

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2993

6 By: Hardin

7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to rural law enforcement
9 coordination; creating the Rural Law Enforcement
10 Coordination Act; authorizing the Office of Homeland
11 Security to administer a rural law enforcement
12 coordination program; providing purpose of program;
13 creating rural law enforcement coordination
14 districts; defining term; directing law enforcement
15 coordinators to serve as liaisons; prohibiting law
16 enforcement coordinators from exercising legal
17 authority over law enforcement agencies and
18 communities; providing duties and responsibilities of
19 law enforcement coordinators; directing regional
20 councils to appoint law enforcement coordinators;
21 providing for qualifications and salaries; requiring
22 rural law enforcement coordination districts to
23 submit certain requests to law enforcement
24 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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