has applied for employment as a police or peace officer of such  
16 employing agency:

- 17 a. Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and Federal  
18 Bureau of Investigation reports,
- 19 b. administration of the psychological tests provided for  
20 herein,
- 21 c. performance in the course of study or other basis of  
22 certification,
- 23 d. previous certifications issued, and

1           e.    any administrative or judicial determination denying  
2                certification.

3           2.   An employing agency shall not be liable in any action  
4 arising out of the release of contents of personnel information  
5 relevant to the qualifications or ability of a person to perform the  
6 duties of a police or peace officer when such information is  
7 released pursuant to written authorization for release of  
8 information signed by such person and is provided to another  
9 employing agency which has employed or has received an application  
10 for employment from such person.

11          3.   As used in this subsection, "employing agency" means a  
12 political subdivision or law enforcement agency which either has  
13 employed or received an employment application from a person who, if  
14 employed, would be subject to this section.

15          H.   1.   A law enforcement agency employing police or peace  
16 officers in this state shall report the hiring, resignation, or  
17 termination for any reason of a police or peace officer to the  
18 Council within ten (10) days. Failure to comply with the provisions  
19 of this subsection may disqualify a law enforcement agency from  
20 participating in training programs sponsored by the Council. Every  
21 law enforcement agency employing police or peace officers in this  
22 state shall submit to CLEET on or before October 1 of each calendar  
23 year a complete list of all commissioned employees with a current  
24 mailing address and phone number for each such employee. In

1 addition to the above, CLEET may impose an administrative fine for  
2 violations of this section.

3       2. A tribal law enforcement agency that has peace officers  
4 commissioned by an Oklahoma law enforcement agency pursuant to a  
5 cross-deputization agreement with the State of Oklahoma or any  
6 political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the  
7 provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes  
8 shall report the commissioning, resignation, or termination of  
9 commission for any reason of a cross-deputized tribal police or  
10 peace officer to CLEET within ten (10) days of the commissioning,  
11 resignation, or termination. Failure to comply with the provisions  
12 of this subsection may disqualify a tribal law enforcement agency  
13 from participating in training programs sponsored by the Council.

14       I. It is unlawful for any person to willfully make any  
15 statement in an application to CLEET knowing the statement is false  
16 or intentionally commit fraud in any application to the Council for  
17 attendance in any CLEET-conducted or CLEET-approved peace officer  
18 academy or Collegiate Officer Program or for the purpose of  
19 obtaining peace officer certification or reinstatement. It is  
20 unlawful for any person to willfully submit false or fraudulent  
21 documents relating to continuing education rosters, transcripts or  
22 certificates, or any canine license application. Any person  
23 convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a  
24 felony punishable by imprisonment in the Department of Corrections

1 for a term of not less than two (2) years nor more than five (5)  
2 years, or by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00),  
3 or by both such fine and imprisonment. In addition to the above,  
4 CLEET may impose an administrative fine.

5 J. 1. A police or peace officer shall be subject to  
6 disciplinary action to include a denial, suspension, revocation or  
7 acceptance of voluntary surrender of peace officer certification  
8 upon a showing of clear and convincing evidence for the following:

- 9 a. conviction of a felony or a crime of domestic  
10 violence,
- 11 b. conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;  
12 provided, if the conviction is a single isolated  
13 incident that occurred more than five (5) years ago  
14 and the Council is satisfied that the person has been  
15 sufficiently rehabilitated, the Council may, in its  
16 discretion, certify such person providing that all  
17 other statutory requirements have been met,
- 18 c. a verdict of guilt or entry of a plea of guilty or  
19 nolo contendere or an "Alford" plea or any plea other  
20 than a not guilty plea for a felony offense, a crime  
21 of moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic violence,
- 22 d. falsification or a willful misrepresentation of  
23 information in an employment application or  
24 application to the Council on Law Enforcement

1 Education and Training, records of evidence, or in  
2 testimony under oath,

3 e. revocation or voluntary surrender of police or peace  
4 officer certification in another state for a violation  
5 of any law or rule or in settlement of any  
6 disciplinary action in such state,

7 f. involuntary commitment of a reserve or peace officer  
8 in a mental institution or licensed private mental  
9 health facility for any mental illness, condition or  
10 disorder that is diagnosed by a licensed physician,  
11 psychologist or a licensed mental health professional  
12 as a substantial disorder of thought, mood,  
13 perception, psychological orientation, or memory that  
14 significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to  
15 recognize reality, or ability to meet the ordinary  
16 demands of life. Provided, the peace officer  
17 certification may be reinstated upon the Council  
18 receiving notification of a psychological evaluation  
19 conducted by a licensed physician, psychologist or  
20 licensed mental health professional which attests and  
21 states by affidavit that the officer and the  
22 evaluation test data of the officer have been examined  
23 and that, in the professional opinion of the  
24 physician, psychologist or licensed mental health

1 professional, the officer is psychologically suitable  
2 to return to duty as a peace officer. Notwithstanding  
3 any other provision of state law pertaining to  
4 confidentiality of hospital or other medical records,  
5 and as allowable under federal law, CLEET may subpoena  
6 or request a court to subpoena records necessary to  
7 assure compliance with these provisions. Any  
8 confidential information received by CLEET for such  
9 purpose shall retain its confidential character while  
10 in the possession of CLEET,

11 g. abuse of office,

12 h. entry of a final order of protection against applicant  
13 or officer, or

14 i. any violation of the Oklahoma Private Security  
15 Licensing Act.

16 2. Disciplinary proceedings shall be commenced by filing a  
17 complaint with the Council on a form approved by the Council. Any  
18 employing agency or other person having information may submit such  
19 information to the Council for consideration as provided in this  
20 subsection.

21 3. Upon the filing of the complaint, a preliminary  
22 investigation shall be conducted to determine whether:  
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1           a.    there is reason to believe the person has violated any  
2                provision of this subsection or any other provision of  
3                law or rule, or

4           b.    there is reason to believe the person has been  
5                convicted of a felony, a crime involving moral  
6                turpitude or a domestic violence offense or is  
7                currently participating in a deferred sentence for  
8                such offenses.

9           4.    When the investigation of a complaint does not find the  
10           person has violated any of the provisions of this subsection, or  
11           finds that the person is sufficiently rehabilitated as provided in  
12           subparagraph b or f of paragraph 1 of this subsection, no  
13           disciplinary action shall be required and the person shall remain  
14           certified as a police or peace officer. When the investigation of a  
15           complaint finds that the person has violated any of the provisions  
16           of this subsection, the matter shall be referred for disciplinary  
17           proceedings. The disciplinary proceedings shall be in accordance  
18           with Articles I and II of the Administrative Procedures Act.

19           5.    The Council shall revoke the certification of any person  
20           upon determining that such person has been convicted of a felony or  
21           a crime involving moral turpitude or a domestic violence offense or  
22           has entered a plea of guilty, or nolo contendere or an "Alford" plea  
23           or any plea other than a not guilty plea for a felony offense, a  
24           crime of moral turpitude or a crime of domestic violence or is the

1 respondent in a final victim protective order; provided, that if the  
2 conviction has been reversed, vacated or otherwise invalidated by an  
3 appellate court, such conviction shall not be the basis for  
4 revocation of certification; provided further, that any person who  
5 has been trained and certified by the Council on Law Enforcement  
6 Education and Training and is actively employed as a full-time peace  
7 officer as of November 1, 1985, shall not be subject to the  
8 provisions of this subsection for convictions occurring prior to  
9 November 1, 1985. The sole issue to be determined at the hearing  
10 shall be whether the person has been convicted of a felony, a crime  
11 involving moral turpitude or a domestic violence offense or is the  
12 named respondent/defendant in a final victim protective order.

13 6. The Council shall revoke the certification of any person  
14 upon determining that such person has received a deferred sentence  
15 for a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude or a domestic  
16 violence offense.

17 7. The Council may suspend the certification of any person upon  
18 a determination that such person has been involuntarily committed to  
19 a mental institution or mental health facility for a mental illness,  
20 condition or disorder as provided in subparagraph f of paragraph 1  
21 of this subsection.

22 8. Every law enforcement agency in this state shall, within  
23 thirty (30) days of a final order of termination or resignation  
24 while under investigation of a CLEET-certified peace officer, report

1 such order or resignation in writing to the Executive Director of  
2 the Council. Any report, upon receipt by the Council, shall be  
3 considered as personnel records and shall be afforded confidential  
4 protection pursuant to Sections 24A.7 and 24A.8 of Title 51 of the  
5 Oklahoma Statutes. Any medical or other confidential records  
6 obtained by subpoena pursuant to this subsection shall not be made a  
7 part of such report. The Executive Director shall ensure that the  
8 report is provided to all members of the Council. The Council shall  
9 review and make recommendations concerning the report at the first  
10 meeting of the Council to occur after all members of the Council  
11 have received the report. The Council may, by a majority vote,  
12 order the suspension, for a given period of time, or revocation of  
13 the CLEET certification of the peace officer in question if there  
14 are grounds for such actions pursuant to this section and the peace  
15 officer in question has been provided with notice and an opportunity  
16 for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.  
17 Suspension or revocation of CLEET certification pursuant to this  
18 paragraph shall be reported to the district attorney for the  
19 jurisdiction in which the peace officer was employed, to the  
20 liability insurance company of the law enforcement agency that  
21 employed the peace officer, the chief elected official of the  
22 governing body of the law enforcement agency and the chief law  
23 enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency.

1        9. For all other violations of this subsection, the hearing  
2 examiner shall take into consideration the severity of the  
3 violation, any mitigating circumstances offered by the person  
4 subject to disciplinary action, and any other evidence relevant to  
5 the person's character to determine the appropriate disciplinary  
6 action.

7        10. a. A police or peace officer may voluntarily surrender  
8 and relinquish the peace officer certification to  
9 CLEET. Pursuant to such surrender or relinquishment,  
10 the person surrendering the certification shall be  
11 prohibited from applying to CLEET for reinstatement  
12 within five (5) years of the date of the surrender or  
13 relinquishment, unless otherwise provided by law for  
14 reinstatement.

15        b. No person who has had a police or peace officer  
16 certification from another state revoked or  
17 voluntarily surrendered and has not been reinstated by  
18 that state shall be considered for certification by  
19 CLEET.

20        c. Any person seeking reinstatement of police or peace  
21 officer certification which has been suspended,  
22 revoked, or voluntarily surrendered may apply for  
23 reinstatement pursuant to promulgated CLEET rules  
24 governing reinstatement. Except as provided in this

1 subsection, any person whose certification has been  
2 revoked, suspended or voluntarily surrendered for any  
3 reason including failure to comply with mandatory  
4 education and training requirements, shall pay a  
5 reinstatement fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars  
6 (\$150.00) to be deposited to the credit of the Peace  
7 Officer Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section  
8 3311.7 of this title.

9 11. A duty is hereby imposed upon the district attorney who, on  
10 behalf of the State of Oklahoma, prosecutes a person holding police  
11 or peace officer or reserve peace officer certification for a  
12 felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic  
13 violence in which a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or an "Alford"  
14 plea or any other plea other than a not guilty plea or other finding  
15 of guilt is entered by, against or on behalf of a certified police  
16 or peace officer to report such plea, agreement, or other finding of  
17 guilt to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
18 within ten (10) days of such plea agreement or the finding of guilt.

19 12. Any person or agency required or authorized to submit  
20 information pursuant to this section to the Council shall be immune  
21 from liability arising from the submission of the information as  
22 long as the information was submitted in good faith and without  
23 malice.  
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1        13. Any peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency in  
2 this state which has internal discipline policies and procedures on  
3 file with CLEET shall be exempt from the disciplinary proceedings  
4 and actions provided for in this subsection; provided, however, such  
5 exemption shall not apply if the peace officer has been convicted of  
6 a felony crime, a crime of moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic  
7 violence.

8        14. All criminal proceedings initiated against a CLEET-  
9 certified peace officer or reserve peace officer shall be reported  
10 by the officer to CLEET immediately after arrest or discovery of the  
11 filing of such criminal proceeding. All CLEET-certified peace  
12 officers and reserve peace officers shall be required to report when  
13 a victim protective order has been issued against the officer  
14 including orders issued on an emergency basis and all final orders  
15 of protection. Failure to give notice pursuant to the provisions of  
16 this paragraph may be cause to initiate an action against the  
17 officer by CLEET.

18        15. As used in this subsection:

- 19            a. "law enforcement agency" means any department or  
20                agency of the state, a county, a municipality, or  
21                political subdivision thereof, with the duties to  
22                maintain public order, make arrests, and enforce the  
23                criminal laws of this state or municipal ordinances,  
24                which employs CLEET-certified personnel,

1           b. "final order of termination" means a final notice of  
2           dismissal from employment provided after all  
3           grievance, arbitration, and court actions have been  
4           completed, and

5           c. "resignation while under investigation" means the  
6           resignation from employment of a peace officer who is  
7           under investigation for any felony violation of law, a  
8           crime of moral turpitude, a crime of domestic  
9           violence, or the resignation from employment of a  
10          peace officer as part of an arbitration or plea  
11          agreement.

12          K. 1. Every canine team in the state trained to detect  
13          controlled dangerous substances shall be certified, by test, in the  
14          detection of such controlled dangerous substances and shall be  
15          recertified annually so long as the canine is used for such  
16          detection purposes. The certification test and annual  
17          recertification test provisions of this subsection shall not be  
18          applicable to canines that are owned by a law enforcement agency and  
19          that are certified and annually recertified in the detection of  
20          controlled dangerous substances by the United States Customs  
21          Service. No employee of CLEET may be involved in the training or  
22          testing of a canine team.

23          2. The Council shall appoint a Drug Dog Advisory Council to  
24          make recommendations concerning minimum standards, educational

1 needs, and other matters imperative to the certification of canines  
2 and canine teams trained to detect controlled dangerous substances.  
3 The Council shall promulgate rules based upon the recommendations of  
4 the Advisory Council. Members of the Advisory Council shall  
5 include, but need not be limited to, a commissioned officer with  
6 practical knowledge of such canines and canine teams from each of  
7 the following:

- 8 a. the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous  
9 Drugs Control,
- 10 b. the Department of Public Safety,
- 11 c. a police department,
- 12 d. a sheriff's office, and
- 13 e. a university or college campus police department.

14 3. The fee for the certification test shall be Two Hundred  
15 Dollars (\$200.00) and the annual recertification test fee shall be  
16 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per canine team. A retest fee of  
17 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be charged if the team fails the test.  
18 No such fee shall be charged to any local, state or federal  
19 government agency. The fees provided for in this paragraph shall be  
20 deposited to the credit of the CLEET Fund created pursuant to  
21 Section 1313.2 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22 L. 1. Every canine team in the state trained to detect  
23 explosives, explosive materials, explosive devices, and materials  
24 which could be used to construct an explosive device shall be

1 certified, by test, in the detection of such explosives and  
2 materials and shall be recertified annually so long as the canine is  
3 used for such detection purposes. The certification test and annual  
4 recertification test provisions of this subsection shall not be  
5 applicable to canines that are owned by a law enforcement agency if  
6 such canines are certified and annually recertified in the detection  
7 of explosives and materials by the United States Department of  
8 Defense. No employee of CLEET may be involved in the training or  
9 testing of a canine team.

10 2. The Council shall appoint a Bomb Dog Advisory Council to  
11 make recommendations concerning minimum standards, educational  
12 needs, and other matters imperative to the certification of canines  
13 and canine teams trained to detect explosives, explosive materials,  
14 explosive devices and materials which could be used to construct an  
15 explosive device. The Council shall promulgate rules based upon the  
16 recommendations of the Advisory Council. Members of the Advisory  
17 Council shall include, but need not be limited to, a commissioned  
18 officer with practical knowledge of such canines and canine teams  
19 from each of the following:

- 20 a. the Department of Public Safety,
- 21 b. a police department,
- 22 c. a sheriff's office, and
- 23 d. a university or college campus police department.

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2 Dollars (\$200.00) and the annual recertification test fee shall be  
3 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per canine team. A retest fee of  
4 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be charged if the team fails the test.  
5 No such fee shall be charged to any local, state or federal  
6 government agency. The fees provided for in this paragraph shall be  
7 deposited to the credit of the CLEET Fund created pursuant to  
8 Section 1313.2 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

9        M. All tribal police officers of any Indian tribe or nation who  
10 have been commissioned by an Oklahoma law enforcement agency  
11 pursuant to a cross-deputization agreement with the State of  
12 Oklahoma or any political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma  
13 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74 of the  
14 Oklahoma Statutes shall be eligible for peace officer certification  
15 under the same terms and conditions required of members of the law  
16 enforcement agencies of the State of Oklahoma and its political  
17 subdivisions. CLEET shall issue peace officer certification to  
18 tribal police officers who, as of July 1, 2003, are commissioned by  
19 an Oklahoma law enforcement agency pursuant to a cross-deputization  
20 agreement with the State of Oklahoma or any political subdivision of  
21 the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the provisions of Section 1221 of  
22 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and have met the training and  
23 qualification requirements of this section.

1 N. If an employing law enforcement agency in this state has  
2 paid for CLEET training and the salary of a person while that person  
3 is completing in this state a basic police course approved by the  
4 Council and if within one (1) year after the date the person is  
5 commissioned with the law enforcement agency that person resigns and  
6 is hired by another law enforcement agency in this state, the second  
7 law enforcement agency or the person receiving the training shall  
8 reimburse the original employing law enforcement agency for the cost  
9 of CLEET training and salary paid to the person while completing the  
10 basic police course by the original employing law enforcement  
11 agency. If the person leaves the original employing law enforcement  
12 agency later than one (1) year, but less than two (2) years, after  
13 the date the person is commissioned with the law enforcement agency,  
14 the second law enforcement agency or the person receiving the  
15 training shall reimburse the original employing law enforcement  
16 agency fifty percent (50%) of the cost of CLEET training and salary  
17 paid to the person while completing the basic police course by the  
18 original employing law enforcement agency. CLEET shall not be a  
19 party to any court action based on this provision.

20 O. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, in  
21 its discretion, may waive all or part of any moneys due to the  
22 Council, if deemed uncollectable by the Council.

23 P. Peace officers, reserve peace officers, tribal peace  
24 officers, agencies, bail enforcers, security guards and private

1 investigators shall maintain with the Council current mailing  
2 addresses and shall notify the Council, in writing, of any change of  
3 address or name. Notification of change of name shall require  
4 certified copies of any marriage license or other court document  
5 which reflects the change of name. Notice of change of address or  
6 telephone number must be made within ten (10) days of the effected  
7 change. Notices shall not be accepted over the phone. In any  
8 proceeding in which the Council is required to serve notice or an  
9 order on an individual or an agency, the Council may send a letter  
10 to the mailing address on file with the Council. If the letter is  
11 returned and a notation of the U.S. Postal Service indicates  
12 "unclaimed", or "moved", or "refused" or any other nondelivery  
13 markings and the records of the Council indicate that no change of  
14 address as required by this subsection has been received by the  
15 Council, the notice and any subsequent notices or orders shall be  
16 deemed by the Court as having been legally served for all purposes.

17 Q. All CLEET records of bail enforcers may be released only in  
18 compliance with this section and the Bail Enforcement and Licensing  
19 Act. All records in CLEET possession concerning other persons or  
20 entities shall be released only in compliance with this section and  
21 the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

22 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

3 Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2025.

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1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 91

By: Woods of the Senate

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4 Hardin of the House

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6 [ water quality study - advisory groups - reporting  
7 requirement - fund - codification - effective date ]  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-7-111 of Title 27A, unless  
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Spring  
15 Creek Watershed Study Act".

16 B. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission, in partnership with  
17 other local, state, and federal agencies and non-governmental  
18 organizations shall undertake a comprehensive water quality study of  
19 the Spring Creek Watershed located in Cherokee, Delaware, and Mayes  
20 counties near Kansas, Oklahoma. The study shall examine methods to  
21 protect and improve the health of the aquatic habitat in the  
22 watershed. The findings of the study shall be used to implement  
23 voluntary, incentive-based conservation practices by the Commission  
24 in partnership with other local, state, and federal agencies.

1 Implementation of study findings shall be subject to availability of  
2 resources.

3 C. There is hereby created the Spring Creek Watershed Water  
4 Quality Advisory Group, organized by the Commission and the local  
5 conservation districts in the watershed. The advisory group shall  
6 consist of the following members:

7 1. Three members representing the local conservation districts  
8 in the watershed, appointed by the Commission;

9 2. Three local landowners, appointed by the local conservation  
10 districts in the watershed, who predominantly reside in the  
11 watershed full time and who represent major types of land management  
12 in the watershed including, but not limited to, poultry production,  
13 livestock grazing, and forestry land management;

14 3. One landowner, appointed by the local conservation districts  
15 in the watershed, who predominantly resides outside the watershed;

16 4. One member representing the municipal government of Kansas,  
17 Oklahoma, appointed by the Commission;

18 5. One member representing the municipal government of Oaks,  
19 Oklahoma, appointed by the Commission; and

20 6. Any other members deemed necessary for inclusion by the  
21 Advisory Group, to be appointed by the Commission.

22 D. In addition to the advisory group described in subsection C  
23 of this section, a technical advisory group shall be established to  
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1 support the efforts of the study. Membership of the technical  
2 advisory group shall consist of:

- 3 1. The Secretary of Agriculture or his or her designee;
- 4 2. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental  
5 Quality or his or her designee;
- 6 3. One member representing the Natural Resources Conservation  
7 Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA NRCS);
- 8 4. One member representing the Farm Service Agency of the  
9 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA FSA);
- 10 5. One member representing the Grand River Dam Authority;
- 11 6. One member representing the Department of Wildlife  
12 Conservation;
- 13 7. One member representing the National Watershed Coalition;
- 14 and
- 15 8. One member representing the Cherokee Nation.

16 E. Members of the advisory groups described in subsections C  
17 and D of this section shall serve without compensation. The  
18 Commission shall provide the physical space for meetings of the  
19 advisory groups and administrative support as needed. Upon  
20 appointment of all members to the advisory groups, the Commission  
21 shall schedule their first meetings. At the first meeting, the  
22 advisory groups shall elect a chair and a vice chair. Any vacancies  
23 on the advisory groups shall be filled in the same manner as  
24 provided for in this section.

1 F. The advisory group, with support from the technical advisory  
2 group, shall:

3 1. Assist the Commission in developing the report required by  
4 subsection G of this section;

5 2. Recommend policies or programs to incentivize participation  
6 in voluntary efforts to protect the water quality and aquatic  
7 habitat of the region. Such recommendations shall take into account  
8 optimization of existing state and federal resources and  
9 initiatives, including the state water quality program, the USDA FSA  
10 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), the USDA NRCS  
11 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the USDA Small  
12 Watershed Program, the USDA NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program  
13 (CSP), the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, the USDA NRCS  
14 Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and any other  
15 appropriate state or federal voluntary program identified by the  
16 advisory group; and

17 3. Identify and recommend strategies for implementation of the  
18 reported recommendations and findings.

19 G. On or before June 1, 2026, the Commission shall publish an  
20 electronic report of the Spring Creek Watershed Study findings on a  
21 publicly available website. The Commission may, from time to time,  
22 update such findings as conditions change and pertinent information  
23 becomes available.

1       H. The Commission may contract and cooperate with the Natural  
2 Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of  
3 Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct  
4 activities provided for in this section.

5       I. The Commission may apply for and accept grants, gifts, or  
6 other sources of public and private funds to carry out the purposes  
7 of the Spring Creek Watershed Study Act.

8       SECTION 4.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-7-112 of Title 27A, unless  
10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11       There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
12 for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be designated the  
13 "Spring Creek Watershed Study Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
14 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
15 consist of all monies received by the Commission from appropriations  
16 by the Legislature to the fund, and any money received as gifts,  
17 grants, or other contributions from public or private sources  
18 provided for the purpose of implementing the Spring Creek Watershed  
19 Study Act. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby  
20 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Commission for  
21 the purpose provided for in the Spring Creek Watershed Study Act.  
22 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the  
23 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
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1 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
2 approval and payment.

3 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

4 Passed the Senate the 26th day of March, 2025.

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8 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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