1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021) 3 HOUSE BILL 2104 By: Turner 4 5 6 AS INTRODUCED 7 An Act relating to law enforcement officers; amending 11 O.S. 2011, Section 34-101, which relates to police officers; specifying minimum qualifications and 8 requirements for municipal police officers; amending 9 19 O.S. 2011, Section 547, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 38, O.S.L. 2017 (19 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 10 547), which relates to sheriffs responsibilities for acts of undersheriffs and deputies; specifying 11 minimum qualifications and requirements for deputy sheriffs; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3311, as 12 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 245, O.S.L. 2019 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3311), which relates to 1.3 the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training; modifying minimum qualifications for peace 14 officers and reserve peace officers; and providing an effective date. 15 16 17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 18 SECTION 1. 11 O.S. 2011, Section 34-101, is AMENDATORY 19 amended to read as follows: 20 Section 34-101. A. A municipal police officer shall at all 21 times have the power to make or order an arrest for any offense 22 against the laws of this state or the ordinances of the 23 municipality. The officer shall have such other powers, duties and 24 functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

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B. In addition to regular full-time municipal police officers, reserve municipal police officers may also be appointed by the chief of police. Reserve municipal police officers shall have the powers, duties and functions as set forth in law or ordinance for regular full-time municipal police officers, including serving as police officers in another municipality requesting assistance pursuant to Section 34-103 of this title. A reserve municipal police officer shall serve on a part-time basis and shall perform duties only while on authorized duty. Noncompensated reserve municipal police officers may serve as dispatchers or confinement officers at municipal jails. Part-time reserve officers shall serve not more than one hundred forty (140) hours per calendar month.

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- $\underline{\text{C.}}$ Such reserve municipal police officers must meet the minimum requirements of Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes
- D. Beginning November 1, 2021, in addition to the minimum requirements for certification in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, all municipal police officers and reserve municipal police officers shall meet the following qualifications or requirements:
- 1. Be a citizen of the United States or permanent resident alien;
- 2. Have a high school diploma or General Educational Development equivalency certificate;
 - 3. Be twenty-five (25) years of age;

1 4. Have no arrests or convictions for a felony crime or crime 2 of domestic violence;

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- 5. Have fingerprint clearance from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;
- 6. Have been administered a psychological evaluation by a psychologist licensed by the state of Oklahoma as set forth in Section 34-101.1 of this title; provided, however, polygraph examinations and polygraph test results shall neither replace or supplant the psychological instrument approved by the Council on Law
- 7. Have not been involuntarily committed to a mental institution in the state of Oklahoma;

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- 8. A test score seventy percent (70%) or above for all exams

 administered by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and

 Training; and
- 9. A full and complete statement by the person regarding any involvement in an incident that resulted in a loss of life.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 547, as
 amended by Section 1, Chapter 38, O.S.L. 2017 (19 O.S. Supp. 2020,
 Section 547), is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 547. A. The sheriff shall be responsible for the official acts of the undersheriff and deputy sheriffs, and may revoke such appointments at the pleasure of the sheriff; provided, however, for counties with a population of five hundred thousand

(500,000) or more persons, according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, with the exception of chief deputies and undersheriffs, all deputy sheriffs and detention officers shall serve a five-year probationary period during which the deputy sheriff or detention officer shall be considered an at-will employee. After the five-year probationary period, such deputy sheriff or detention officer shall not be discharged except for just cause. The sheriff or the undersheriff may in writing depute certain persons to do particular acts.

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Each sheriff may appoint as many reserve force deputy sheriffs as are necessary to preserve the peace and dignity of the county. A current list of each person holding such appointment shall be maintained by the county sheriff and shall be available to the public. Reserve force deputy sheriffs may perform duties which encompass a particular act or a series of acts. The sheriff or a CLEET-certified deputy sheriff shall accompany a reserve force deputy sheriff in the performance of all duties assigned to such reserve force deputy sheriff unless such reserve deputy has completed the required two-hundred-forty-hour basic police course. Reserve force deputies may receive compensation for their services. The sheriff may pay reserve force deputies for travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Such reserve deputy sheriffs shall complete a two-hundred-forty-hour basic police course within six (6) months after they have been commissioned to be paid

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by the county as an individual reserve deputy. The sheriff may pay for additional training courses attended by reserve force deputies.

- C. Reserve force deputy sheriffs shall not serve more than one hundred forty (140) hours per calendar month.
- D. The sheriff or a designee may deputize municipal police officers subject to an interlocal governmental agreement to combine city and county law enforcement efforts and to encourage cooperation between city and county law enforcement officials. Liability for the conduct of any municipal police officers deputized under the terms and conditions of an interlocal governmental agreement shall remain the responsibility of their municipal employer.
- E. The sheriff may enter into mutual aid agreements pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Section 1002 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to assist or provide law enforcement services to any town, city, and county within this state and the sheriff and deputies shall have law enforcement authority within the jurisdiction making the request. The employing governmental unit shall remain responsible for their officers or deputies pursuant to any mutual aid agreement.
- F. A sheriff of the county may respond to any request from any other jurisdiction within the state for law enforcement assistance in cases of emergency. The sheriff, deputy sheriffs and reserve deputy sheriffs serving in response to the emergency request shall have the same powers and duties as though employed by the requesting

1 law enforcement agency, and when so acting they shall be deemed to 2 be acting within the scope of employment of the requesting law enforcement agency. Salaries, insurance and other benefits shall be 3 4 provided in the regular manner by the county in which the sheriff, 5 deputy sheriffs and reserve deputy sheriffs are regularly employed. As used in this subsection, "emergency" means a sudden and 6 7 unforeseeable occurrence or condition, either as to its onset or its extent, of such severity or magnitude that immediate response or 8 9 action is necessary to assist law enforcement agencies having 10 jurisdiction at the scene of the emergency to carry out their 11 functions.

- G. A reserve force deputy sheriff shall be authorized to serve civil process pursuant to Section 2004 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- H. Beginning November 1, 2021, in addition to the minimum requirements for certification in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, all deputy sheriffs and reserve deputy sheriffs shall meet the following qualifications or requirements:
- 19 <u>1. Be a citizen of the United States or permanent resident</u>
 20 alien;
 - 2. Have a high school diploma or General Educational Development equivalency certificate;
 - 3. Be twenty-five (25) years of age;

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- 6. Have been administered a psychological evaluation by a psychologist licensed by the state of Oklahoma as provided in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Polygraph examinations and polygraph test results shall neither replace or supplant the psychological instrument approved by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training;
- 11 7. Have not been involuntarily committed to a mental institution in the state of Oklahoma;
 - 8. A test score seventy percent (70%) or above for all exams

 administered by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and

 Training; and
 - 9. A full and complete statement by the person regarding any involvement in an incident that resulted in a loss of life.
- 18 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3311, as
 19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 245, O.S.L. 2019 (70 O.S. Supp.
 20 2020, Section 3311), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 3311. A. There is hereby created a Council on Law
 Enforcement Education and Training which shall be, and is hereby
 declared to be, a governmental law enforcement agency of the State
 of Oklahoma, body politic and corporate, with powers of government

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    shall be the recipient of the results of the record check.
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    this includes a national criminal record with a finger print
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    analysis. The Council shall be composed of thirteen (13) members as
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1. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, or designee;

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- 2. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, or designee;
- 3. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, or designee;
- 4. One member appointed by the Governor who shall be a law enforcement administrator representing a tribal law enforcement agency;
- 5. One member appointed by the Governor who shall be a chief of police of a municipality with a population over one hundred thousand (100,000), as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census;
- 6. One member appointed by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association who shall be a sheriff of a county with a population under twenty-five thousand (25,000), as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census;
- 7. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Police Chiefs who shall be a chief of police representing a municipality with a population over ten thousand (10,000), as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census;
- 8. One member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association who shall be a sheriff of a county with a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more, as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census;

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9. One member appointed by the Board of Directors of the Fraternal Order of Police who shall have experience as a training officer;

- 10. One member appointed by the Chancellor of Higher Education who shall be a representative of East Central University;
- 11. One member appointed by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association who shall be a full-time law enforcement officer in good standing with CLEET within a county with a population under fifty thousand (50,000);
- 12. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member from a list of three or more nominees submitted by a statewide organization representing cities and towns that is exempt from taxation under federal law and designated pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 170(a); and
- 13. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from a list of three or more nominees submitted by an organization that assists in the establishment of accreditation standards and training programs for law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Oklahoma.

The Executive Director selected by the Council shall be an ex officio member of the Council and shall act as Secretary. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training shall select a chair and vice-chair from among its members. Members of the Council

- on Law Enforcement Education and Training shall not receive a salary
 for duties performed as members of the Council, but shall be
 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
 performance of Council duties pursuant to the provisions of the
 State Travel Reimbursement Act.
 - B. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training is hereby authorized and directed to:

- 1. Appoint a larger Advisory Council to discuss problems and hear recommendations concerning necessary research, minimum standards, educational needs, and other matters imperative to upgrading Oklahoma law enforcement to professional status;
- 2. Promulgate rules with respect to such matters as certification, revocation, suspension, withdrawal and reinstatement of certification, minimum courses of study, testing and test scores, attendance requirements, equipment and facilities, minimum qualifications for instructors, minimum standards for basic and advanced in-service courses, and seminars for Oklahoma police and peace officers;
- 3. Authorize research, basic and advanced courses, and seminars to assist in program planning directly and through subcommittees;
- 4. Authorize additional staff and services necessary for program expansion;
- 5. Recommend legislation necessary to upgrade Oklahoma law enforcement to professional status;

6. Establish policies and regulations concerning the number, geographic and police unit distribution, and admission requirements of those receiving tuition or scholarship aid available through the Council. Such waiver of costs shall be limited to duly appointed members of legally constituted local, county, and state law enforcement agencies on the basis of educational and financial need;

7. Appoint an Executive Director and an Assistant Director to direct the staff, inform the Council of compliance with the provisions of this section and perform such other duties imposed on the Council by law. An Executive Director appointed by the Council must qualify for the position with a bachelor or higher degree in law enforcement from an accredited college or university, or a bachelor or higher degree in a law-enforcement-related subject area, and a minimum of five (5) years of active law enforcement experience including, but not limited to, responsibility for enforcement, investigation, administration, training, or curriculum implementation.

The Executive Director of the Council on Law Enforcement

Education and Training may commission CLEET staff as peace officers

for purposes consistent with the duties of CLEET as set out in state

law. The powers and duties conferred on the Executive Director or

any staff member appointed by the Executive Director as a peace

officer shall not limit the powers and duties of other peace

officers of this state or any political subdivision thereof. The

Executive Director or any staff member appointed by the Executive
Director as a peace officer may, upon request, assist any federal,
state, county or municipal law enforcement agency;

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- 8. Enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of classroom space, food, and lodging expenses as may be necessary for law enforcement officers attending any official course of instruction approved or conducted by the Council. Such expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment. The food and lodging expenses for each law enforcement officer shall not exceed the authorized rates as provided for in the State Travel Reimbursement Act; provided, however, the Council may provide food and lodging to law enforcement officials attending any official course of instruction approved or conducted by the Council rather than paying for the provision of such food and lodging by an outside contracting agency or business establishment;
 - 9. a. Certify canine teams, consisting of a dog and a handler working together as a team, trained to detect:
 - (1) controlled dangerous substances, or
 - (2) explosives, explosive materials, explosive devices, or materials which could be used to construct an explosive device;

provided, the dog of a certified canine team shall not be certified at any time as both a drug dog and a bomb

dog, and any dog of a certified canine team who has been previously certified as either a drug dog or a bomb dog shall not be eligible at any time to be certified in the other category.

- b. Upon retiring the dog from the service it was certified to perform, the law enforcement department that handled the dog shall retain possession of the dog. The handler shall have first option of adopting the dog. If that option is not exercised, the law enforcement department shall provide for its adoption. Once adopted the dog shall not be placed back into active service;
- 10. Enter into a lease, loan or other agreement with the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority or a local public trust for the purpose of facilitating the financing of a new facility for its operations and use and pledge, to the extent authorized by law, all or a portion of its receipts of the assessment penalty herein referenced for the payment of its obligations under such lease, loan or other agreement. It is the intent of the Legislature to increase the assessment penalty to such a level or appropriate sufficient monies to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to make payments on the lease, loan or other agreement for the purpose of retiring the bonds to be issued by the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority or local public trust. Such lease, loan or other

- agreement and the bonds issued to finance such facilities shall not constitute an indebtedness of the State of Oklahoma or be backed by the full faith and credit of the State of Oklahoma, and the lease, loan or other agreement and the bonds shall contain a statement to such effect;
 - 11. Accept gifts, bequests, devises, contributions and grants, public or private, of real or personal property;

- 12. Appoint an advisory committee composed of representatives from security guard and private investigative agencies to advise the Council concerning necessary research, minimum standards for licensure, education, and other matters related to licensure of security guards, security guard agencies, private investigators, and private investigative agencies;
- 13. Enter into agreements with individuals, educational institutions, agencies, and business and tribal entities for professional services, the use of facilities and supplies, and staff overtime costs incurred as a result of the user's requests to schedule functions after-hours, on weekends, or anytime such requests extend staff beyond its normal capacity, whereby contracting individuals, educational institutions, agencies, and business and tribal entities shall pay a fee to be determined by the Council by rule. All fees collected pursuant to facilities usage shall be deposited to the credit of the C.L.E.E.T. Training Center Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 3311.6 of this title.

All other fees collected pursuant to these agreements shall be
deposited to the credit of the Peace Officer Revolving Fund created
pursuant to Section 3311.7 of this title. The Council is authorized
to promulgate emergency rules to effectuate the provisions of this
paragraph;

14. Promulgate rules to establish a state firearms requalification standard for active peace officers and meet any requirements imposed on the Council by the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004;

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- 15. Set minimal criteria relating to qualifications for chief of police administrative training pursuant to Section 34-102 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, assist in developing a course of training for a Police Chief Administrative School, and approve all police chief administrative training offered in this state;
- 16. Appoint a Curriculum Review Board to be composed of six (6) members as follows:
 - a. one member shall be selected by the Chancellor for
 Higher Education, who possesses a background of
 creation and review of curriculum and experience
 teaching criminal justice or law enforcement courses,
 who shall serve an initial term of one (1) year,
 - b. one member shall represent a municipal jurisdiction with a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more and who shall be a management-level CLEET-certified

training officer, who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years,

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- c. one member shall represent a county jurisdiction with a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more and who shall be a management-level CLEET-certified training officer, who shall serve an initial term of three (3) years,
- d. one member shall represent a municipal jurisdiction with a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000) and who shall be a CLEET-certified training officer, who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years,
- e. one member shall represent a county jurisdiction with a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000) and who shall be a CLEET-certified training officer, who shall serve an initial term of one (1) year, and
- f. one member selected by the Oklahoma Department of

 Career and Technology Education from the Curriculum

 Material and Instructional Material Center, who shall

 serve an initial term of three (3) years.

After the initial terms of office, all members shall be appointed to serve three-year terms. Any member may be reappointed to serve consecutive terms. Members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The Board shall review and

establish curriculum for all CLEET academies and training courses

pursuant to procedures established by the Council on Law Enforcement

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- 17. Conduct review and verification of any records relating to the statutory duties of CLEET;
- 18. Receive requested reports including investigative reports, court documents, statements, or other applicable information from local, county and state agencies and other agencies for use in actions where a certification or license issued by CLEET may be subject to disciplinary or other actions provided by law;
- 19. Summarily suspend a certification of a peace officer, without prior notice but otherwise subject to administrative proceedings, if CLEET finds that the actions of the certified peace officer may present a danger to the peace officer, the public, a family or household member, or involve a crime against a minor. A certified copy of the information or indictment charging such a crime shall be considered clear and convincing evidence of the charge; and
- 20. Approve law enforcement agencies and police departments in accordance with the following:
 - a. this section applies only to an entity authorized by statute or by the Constitution to create a law enforcement agency or police department and commission, appoint, or employ officers that first

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creates or reactivates an inactive law enforcement agency or police department and first begins to commission, appoint, or employ officers on or after November 1, 2011,

- the entity shall submit to CLEET, a minimum of sixty(60) days prior to creation of the law enforcementagency or police department, information regarding:
 - (1) the need for the law enforcement agency or police department in the community,
 - (2) the funding sources for the law enforcement agency or police department, and proof that no more than fifty percent (50%) of the funding of the entity will be derived from ticket revenue or fines,
 - (3) the physical resources available to officers,
 - (4) the physical facilities that the law enforcement agency or police department will operate, including descriptions of the evidence room, dispatch area, restroom facilities, and public area,
 - (5) law enforcement policies of the law enforcement agency or police department, including published policies on:
 - (a) use of force,

1 (b) vehicle pursuit, 2 mental health, (C) 3 (d) professional conduct of officers, (e) domestic abuse, 5 (f) response to missing persons, 6 supervision of part-time officers, and (g) 7 impartial policing, (h) (6) the administrative structure of the law 8 9 enforcement agency or police department, 10 (7) liability insurance, and 11 any other information CLEET requires by rule, 12 within sixty (60) days of receiving an entity's C. 1.3 request, CLEET will forward to the entity by certified 14 mail, return receipt requested, a letter of 15 authorization or denial to create a law enforcement 16 agency or police department and commission, appoint, 17 or employ officers, signed by the Executive Director 18 of CLEET, and 19 d. in cases of denial, the entity may appeal the decision 20 of the Executive Director to the full CLEET Council. 2.1 The Executive Director shall ensure that the final 22 report is provided to all members of the Council. 23 Council shall review and make recommendations

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concerning the report at the first meeting of the

Council to occur after all members of the Council have received the report. The Council may, by majority vote:

- (1) order additional information be provided,
- (2) order confirmation of the opinion of the Executive Director, or
- (3) order authorization of the entity.

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C. 1. Payment of any fee provided for in this section may be made by a nationally recognized credit or debit card issued to the applicant. The Council may publicly post and collect a fee for the acceptance of the nationally recognized credit or debit card not to exceed five percent (5%) of the amount of the payment. For purposes of this subsection, "nationally recognized credit card" means any instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate, charge plate, or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services, or anything else of value and which is accepted by over one thousand merchants in this state. "Debit card" means an identification card or device issued to a person by a business organization which permits such person to obtain access to or activate a consumer banking electronic facility. The Council shall determine which nationally recognized credit or debit cards will be accepted as payment for fees.

2. Payment for any fee provided for in this title may be made by a business check. The Council may:

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- a. add an amount equal to the amount of the service charge incurred, not to exceed three percent (3%) of the amount of the check as a service charge for the acceptance and verification of the check, or
- add an amount of no more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) as
 a service charge for the acceptance and verification
 of a check. For purposes of this subsection,
 "business check" shall not mean a money order,
 cashier's check, or bank certified check.
- D. Failure of the Legislature to appropriate necessary funds to provide for expenses and operations of the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training shall not invalidate other provisions of this section relating to the creation and duties of the Council.
- E. 1. No person shall be eligible for employment as a peace officer or reserve peace officer until the employing law enforcement agency has conducted a background investigation of such person consisting of the following:
 - a. a fingerprint search submitted to the Oklahoma State

 Bureau of Investigation with a return report to the

 submitting agency that such person has no felony

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- b. a fingerprint search submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a return report to the submitting agency that such person has no felony record,
- a psychologist licensed by the State of Oklahoma and has been evaluated to be suitable to serve as a peace officer in the State of Oklahoma,
- d. the employing agency has verified that such person has a high school diploma or a GED equivalency certificate as recognized by state law,
- e. such person is not participating in a deferred sentence agreement for a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude or a crime of domestic violence, and does not have any criminal charges pending in any court in this state, another state, in tribal court or pursuant to the United States Code,
- f. such person is not currently subject to an order of the Council revoking, suspending, or accepting a voluntary surrender of peace officer certification,
- g. such person has not been involuntarily committed to a mental institution in the state of Oklahoma and is not currently undergoing treatment for a mental illness, condition or disorder. For purposes of this

subsection, "currently undergoing treatment for mental illness, condition or disorder" means the person has been diagnosed by a licensed physician, psychologist, or licensed mental health professional as being afflicted with a substantial disorder of thought, mood, perception, psychological orientation or memory that significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life and such condition continues to exist,

- h. such person is twenty-one (21) twenty-five (25) years of age. Provided, this requirement shall not affect those persons who are already employed as a police or peace officer prior to November 1, 1985, and
- i. such person has provided proof of United States citizenship or <u>permanent</u> resident alien status, pursuant to an employment eligibility verification form from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services,
- j. such person has provided a full and complete statement regarding any involvement in an incident that resulted in a loss of life.
- 2. To aid the evaluating psychologist in interpreting the test results, including automated scoring and interpretations, the

employing agency shall provide the psychologist a statement confirming the identity of the individual taking the test as the person who is employed or seeking employment as a peace officer of the agency and attesting that it administered the psychological instrument in accordance with standards within the test document. The psychologist shall report to the employing agency the evaluation of the assessment instrument and may include any additional recommendations to assist the employing agency in determining whether to certify to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training that the person being evaluated is suitable to serve as a peace officer in the State of Oklahoma. No additional procedures or requirements shall be imposed for performance of the psychological evaluation. The psychological instrument utilized shall be evaluated by a psychologist licensed by the State of Oklahoma, and the employing agency shall certify to the Council that the evaluation was conducted in accordance with this provision and that the employee or applicant is suitable to serve as a peace officer in the State of Oklahoma.

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a. Any person found not to be suitable for employment or certification by the Council shall not be employed, retained in employment as a peace officer, or certified by the Council for at least one (1) year, at which time the employee or applicant may be reevaluated by a psychologist licensed by the State of

Oklahoma. This section shall also be applicable to all reserve peace officers in the State of Oklahoma.

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- b. Any person who is certified by CLEET and has undergone the psychological evaluation required by this subparagraph and has been found to be suitable as a peace officer shall not be required to be reevaluated for any subsequent employment as a peace officer following retirement or any break in service as a peace officer, unless such break in service exceeds five (5) years or the Council determines that a peace officer may present a danger to himself or herself, the public, or a family or household member.
- c. All persons seeking certification shall have their name, gender, date of birth, and address of such person submitted to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services by the Council. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall respond to the Council within ten (10) days whether the computerized records of the Department indicate the applicant has ever been involuntarily committed to an Oklahoma state mental institution. In the event that the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services reports to the Council that the applicant has been involuntarily

committed, the Council shall immediately inform the employing agency.

All basic police courses shall include a minimum of four (4) hours of education and training in recognizing and managing a person appearing to require mental health treatment or services. The training shall include training in crime and drug prevention, crisis intervention, youth and family intervention techniques, recognizing, investigating and preventing abuse and exploitation of elderly persons, mental health issues, and criminal jurisdiction on Sovereign Indian Land.

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Subject to the availability of funding, for full-time salaried police or peace officers a basic police course academy shall consist of a minimum of six hundred (600) hours.

For reserve deputies a basic reserve academy shall consist of a minimum of two hundred forty (240) hours.

- 3. Beginning January 1, 2018, any reserve peace officer who has completed the two-hundred-forty-hour reserve peace officer certification program and who has been in active service in that capacity for the past six (6) months shall be eligible to attend a three-hundred-sixty-hour basic full-time training academy to become certified as a full-time peace or police officer.
- 4. Every person who has not been certified as a police or peace officer and is duly appointed or elected as a police or peace officer shall hold such position on a temporary basis only, and

shall, within six (6) months from the date of appointment or taking office, qualify as required in this subsection or forfeit such position. In computing the time for qualification, all service shall be cumulative from date of first appointment or taking office as a police or peace officer with any department in this state.

- a. The Council may extend the time requirement specified in this paragraph for good cause as determined by the Council.
- b. A duty is hereby imposed upon the employing agency to withhold payment of the compensation or wage of such unqualified officer.
- c. If the police or peace officer fails to forfeit the position or the employing agency fails to require the officer to forfeit the position, the district attorney shall file the proper action to cause the forfeiting of such position. The district court of the county where the officer is employed shall have jurisdiction to hear the case.
- 5. The Council may certify officers who have completed a course of study in another state deemed by the Council to meet standards for Oklahoma peace officers providing the officer's certification in the other state has not been revoked or voluntarily surrendered and is not currently under suspension.

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6. For purposes of this section, a police or peace officer is defined as a full-time duly appointed or elected officer who is paid for working more than twenty-five (25) hours per week and whose duties are to preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime, serve warrants, transport prisoners, and enforce laws and ordinances of this state, or any political subdivision thereof; provided, elected sheriffs and their deputies and elected, appointed, or acting chiefs of police shall meet the requirements of this subsection within the first six (6) months after assuming the duties of the office to which they are elected or appointed or for which they are an acting chief; provided further, that this section shall not apply to persons designated by the Director of the Department of Corrections as peace officers pursuant to Section 510 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. No person shall be certified as a police or peace officer by the Council or be employed by the state, a county, a city, or any political subdivision thereof, who is currently subject to an order of the Council revoking, suspending, or accepting a voluntary surrender of peace officer certification or who has been convicted of a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic violence, unless a full pardon has been granted by the proper agency; however, any person who has been trained and certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training and is actively employed as a full-time peace officer as of November

1, 1985, shall not be subject to the provisions of this subsection for convictions occurring prior to November 1, 1985.

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- G. 1. The Council is hereby authorized to provide to any employing agency the following information regarding a person who is or has applied for employment as a police or peace officer of such employing agency:
 - a. Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation reports,
 - administration of the psychological tests provided for herein,
 - c. performance in the course of study or other basis of certification,
 - d. previous certifications issued, and
 - e. any administrative or judicial determination denying certification.
- 2. An employing agency shall not be liable in any action arising out of the release of contents of personnel information relevant to the qualifications or ability of a person to perform the duties of a police or peace officer when such information is released pursuant to written authorization for release of information signed by such person and is provided to another employing agency which has employed or has received an application for employment from such person.

3. As used in this subsection, "employing agency" means a political subdivision or law enforcement agency which either has employed or received an employment application from a person who, if employed, would be subject to this section.

- H. 1. A law enforcement agency employing police or peace officers in this state shall report the hiring, resignation, or termination for any reason of a police or peace officer to the Council within ten (10) days. Failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection may disqualify a law enforcement agency from participating in training programs sponsored by the Council. Every law enforcement agency employing police or peace officers in this state shall submit to CLEET on or before October 1 of each calendar year a complete list of all commissioned employees with a current mailing address and phone number for each such employee. In addition to the above, CLEET may impose an administrative fine for violations of this section.
- 2. A tribal law enforcement agency that has peace officers commissioned by an Oklahoma law enforcement agency pursuant to a cross-deputization agreement with the State of Oklahoma or any political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall report the commissioning, resignation, or termination of commission for any reason of a cross-deputized tribal police or peace officer to CLEET within ten (10) days of the commissioning,

resignation, or termination. Failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection may disqualify a tribal law enforcement agency from participating in training programs sponsored by the Council.

- I. It is unlawful for any person to willfully make any statement in an application to CLEET knowing the statement is false or intentionally commit fraud in any application to the Council for attendance in any CLEET-conducted or CLEET-approved peace officer academy or Collegiate Officer Program or for the purpose of obtaining peace officer certification or reinstatement. It is unlawful for any person to willfully submit false or fraudulent documents relating to continuing education rosters, transcripts or certificates, or any canine license application. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than two (2) years nor more than five (5) years, or by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. In addition to the above, CLEET may impose an administrative fine.
- J. 1. A police or peace officer shall be subject to disciplinary action to include a denial, suspension, revocation or acceptance of voluntary surrender of peace officer certification upon a showing of clear and convincing evidence for the following:
 - a. conviction of a felony or a crime of domestic violence,

b. conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; provided, if the conviction is a single isolated incident that occurred more than five (5) years ago and the Council is satisfied that the person has been sufficiently rehabilitated, the Council may, in its discretion, certify such person providing that all other statutory requirements have been met,

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- c. a verdict of guilt or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or an "Alford" plea or any plea other than a not guilty plea for a felony offense, a crime of moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic violence,
- d. falsification or a willful misrepresentation of information in an employment application or application to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, records of evidence, or in testimony under oath,
- e. revocation or voluntary surrender of police or peace officer certification in another state for a violation of any law or rule or in settlement of any disciplinary action in such state,
- f. involuntary commitment of a reserve or peace officer in a mental institution or licensed private mental health facility for any mental illness, condition or disorder that is diagnosed by a licensed physician,

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psychologist or a licensed mental health professional as a substantial disorder of thought, mood, perception, psychological orientation, or memory that significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life. Provided, the peace officer certification may be reinstated upon the Council receiving notification of a psychological evaluation conducted by a licensed physician, psychologist or licensed mental health professional which attests and states by affidavit that the officer and the evaluation test data of the officer have been examined and that, in the professional opinion of the physician, psychologist or licensed mental health professional, the officer is psychologically suitable to return to duty as a peace officer. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law pertaining to confidentiality of hospital or other medical records, and as allowable under federal law, CLEET may subpoena or request a court to subpoena records necessary to assure compliance with these provisions. Any confidential information received by CLEET for such purpose shall retain its confidential character while in the possession of CLEET,

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- h. entry of a final order of protection against applicant or officer, or
- i. any violation of the Oklahoma Private Security Licensing Act.
- 2. Disciplinary proceedings shall be commenced by filing a complaint with the Council on a form approved by the Council. Any employing agency or other person having information may submit such information to the Council for consideration as provided in this subsection.
- 3. Upon the filing of the complaint, a preliminary investigation shall be conducted to determine whether:
 - a. there is reason to believe the person has violated any provision of this subsection or any other provision of law or rule, or
 - b. there is reason to believe the person has been convicted of a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude or a domestic violence offense or is currently participating in a deferred sentence for such offenses.
- 4. When the investigation of a complaint does not find the person has violated any of the provisions of this subsection, or finds that the person is sufficiently rehabilitated as provided in subparagraph b or f of paragraph 1 of this subsection, no

disciplinary action shall be required and the person shall remain certified as a police or peace officer. When the investigation of a complaint finds that the person has violated any of the provisions of this subsection, the matter shall be referred for disciplinary proceedings. The disciplinary proceedings shall be in accordance with Articles I and II of the Administrative Procedures Act.

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5. The Council shall revoke the certification of any person upon determining that such person has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude or a domestic violence offense or has entered a plea of guilty, or nolo contendere or an "Alford" plea or any plea other than a not guilty plea for a felony offense, a crime of moral turpitude or a crime of domestic violence or is the respondent in a final Victims Protective Order; provided, that if the conviction has been reversed, vacated or otherwise invalidated by an appellate court, such conviction shall not be the basis for revocation of certification; provided further, that any person who has been trained and certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training and is actively employed as a full-time peace officer as of November 1, 1985, shall not be subject to the provisions of this subsection for convictions occurring prior to November 1, 1985. The sole issue to be determined at the hearing shall be whether the person has been convicted of a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude or a domestic violence offense or is the named respondent/defendant in a final Victims Protective Order.

6. The Council shall revoke the certification of any person upon determining that such person has received a deferred sentence for a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude or a domestic violence offense.

- 7. The Council may suspend the certification of any person upon a determination that such person has been involuntarily committed to a mental institution or mental health facility for a mental illness, condition or disorder as provided in subparagraph f of paragraph 1 of this subsection.
- 8. Every law enforcement agency in this state shall, within thirty (30) days of a final order of termination or resignation while under investigation of a CLEET-certified peace officer, report such order or resignation in writing to the Executive Director of the Council. Any report, upon receipt by the Council, shall be considered as personnel records and shall be afforded confidential protection pursuant to Sections 24A.7 and 24A.8 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Any medical or other confidential records obtained by subpoena pursuant to this subsection shall not be made a part of such report. The Executive Director shall ensure that the report is provided to all members of the Council. The Council shall review and make recommendations concerning the report at the first meeting of the Council to occur after all members of the Council have received the report. The Council may, by a majority vote, order the suspension, for a given period of time, or revocation of

the CLEET certification of the peace officer in question if there are grounds for such actions pursuant to this section and the peace officer in question has been provided with notice and an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

Suspension or revocation of CLEET certification pursuant to this paragraph shall be reported to the district attorney for the jurisdiction in which the peace officer was employed, to the liability insurance company of the law enforcement agency that employed the peace officer, the chief elected official of the governing body of the law enforcement agency and the chief law enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency.

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- 9. For all other violations of this subsection, the hearing examiner shall take into consideration the severity of the violation, any mitigating circumstances offered by the person subject to disciplinary action, and any other evidence relevant to the person's character to determine the appropriate disciplinary action.
 - 10. a. A police or peace officer may voluntarily surrender and relinquish the peace officer certification to CLEET. Pursuant to such surrender or relinquishment, the person surrendering the certification shall be prohibited from applying to CLEET for reinstatement within five (5) years of the date of the surrender or

relinquishment, unless otherwise provided by law for reinstatement.

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- b. No person who has had a police or peace officer certification from another state revoked or voluntarily surrendered and has not been reinstated by that state shall be considered for certification by CLEET.
- c. Any person seeking reinstatement of police or peace officer certification which has been suspended, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered may apply for reinstatement pursuant to promulgated CLEET rules governing reinstatement. Except as provided in this subsection, any person whose certification has been revoked, suspended or voluntarily surrendered for any reason, including failure to comply with mandatory education and training requirements, shall pay a reinstatement fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) to be deposited to the credit of the Peace Officer Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 3311.7 of this title.
- 11. A duty is hereby imposed upon the district attorney who, on behalf of the State of Oklahoma, prosecutes a person holding police or peace officer or reserve peace officer certification for a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic

violence in which a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or an "Alford" plea or any other plea other than a not guilty plea or other finding of guilt is entered by, against or on behalf of a certified police or peace officer to report such plea, agreement, or other finding of guilt to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training within ten (10) days of such plea agreement or the finding of guilt.

- 12. Any person or agency required or authorized to submit information pursuant to this section to the Council shall be immune from liability arising from the submission of the information as long as the information was submitted in good faith and without malice.
- 13. Any peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency in this state which has internal discipline policies and procedures on file with CLEET shall be exempt from the disciplinary proceedings and actions provided for in this subsection; provided, however, such exemption shall not apply if the peace officer has been convicted of a felony crime, a crime of moral turpitude, or a crime of domestic violence.
- 14. All criminal proceedings initiated against a CLEETcertified peace officer or reserve peace officer shall be reported
 by the officer to CLEET immediately after arrest or discovery of the
 filing of such criminal proceeding. All CLEET-certified peace
 officers and reserve peace officers shall be required to report when
 a Victim Protective Order has been issued against the officer,

including orders issued on an emergency basis and all final orders of protection. Failure to give notice pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph may be cause to initiate an action against the officer by CLEET.

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- a. "law enforcement agency" means any department or agency of the state, a county, a municipality, or political subdivision thereof, with the duties to maintain public order, make arrests, and enforce the criminal laws of this state or municipal ordinances, which employs CLEET-certified personnel,
- b. "final order of termination" means a final notice of dismissal from employment provided after all grievance, arbitration, and court actions have been completed, and
- c. "resignation while under investigation" means the resignation from employment of a peace officer who is under investigation for any felony violation of law, a crime of moral turpitude, a crime of domestic violence, or the resignation from employment of a peace officer as part of an arbitration or plea agreement.
- K. 1. Every canine team in the state trained to detect controlled dangerous substances shall be certified, by test, in the

1 detection of such controlled dangerous substances and shall be recertified annually so long as the canine is used for such 3 detection purposes. The certification test and annual 4 recertification test provisions of this subsection shall not be 5 applicable to canines that are owned by a law enforcement agency and that are certified and annually recertified in the detection of 6 7 controlled dangerous substances by the United States Customs 8 Service. No employee of CLEET may be involved in the training or 9 testing of a canine team.

- 2. The Council shall appoint a Drug Dog Advisory Council to make recommendations concerning minimum standards, educational needs, and other matters imperative to the certification of canines and canine teams trained to detect controlled dangerous substances. The Council shall promulgate rules based upon the recommendations of the Advisory Council. Members of the Advisory Council shall include, but need not be limited to, a commissioned officer with practical knowledge of such canines and canine teams from each of the following:
 - a. the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous
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 - b. the Department of Public Safety,
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- d. a sheriff's office, and
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3. The fee for the certification test shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and the annual recertification test fee shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per canine team. A retest fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be charged if the team fails the test. No such fee shall be charged to any local, state or federal government agency. The fees provided for in this paragraph shall be deposited to the credit of the CLEET Fund created pursuant to Section 1313.2 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

- L. 1. Every canine team in the state trained to detect explosives, explosive materials, explosive devices, and materials which could be used to construct an explosive device shall be certified, by test, in the detection of such explosives and materials and shall be recertified annually so long as the canine is used for such detection purposes. The certification test and annual recertification test provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to canines that are owned by a law enforcement agency if such canines are certified and annually recertified in the detection of explosives and materials by the United States Department of Defense. No employee of CLEET may be involved in the training or testing of a canine team.
- 2. The Council shall appoint a Bomb Dog Advisory Council to make recommendations concerning minimum standards, educational needs, and other matters imperative to the certification of canines and canine teams trained to detect explosives, explosive materials,

explosive devices and materials which could be used to construct an explosive device. The Council shall promulgate rules based upon the recommendations of the Advisory Council. Members of the Advisory Council shall include, but need not be limited to, a commissioned officer with practical knowledge of such canines and canine teams from each of the following:

- a. the Department of Public Safety,
- b. a police department,

- c. a sheriff's office, and
- d. a university or college campus police department.
- 3. The fee for the certification test shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and the annual recertification test fee shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per canine team. A retest fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be charged if the team fails the test. No such fee shall be charged to any local, state or federal government agency. The fees provided for in this paragraph shall be deposited to the credit of the CLEET Fund created pursuant to Section 1313.2 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- M. All tribal police officers of any Indian tribe or nation who have been commissioned by an Oklahoma law enforcement agency pursuant to a cross-deputization agreement with the State of Oklahoma or any political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be eligible for peace officer certification

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under the same terms and conditions required of members of the law enforcement agencies of the State of Oklahoma and its political subdivisions. CLEET shall issue peace officer certification to tribal police officers who, as of July 1, 2003, are commissioned by an Oklahoma law enforcement agency pursuant to a cross-deputization agreement with the State of Oklahoma or any political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and have met the training and qualification requirements of this section.

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Ν. If an employing law enforcement agency in this state has paid for CLEET training and the salary of a person while that person is completing in this state a basic police course approved by the Council and if within one (1) year after initial employment with the original employing agency that person resigns and is hired by another law enforcement agency in this state, the second agency or the person receiving the training shall reimburse the original employing agency for the cost of CLEET training and salary paid to the person while completing the basic police course by the original employing agency. If the person leaves the original employing agency later than one (1) year, but less than two (2) years, after the initial employment, the second agency or the person receiving the training shall reimburse the original employing agency fifty percent (50%) of the cost of CLEET training and salary paid to the person while completing the basic police course by the original

employing agency. CLEET shall not be a party to any court action based on this provision.

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- O. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, in its discretion, may waive all or part of any moneys due to the Council, if deemed uncollectable by the Council.
- P. Peace officers, reserve peace officers, tribal peace officers, agencies, bail enforcers, security guards and private investigators shall maintain with the Council current mailing addresses and shall notify the Council, in writing, of any change of address or name. Notification of change of name shall require certified copies of any marriage license or other court document which reflects the change of name. Notice of change of address or telephone number must be made within ten (10) days of the effected change. Notices shall not be accepted over the phone. In any proceeding in which the Council is required to serve notice or an order on an individual or an agency, the Council may send a letter to the mailing address on file with the Council. If the letter is returned and a notation of the U.S. Postal Service indicates "unclaimed", or "moved", or "refused" or any other nondelivery markings and the records of the Council indicate that no change of address as required by this subsection has been received by the Council, the notice and any subsequent notices or orders shall be deemed by the Court as having been legally served for all purposes.

Q. All CLEET records of Bail Enforcers may be released only in compliance with this section and the Oklahoma Bail Enforcement and Licensing Act. All records in CLEET possession concerning other persons or entities shall be released only in compliance with this section and the Oklahoma Open Records Act. SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021. 58-1-6465 01/10/21 GRS

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