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February 18, 2026

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 1859

By: Reinhardt

[Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation - Unit -
duties - rules - Fund - expenditures - codification -
effective date -

emergency]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 150.19c of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation a Cyber Crime and Fraud Unit. The unit shall operate as an internal division of the Bureau and shall exercise only those investigative powers and the jurisdiction granted to the Bureau by Oklahoma Statutes.

B. The purpose of the Cyber Crime and Fraud Unit shall be to enhance the capacity of the Bureau to investigate:

1. Cyber-enabled criminal activity including intrusions, network breaches, ransomware, digital extortion, and online exploitation;

1 2. Financial fraud and related schemes including cyber-
2 facilitated fraud, identity theft, and complex financial deception;
3 and

4 3. Criminal activity involving digital evidence, consistent
5 with the existing statutory authority of the Bureau.

6 C. Nothing in this act shall be construed to expand or modify
7 the jurisdiction of the Bureau. The unit may only initiate or
8 conduct investigations as follows:

9 1. Upon request or referral from a district attorney, law
10 enforcement agency, or state officer authorized under existing law;

11 2. Upon direction of the Governor, consistent with current
12 statutory authority; or

13 3. As the Bureau is otherwise permitted under existing
14 statutes.

15 D. The Cyber Crime and Fraud Unit shall:

16 1. Conduct investigations involving cyber-crime, digital
17 evidence, and fraud related offenses;

18 2. Provide digital forensics, technical assistance, and
19 analytical support to Bureau agents and requesting agencies;

20 3. Coordinate with federal, state, tribal, and local partners
21 on cyber and fraud investigations;

22 4. Develop and provide training to law enforcement agencies on
23 cyber-crime trends, digital evidence handling, and fraud prevention;
24 and

1 5. Maintain specialized personnel, including agents, analysts,
2 forensic examiners, and technical support staff.

3 E. The Director of the Bureau may assign personnel, reallocate
4 resources, and establish internal procedures necessary to carry out
5 the responsibilities of the unit.

6 F. The Bureau may promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions
7 of this act.

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 150.19d of Title 74, unless
10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
12 for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to be designated the
13 "Cyber Crime and Fraud Unit Fund". The fund shall be a continuing
14 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of
15 any monies received by the Bureau for deposit in the fund. All
16 monies accruing to the credit of such fund are hereby appropriated
17 and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State Bureau of
18 Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the duties and
19 functions prescribed in Section 1 of this act. Expenditures from
20 such fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
21 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
22 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
23 payment.

24 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

1 SECTION **4.** It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
6 February 18, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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