

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB146
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Impact:	DPS: \$700,603.38

Research Analysis

The Conference Committee Report to SB 146 allows retirees of public safety agencies to utilize the services of the Department of Public Safety's Mental Wellness Division.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Engrossed version of SB146 would expand access of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Mental Wellness Division to retired public safety personnel. Officials with DPS have provided the following information:

Based upon a needs assessment to expand Oklahoma First Responder Wellness Division (OKFRWD) services to the retired responder community, the following costs are anticipated:

2 Full-Time Licensed Professional Counselors: \$115,962.00/yr each for salary & benefits

1 additional administrative personnel: \$62,962.38/yr

3 Full-Time PEERS personnel: \$85,239.00/yr each for salary benefits

PEERS personnel are individuals, often with lived experience of mental health or substance use challenges, that are certified to provide support and encouragement to others, promoting well being and recovery within a team or organization.

\$150,000 for vehicles and use

This allowance would allow the agency to have extra funding to use the wellness busses more aggressively i.e. taking the wellness equipment in the busses to the first responder where they are working as opposed to them having to drive to agency office. Also, this funding would allow for the purchase of vehicles for Wellness Division counselors so they can also go to the first responder as opposed to the first responder having to drive to the Oklahoma City or Ada locations.

Total cost per year for expansion: \$700,603.38

Therefore, in its current form, DPS anticipates an annual cost of \$700,603.38 to administer the provisions of SB91 and would seek additional funding to defray these costs.

The CCR A does not change the fiscal impact of the measure as described above.

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Other Considerations

None.

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