

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4306

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.23, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 225, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1000.23), which relates to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act; authorizing the Commission to approve continuing education training for code officials and persons in building trades affected by the codes adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission; modifying powers and duties of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.23, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 225, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1000.23), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1000.23. A. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission shall have the power and the duty to review and adopt all codes and standards for residential and commercial construction to be used by all entities within this state. Codes and standards

1 adopted by the Commission shall be the minimum standards for  
2 residential and commercial construction in this state.

3 B. All public projects shall abide by such minimum standards  
4 and requirements; provided, nothing in the Oklahoma Uniform Building  
5 Code Commission Act shall prevent or take away from state agencies  
6 the authority to enact and enforce requirements containing higher  
7 standards and requirements than such minimum standards and  
8 requirements.

9 C. Municipalities and other political subdivisions shall abide  
10 by such minimum standards and requirements; provided, nothing in the  
11 Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act shall prevent or take  
12 away from such municipalities and other political subdivisions the  
13 authority to enact and enforce requirements containing higher  
14 standards and requirements than such minimum standards and  
15 requirements.

16 D. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission shall have the  
17 power and duty to establish a continuing education and training and  
18 certification process for all residential and commercial  
19 construction industry personnel affected by the codes adopted by the  
20 Commission, including, but not limited to, code officials, design  
21 professionals, and trade workers. The regional training shall be  
22 offered at no cost to state-licensed building code officials and  
23 shall be funded from the funds received pursuant to Section 1000.25  
24 of this title. A fee may be assessed to all participants other than

1 state-licensed code officials. When assessed, the fee shall be  
2 limited to any cost directly associated with the training and shall  
3 be remitted to the State Treasury pursuant to the Oklahoma Uniform  
4 Building Code Commission Act. Such fees shall be deposited in the  
5 Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Revolving Fund and shall  
6 be used solely for the purposes of the Oklahoma Uniform Building  
7 Code Commission Act. Each code official operating in this state on  
8 behalf of any state agency or any municipal or county office may  
9 complete regional training and be issued a certificate of completion  
10 by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission. The training and  
11 certification applications, qualifications and procedures shall be  
12 promulgated by rules of the Commission. The Commission may  
13 establish forms and procedures to implement and administer the  
14 provisions of this section.

15 E. 1. The Oklahoma Construction Industries Board shall  
16 recognize and accept any training, coursework, or continuing  
17 education program developed, approved, or provided by the Oklahoma  
18 Uniform Building Code Commission as meeting the continuing education  
19 requirements established in rules for:

20 a. building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical  
21 inspectors, and

22 b. any licensee regulated by the Oklahoma Construction  
23 Industries Board whose scope of practice includes  
24 application, interpretation, installation, or

1           enforcement of the statewide minimum building codes  
2           adopted pursuant to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code  
3           Commission Act.

4       2. Training recognized under subsection E of this section shall  
5 be deemed to satisfy the continuing education unit requirements for  
6 renewal of certifications, registrations, or licenses issued by the  
7 Oklahoma Construction Industries Board, provided the training is  
8 approved by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission for  
9 directly relating to:

10           a. the statewide minimum building codes adopted by the  
11           Commission, or

12           b. the administration, inspection, or enforcement of such  
13           codes.

14       3. The Oklahoma Construction Industries Board shall promulgate  
15 rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section,  
16 including procedures for verification, recording, and acceptance of  
17 continuing education units as approved by and completed through the  
18 Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission.

19       ~~E.~~ F. The Commission shall establish a workforce development  
20 process with the purpose of increasing the number of available code  
21 officials in Oklahoma. The Commission shall promulgate rules on the  
22 workforce development applications, qualifications, forms, and  
23 procedures to implement and administer the provisions of this  
24 section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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