

# Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1018

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A Resolution recognizing the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as the premier law enforcement investigative agency of the state and for its service to the citizens of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, in 1924, Deputy United States Marshal Bill Tilghman was shot in the line of duty, and in 1925, Governor Martin Edwin Trapp recommended the creation of an agency of special investigators to combat outlaws within the state, ultimately fulfilling the concept that Deputy United States Marshal Bill Tilghman had put forth in prior years; and

WHEREAS, the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, now known as the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, was created on March 28, 1925. The Oklahoma Legislature appropriated Seventy-eight Thousand Dollars (\$78,000.00) to the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation in its first year; and

WHEREAS, one year after its creation, the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation was credited with reducing the number of bank robberies in the state by seventy-five percent (75%). Agents accomplished this impressive feat by developing leads while using informants. The use of informants was an investigative technique considered innovative by many experts across the nation. These early years established the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation as the premier investigative law

enforcement agency in Oklahoma, a foundation that has stood the test of time for a century; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation became a division of the Department of Public Safety and was renamed the State Crime Bureau. This arrangement lasted until 1957, when it was placed under the direct control of the Office of the Governor and renamed the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI); and

WHEREAS, the OSBI remained under the direct control of the Governor until 1976, when state leaders sought ways to reduce political pressures due to the OSBI being tasked with numerous political investigations. The Oklahoma Legislature created a seven-member, independent commission to oversee the activities of the OSBI; and

WHEREAS, a unique aspect of the OSBI is its limited jurisdiction. This keeps the OSBI from launching its own investigations without a lawful request. With a few exceptions in which the OSBI does have original jurisdiction, most investigations are initiated at the request of another law enforcement agency or a governmental entity. The OSBI has original jurisdiction in the following areas: vehicle theft, oil field theft, threats against public officials, violations of the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act, and violent crimes committed on the turnpikes of the state; and

WHEREAS, created in 1953, the Criminalistics Services Division of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation provides a multitude of forensic science services to law enforcement agencies operating within Oklahoma. The Criminalistics Services Division provides services out of two strategically located laboratories throughout the state, with locations in Tahlequah and Edmond. In addition, forensic evidence can be submitted at facilities in McAlester, Lawton, and Woodward; and

WHEREAS, the Forensic Science Center (FSC) in Edmond, a state-of-the-art, eighty-thousand-square-foot facility, was completed in May of 2008. The location of the FSC allows the OSBI to partner with professors and students in the Forensic Science program at the University of Central Oklahoma. This partnership creates opportunities for continued training of our scientists by members of academia, education of students by our forensic professionals, and internships for students; and

WHEREAS, the OSBI is also the central repository for all criminal records in Oklahoma and is responsible for collecting data ranging from statewide crime statistics to information for criminal history checks. From processing state and national criminal record check requests, to producing statistical publications, to issuing licenses under the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, the OSBI helps protect, inform, and support the public and law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT for one hundred (100) years, the OSBI has been utilizing creative and innovative investigative techniques and, with the expertise of experienced agents, solved the most serious crimes in Oklahoma.

THAT with respect to technology and scientific capabilities, the OSBI leverages cutting-edge investigative techniques including, but not limited to, digital and video forensics, Rapid DNA analysis, drones, forensic genetic genealogy, advanced latent evidence methods such as vacuum metal deposition and RECOVER, 3D crime scene scanning, and the FastTRAX NIBIN investigative lead program for ballistic comparisons, to carry on the tradition of proudly serving the citizens of Oklahoma as the premier law enforcement investigative agency of the state.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of April, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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