

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3005

By: Kendrix of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

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12 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
13 2021, Section 245, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
14 92, O.S.L. 2023 (74 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 245),
15 which relates to the Oklahoma Climatological Survey;
16 extending sunset date; providing an effective date;
17 and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 245, as
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 92, O.S.L. 2023 (74 O.S. Supp. 2025,
21 Section 245), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 245. A. The Climate Office of the State of Oklahoma
23 located at Norman, Oklahoma, shall be under the direction and
24 supervision of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma

1 and shall be known as the Oklahoma Climatological Survey. The
2 Oklahoma Climatological Survey is hereby re-created, to continue
3 until July 1, ~~2026~~ 2031, in accordance with the provisions of the
4 Oklahoma Sunset Law.

5 B. The director of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey shall be
6 appointed by the Board and shall either serve as the state
7 climatologist or appoint another current employee of the Survey to
8 serve as state climatologist. The salary of the director shall be
9 determined by the Board.

10 C. The Oklahoma Climatological Survey shall have for its object
11 and duties the following:

12 1. To acquire, archive, process and disseminate, in the most
13 cost-effective way possible, all climate and weather information
14 which is or could be of value to policy and decision makers in the
15 state;

16 2. To act as the representative of the state in all
17 climatological and meteorological matters both within and outside
18 the state when requested to do so by the legislative or executive
19 branches of the state government;

20 3. To prepare, publish and disseminate periodic regular climate
21 summaries for those individuals, agencies and organizations whose
22 activities are related to the welfare of the state and are affected
23 by climate and weather;

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1 4. To conduct and report on studies of climate and weather
2 phenomena of significant socioeconomic importance to the state;

3 5. To evaluate the significance of natural and man-made,
4 deliberate and inadvertent changes or modifications in important
5 features of the climate and weather affecting the state, and to
6 report this information to those agencies and organizations in the
7 state who are likely to be affected by such changes or
8 modifications; and

9 6. To maintain and operate the Oklahoma Mesonet, a
10 statewide environmental monitoring network which is overseen by the
11 Mesonet Steering Committee, comprised of representatives of the
12 University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University according to
13 its Memorandum of Agreement. The director of the Oklahoma
14 Climatological Survey shall be accountable for executing the
15 policies of the Mesonet Steering Committee.

16 D. The director is authorized to certify copies as being
17 authentic reproductions of weather records held in the state.

18 E. The director of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey shall
19 present a report each year to the Board of Regents of the University
20 of Oklahoma showing the progress, condition and all other
21 information which the Board may deem necessary.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

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.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated
5 02/25/2026 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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