

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 535
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Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 535 modifies sections within the Oklahoma Open Records Act. The definition of *law enforcement agency* is amended to include state and local fire marshals when investigating potential violations or when acting on behalf of a law enforcement agency.

Public bodies are allowed to request an advance payment of records request fees if the total fee cost would exceed \$75 or if the requestor has outstanding fees from a previous request. Additionally, public bodies are allowed to require a requestor to complete a records request form, which is to include a description of the request with reasonable specificity as laid out in the measure. If the requestor fails to describe the request with reasonable specificity, the public body can deny the request.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 535 modifies the definition of "law enforcement agency" pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act to include fire marshals regarding certain investigations. The measure permits advance payment of record request fees exceeding \$75 to public bodies, and it also permits denials for such requests that are lacking reasonable specificity. The measure does not mandate any action or expenditure by a state agency. Therefore, the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.