

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2993 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: David Hardin

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

PROPOSED POLICY
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2993

By: Hardin

PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to rural law enforcement coordination; creating the Rural Law Enforcement Coordination Act; authorizing the Office of Homeland Security to administer a rural law enforcement coordination program; providing purpose of program; creating rural law enforcement coordination districts; defining term; directing law enforcement coordinators to serve as liaisons; prohibiting law enforcement coordinators from exercising legal authority over law enforcement agencies and communities; providing duties and responsibilities of law enforcement coordinators; directing regional councils to appoint law enforcement coordinators; providing for qualifications and salaries; requiring rural law enforcement coordination districts to submit certain requests to law enforcement coordinators; directing law enforcement coordinators to track the progress of grants and provide certain assistance; creating the Rural Law Enforcement Coordination Revolving Fund; declaring fund to be continuing and not subject to fiscal year limitations; stating manner in which funds may be appropriated and budgeted; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 53 of Title 74, unless there is
4 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Rural Law
6 Enforcement Coordination Act".

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 53.1 of Title 74, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 The Department of Homeland Security is hereby authorized to
11 administer a rural law enforcement coordination program for purposes
12 of improving law enforcement services in the rural parts of this
13 state. Rural law enforcement coordination districts are hereby
14 created to consist of the following counties:

15 1. District 1, composed of Washington, Nowata, Craig, Ottawa,
16 Mayes, Delaware and Rogers Counties;

17 2. District 2, composed of Wagoner, Cherokee, Adair, Sequoyah,
18 Muskogee, Okmulgee and McIntosh Counties;

19 3. District 3, composed of Pittsburg, Haskell, LeFlore,
20 Pushmataha, Latimer, McCurtain and Choctaw Counties;

21 4. District 4, composed of Garvin, Pontotoc, Coal, Atoka,
22 Johnston, Murray, Carter, Love, Marshall and Bryan Counties;

23 5. District 5, composed of Lincoln, Okfuskee, Hughes, Seminole,
24 Pottawatomie, Payne, and Pawnee Counties;

1 6. District 6, composed of Creek, Osage and Tulsa Counties;

2 7. District 7, composed of Alfalfa, Grant, Kay, Noble,
3 Garfield, Major, Blaine and Kingfisher Counties;

4 8. District 8, composed of Canadian, Oklahoma, Cleveland and
5 Logan Counties;

6 9. District 9, composed of Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady,
7 Jefferson, McClain, Stephens and Tillman Counties;

8 10. District 10, composed of Roger Mills, Custer, Washita,
9 Beckham, Greer, Kiowa, Jackson and Harmon Counties; and

10 11. District 11, composed of Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper,
11 Woods, Ellis, Woodward and Dewey Counties.

12 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 53.2 of Title 74, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. As used in this section, "law enforcement coordinator" means
16 the law enforcement coordinator in each rural law enforcement
17 coordination district as specified in Section 2 of this act.

18 B. Law enforcement coordinators shall serve as liaisons between
19 the rural law enforcement districts they represent and any federal,
20 state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement
21 coordinators shall be prohibited from exercising legal authority
22 over the law enforcement agencies or communities within the rural
23 law enforcement district he or she represents and shall serve as
24 advisors to the law enforcement agencies or communities when

1 requested. Duties and responsibilities of law enforcement
2 coordinators shall include, but not be limited to:

3 1. Facilitating the collaboration between federal, state,
4 local, and tribal law enforcement agencies;

5 2. Assisting communities and law enforcement agencies with
6 grant research and submitting applications for federal and state
7 grant funds for law enforcement personnel, technology, and
8 equipment;

9 3. Assisting communities and law enforcement agencies with
10 grant administration and management;

11 4. Providing technical assistance to communities and law
12 enforcement agencies regarding law enforcement agency operations;

13 5. Assisting communities and law enforcement agencies with
14 procuring equipment for law enforcement agency operations;

15 6. Facilitating training opportunities or providing training
16 for law enforcement personnel;

17 7. Assisting communities and law enforcement agencies in the
18 development of policies and procedures to meet professional law
19 enforcement standards; and

20 8. Providing information to communities and law enforcement
21 agencies regarding applicable federal and state laws, rules, and
22 regulations.

23 C. Each regional council within the rural law enforcement
24 coordination district, provided for in Section 2 of this act, shall

1 appoint a law enforcement coordinator for each district. The law
2 enforcement coordinator shall have the following qualifications:

3 1. A minimum of ten (10) years of active law enforcement
4 experience; or

5 2. Current peace officer certification issued by the Council on
6 Law Enforcement Education and Training with experience in law
7 enforcement, law enforcement administration, or grant management.

8 The salary of a law enforcement coordinator for each law
9 enforcement coordination district shall be fixed by the regional
10 council of the district.

11 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 53.3 of Title 74, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. Rural law enforcement coordination districts desiring to
15 obtain grant monies for improvement of rural law enforcement
16 services within such district shall submit all requests to the law
17 enforcement coordinator, in such form and in such manner as required
18 by the law enforcement coordinator.

19 B. In addition to the duties and responsibilities provided for
20 in Section 3 of this act, law enforcement coordinators shall assist
21 law enforcement agencies in maintaining compliance with all
22 applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations related to
23 grant funding and other resource programs.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 53.4 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Office of Homeland Security, to be designated the "Rural Law Enforcement Coordination Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Office of Homeland Security from any monies received from appropriations and such other monies specifically designated by law. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Office of Homeland Security for the payment of personnel, operating expenses of the rural law enforcement coordination districts, and such other purposes specifically designated by law. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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