

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1371

By: Paxton of the Senate

and

George of the House

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6 An Act relating to the Office of Homeland Security;  
7 amending 74 O.S. 2021, Sections 51.1, 51.1a, 51.2,  
8 and 51.2a, as amended by Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4,  
9 Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
10 Sections 51.1, 51.1a, 51.2, and 51.2a), which relate  
11 to the Oklahoma Homeland Security Act; authorizing  
12 Commissioner of Public Safety to act as Homeland  
13 Security Advisor; stating responsibilities and  
14 duties; providing certain requirements of certain  
15 employees commissioned as peace officers; stating  
16 certain exemption; authorizing certain agreements;  
17 stating certain personnel and property allocations  
18 remain with the Office of Homeland Security; amending  
19 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.2b, as last amended by  
20 Section 3, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 2023 (74 O.S. Supp.  
21 2023, Section 51.2b), which relates to the Oklahoma  
22 Homeland Security Act; requiring electronic  
23 submission of report; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Sections  
24 51.2c, 51.2d, and 51.3, as amended by Sections 6, 7,  
and 8, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
Sections 51.2c, 51.2d, and 51.3), which relate to the  
Oklahoma Homeland Security Act; updating statutory  
references; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.4,  
which relates to the Oklahoma Homeland Security Act;  
transferring the Office of Homeland Security from the  
Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management to the  
Department of Public Safety; updating statutory  
language and references; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.1, as  
2 amended by Section 1, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
3 Section 51.1), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 51.1. A. There is hereby created within the ~~Oklahoma~~  
5 ~~Department of Emergency Management~~ Department of Public Safety, the  
6 Office of Homeland Security. The ~~Director of the Department~~  
7 Commissioner of Public Safety shall be the ~~chief officer of the~~  
8 ~~Office and shall appoint a~~ Homeland Security Advisor ~~who shall be~~  
9 ~~responsible to the Director~~ and shall possess or obtain federally  
10 recognized clearances as appropriate to perform the duties of the  
11 position. The Commissioner of Public Safety, as Homeland Security  
12 Advisor, shall be responsible for the operation and administration  
13 of the Office. The ~~Director shall determine the salary for the~~  
14 ~~Advisor in cooperation with standards promulgated by the Office of~~  
15 ~~Management and Enterprise Services, and~~ The Commissioner shall  
16 appoint subordinates and employees and may make such expenditures  
17 ~~within the appropriation therefor~~ with appropriated funds, or from  
18 such other available funds as may be necessary to carry out the  
19 purposes of the Oklahoma Homeland Security Act and other programs  
20 specified by law.

21 B. ~~The Advisor shall possess or obtain federally recognized~~  
22 ~~clearances as appropriate to perform the duties of the position.~~

23 1. ~~Any employee of state government appointed by the Director~~  
24 ~~to the position of Advisor shall have a right to return to the~~

1 ~~previously held classified position of the employee without any loss~~  
2 ~~of rights, privileges or benefits immediately upon completion of the~~  
3 ~~duties as Advisor, provided the employee is not otherwise~~  
4 ~~disqualified.~~

5       ~~2. Any person appointed to the position of Advisor, if already~~  
6 ~~a member of a state retirement system, shall be eligible to continue~~  
7 ~~participation in that system. If not a member of a state retirement~~  
8 ~~system, the Advisor shall be eligible to participate in the Oklahoma~~  
9 ~~Public Employees Retirement System. The Advisor shall be eligible~~  
10 ~~for participation in only one retirement system and shall elect in~~  
11 ~~writing the system in which the Advisor intends to participate.~~

12       ~~3. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety may~~  
13 ~~commission the Director, Advisor and designated staff within the~~  
14 ~~agency as specified by the Director, any employees appointed to the~~  
15 ~~Office as peace officers. Any member of the Office who receives a~~  
16 ~~commission pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall~~  
17 ~~exercise the powers and authority of an officer of the Department of~~  
18 ~~Public Safety, as provided for in Section 2-117 of Title 47 of the~~  
19 ~~Oklahoma Statutes, provided such commissions shall be subject to all~~  
20 ~~requirements set forth by the Commissioner, and the Commissioner may~~  
21 ~~set forth any limitations on the power and scope of the commission.~~

22 All commissioned staff must obtain and maintain certification as ~~law~~  
23 ~~enforcement officers by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and~~  
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1 ~~Training (CLEET)~~ full-time peace officers in accordance with the  
2 provisions of Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 C. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Office of Homeland Security shall consist of at  
4 least three functions:

- 5 1. Prevention and Intelligence;
- 6 2. Response and Recovery Planning; and
- 7 3. Awareness and Preparedness.

8 D. ~~The Director shall be authorized to employ personnel~~  
9 ~~necessary to achieve the mission of the Office.~~ Other federal,  
10 state, and local personnel may be assigned to the Office of Homeland  
11 Security pursuant to an interagency agreement. All positions and  
12 personnel of the Office of Homeland Security shall be exempt from  
13 the full-time employee limit of the Department of Public Safety.

14 E. The Office of Homeland Security shall have the duty and  
15 responsibility to develop and coordinate the implementation and  
16 administration of a comprehensive statewide strategy that is  
17 integrated into the emergency operations plan to secure ~~the State of~~  
18 ~~Oklahoma~~ this state from the results of acts of terrorism, from a  
19 public health emergency, from cyberterrorism, and from weapons of  
20 mass destruction as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C., Section  
21 2332a, and to perform other duties assigned by the ~~Director~~  
22 Commissioner. These duties shall include but not be limited to:

- 23 1. Representing ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state with federal  
24 agencies as the state Homeland Security Advisor for purposes of

1 accessing federal funds and cooperating with federal agencies in the  
2 development and implementation of a nationwide homeland security  
3 plan of response; and

4 2. Coordinating the Homeland Security efforts within ~~the State~~  
5 ~~of Oklahoma~~ this state including working with the ~~Director,~~ Governor  
6 and Legislature, state agencies, and local elected officials and  
7 local governments, emergency responder groups, private-sector  
8 businesses, educational institutions, volunteer organizations, and  
9 the general public. State agencies receiving federal funding for  
10 homeland security purposes shall report the amount and intended use  
11 of those funds to the ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland Security to  
12 ensure efficient use of funds and to avoid duplication of efforts.

13 F. Included in the comprehensive statewide strategy and  
14 consistent with the National Strategy for Homeland Security, as  
15 promulgated by the Executive Office of the President of the United  
16 States, or its successor plan or plans, the ~~Advisor~~ Office of  
17 Homeland Security shall establish the following strategic objectives  
18 for ~~Oklahoma~~ this state:

- 19 1. To prevent terrorist attacks;
- 20 2. To reduce vulnerability to terrorism;
- 21 3. To minimize the damage from and to recover from terrorist  
22 attacks; and
- 23 4. Such other duties as the Governor may prescribe.

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1 G. The Office of Homeland Security shall have the following  
2 duties:

3 1. Establish a plan for the effective implementation of a  
4 statewide emergency ~~All-Hazards~~ all-hazards response system  
5 including the duties and responsibilities of regional emergency  
6 response teams;

7 2. Create, implement, and administer an advisory system;

8 3. Coordinate and prepare applications for federal funds  
9 related to homeland security and accessing and distributing the  
10 federal funds; and

11 4. Cooperate with federal agencies in the development and  
12 implementation of a nationwide homeland security plan or response.

13 H. ~~The Department and any local government~~ Office of Homeland  
14 Security may enter into contracts, agreements, and memoranda of  
15 understanding with ~~each other~~ any public agency, as defined in  
16 Section 1003 of this title, for equipment and personnel, or both, to  
17 carry out the requirements of the Oklahoma Homeland Security Act.  
18 ~~The contract~~ Such agreements may include any provisions agreed upon  
19 by the parties and as required by any federal or state grant, if  
20 applicable.

21 I. All state agencies and political subdivisions of this state  
22 and all officers and employees of those agencies and political  
23 subdivisions are hereby directed to cooperate with and lend  
24 assistance to the ~~Director and Adviser~~ Office of Homeland Security.

1        J. All personnel, motor vehicles, computer and communications  
2 equipment, training equipment, records, furniture, and other  
3 property and equipment allocated to the Office of Homeland Security  
4 shall remain with the Office of Homeland Security upon its transfer  
5 from the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management to the  
6 Department of Public Safety as of the effective date of this act.

7        SECTION 2.        AMENDATORY        74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.1a, as  
8 amended by Section 2, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
9 Section 51.1a), is amended to read as follows:

10        Section 51.1a. A. In addition to the powers and duties as  
11 defined elsewhere in statute, the ~~Oklahoma Department of Emergency~~  
12 ~~Management~~ Office of Homeland Security has the duty and  
13 responsibility for interoperable public safety communications  
14 planning within ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state. As part of this  
15 duty the ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland Security shall:

16        1. Annually develop and electronically report to the Governor,  
17 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives, the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan;

19        2. Coordinate statewide planning for public safety  
20 communication needs of state government and state emergency  
21 responders, including a migration plan for state agency use of  
22 public safety communications technologies and rendering of aid  
23 between state government and its political subdivisions for  
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1 organizing and use of disparate public safety communications  
2 systems;

3 3. Serve as a focal point for all state-level projects  
4 involving public safety communications vendors where the focus of  
5 such authority can substantially enhance the state communications  
6 plan or savings;

7 4. Apply for, receive and hold, or assist state agencies in  
8 applying for, receiving or holding such authorizations, licenses,  
9 and allocations of channels and frequencies to carry out the  
10 purposes of this section;

11 5. Establish minimum standards and protocols for acquisition,  
12 development, or enhancement of public safety communications  
13 technologies. These standards shall be utilized by the Information  
14 Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
15 Services pursuant to the provisions of Section 34.20 of Title 62 of  
16 the Oklahoma Statutes; and

17 6. Accomplish such other purposes as may be necessary or  
18 incidental to the administration of its authority or functions  
19 pursuant to law.

20 B. It is the intent of the Legislature that all state public  
21 entities comply with the provisions of the Statewide Communications  
22 Interoperability Plan issued by the ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland  
23 Security. All state agencies are required to review the provisions  
24 of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the public



1 safety communications standards issued by the ~~Department~~ Office of  
2 Homeland Security prior to the purchase, acquisition, development,  
3 or enhancement of any public safety communications system. Local  
4 public safety agencies and political subdivisions of the state are  
5 encouraged, but not required, to review the provisions of the  
6 Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the public safety  
7 communications standards issued by the ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland  
8 Security prior to the purchase, acquisition, development, or  
9 enhancement of any public safety communications system to assist the  
10 local public safety agency or political subdivision in purchasing  
11 decisions.

12 C. No state agency shall use state funds or enter into any  
13 agreement for the acquisition, development, or enhancement of a  
14 public safety communication system unless the request is consistent  
15 with the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the  
16 public safety communications standards issued by the ~~Department~~  
17 Office of Homeland Security.

18 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.2, as  
19 amended by Section 3, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
20 Section 51.2), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 51.2. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury  
22 a revolving fund for the ~~Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management~~  
23 Office of Homeland Security to be designated the "Oklahoma Homeland  
24 Security Revolving Fund". The Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving

1 Fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year  
2 limitations and shall consist of monies received by the Office of  
3 Homeland Security or the Department of Public Safety from:

4 1. Reimbursements from responsible parties for reasonable  
5 actions taken and costs incurred by a regional team in response to  
6 an incident or event involving a dangerous substance;

7 2. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received from other  
8 state agencies and entities of state government;

9 3. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received by the  
10 ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland Security or the Department of Public  
11 Safety from the United States government or pursuant to proceedings  
12 in district court to enforce claims initiated pursuant to the  
13 Oklahoma Homeland Security Act or the Oklahoma Emergency Response  
14 Act;

15 4. Gifts, donations, and bequests;

16 5. Monies appropriated or apportioned by the state; and

17 6. Receipts from other ancillary services related to incidents  
18 or events related to dangerous substances, not otherwise provided by  
19 law.

20 B. All monies accruing to the credit of the Oklahoma Homeland  
21 Security Revolving Fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted  
22 and expended by the ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland Security for:

23 1. Operating expenses relating to homeland security expenses;  
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1        2. Administrative duties in support of homeland security  
2 functions;

3        3. Education and reimbursement for expenses of regional teams,  
4 including maintenance of equipment; and

5        4. Reimbursement, as provided in Section ~~1 of this act~~ 51.4 of  
6 this title, of funeral expenses for any member of the state military  
7 forces who died in the line of duty while serving on state active  
8 duty, as defined in Section 801 of Title 44 of the Oklahoma  
9 Statutes.

10        C. Expenditures from the Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving  
11 Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
12 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the  
13 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
14 payment.

15        SECTION 4.        AMENDATORY        74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.2a, as  
16 amended by Section 4, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
17 Section 51.2a), is amended to read as follows:

18        Section 51.2a. Contingent upon the availability of designated  
19 funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security or  
20 state appropriations, the ~~Oklahoma Department of Emergency~~  
21 ~~Management~~ Office of Homeland Security shall make grant monies  
22 available to:

23        1. Public schools, private schools, technology center schools  
24 and institutions of higher learning in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this

1 state to encourage greater emergency preparedness including, but not  
2 limited to, improvement of plans and procedures for natural and man-  
3 made disasters and emergencies, improvement of security on campus,  
4 at events, and with regard to buses and other transportation, and  
5 improvement of communications strategies and equipment; and

6 2. Local law enforcement, emergency management, disaster  
7 relief, and public health entities in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this  
8 state to encourage the active engagement of such entities with  
9 public schools, private schools, technology center schools, and  
10 institutions of higher learning in their efforts to improve  
11 emergency preparedness.

12 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.2b, as  
13 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 2023 (74 O.S. Supp.  
14 2023, Section 51.2b), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 51.2b. A. This section shall be known and may be cited  
16 as the "Oklahoma School Security Grant Program Act".

17 B. ~~The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management~~ Office of  
18 Homeland Security shall solicit proposals for and make grants for  
19 the enhancement of campus security at institutions of higher  
20 learning, technology center schools, public schools, and private  
21 schools.

22 C. The goals and objectives of the Oklahoma School Security  
23 Grant Program are to:

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1 1. Increase the awareness of the public and educational  
2 institutions of the risks, threats, and vulnerabilities of school  
3 campuses as well as mitigation strategies;

4 2. Incentivize participation in school security training  
5 programs designed to assess campus risks, threats, and  
6 vulnerabilities;

7 3. Provide assistance to institutions of higher learning,  
8 technology center schools, public schools, and private schools  
9 initiating or implementing school security plans, programs, and  
10 activities; and

11 4. Build upon the success of the pilot ~~Education Grant Program~~  
12 education grant program established by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Office of  
13 Homeland Security.

14 D. The ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland Security shall determine  
15 grant project criteria and establish a process for the consideration  
16 of proposals. The proposals shall be considered on a statewide  
17 competitive basis among peer institutions. To be eligible for an  
18 Oklahoma School Security Grant Program award, an institution of  
19 higher learning, technology center school, public school, or private  
20 school shall:

21 1. Complete a risk and vulnerability assessment conducted by  
22 the Oklahoma School Security Institute or a nationally qualified  
23 risk and vulnerability assessor; and  
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1           2. Agree to expend grant funds on items recommended by the risk  
2 and vulnerability assessment and/or to provide de-escalation and  
3 behavioral threat assessment and management training to employees.  
4 Recommended items eligible for grant fund expenditures may include,  
5 but shall not be limited to, physical security enhancements such as  
6 cameras, gates, lighting, locks, doors, windows, security  
7 geofencing, and ballistic storm shelters.

8           E. ~~On or before January 1, 2010, and each year thereafter,~~ Each  
9 year the ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland Security shall prepare an  
10 annual report on the Oklahoma School Security Grant Program and  
11 submit the report electronically to the Governor, the President Pro  
12 Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives. The report shall include a list of the recipients  
14 of Oklahoma School Security Grant Program awards and information on  
15 how grant funds were used during the previous year.

16           SECTION 6.           AMENDATORY           74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.2c, as  
17 amended by Section 6, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
18 Section 51.2c), is amended to read as follows:

19           Section 51.2c. A. There is hereby created in the State  
20 Treasury a revolving fund for the ~~Oklahoma Department of Emergency~~  
21 ~~Management~~ Office of Homeland Security to be designated the  
22 "Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund". The Oklahoma School  
23 Security Revolving Fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to  
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1 fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of monies received by the  
2 ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland Security from:

3 1. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received from other  
4 state agencies and entities of state government for school security;

5 2. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received by the  
6 ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland Security from the United States  
7 government obligated to school security projects;

8 3. Gifts, donations, and bequests; and

9 4. Monies appropriated or apportioned by the state.

10 B. All monies accruing to the credit of the Oklahoma School  
11 Security Revolving Fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted  
12 and expended by the ~~Department~~ Office of Homeland Security for the  
13 administration of the Oklahoma School Security Grant Program.

14 Contingent upon the availability of funding, the ~~Department~~ Office  
15 of Homeland Security may make grants each year to institutions of  
16 higher learning, technology center schools, public schools, and  
17 private schools as provided in Section 51.2b of this title.

18 C. Expenditures from the Oklahoma School Security Revolving  
19 Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
20 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the  
21 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
22 payment.

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1 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.2d, as  
2 amended by Section 7, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
3 Section 51.2d), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 51.2d. A. ~~Upon July 1, 2013, the Oklahoma Department~~  
5 ~~of Emergency Management~~ The Office of Homeland Security shall  
6 designate a function of its agency as the "Oklahoma School Security  
7 Institute".

8 B. The Oklahoma School Security Institute shall act as the  
9 central repository for the public and private elementary and  
10 secondary schools of this state to contact for information on  
11 resources made available to the schools in their efforts to enhance  
12 school security and assess risks and threats to school campuses.  
13 The goals and objectives of the Oklahoma School Security Institute  
14 shall include, but not be limited to:

15 1. Maximizing school security training and support to public  
16 and private elementary and secondary schools as authorized pursuant  
17 to Section 51.2b of this title;

18 2. Assisting and coordinating with public and private  
19 elementary and secondary school administrators as required in the  
20 development and implementation of safety drills;

21 3. Facilitating efforts of public and private elementary and  
22 secondary schools to utilize any available programs or entities  
23 specializing in security issues; and  
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1 4. Creating and coordinating any working groups when necessary  
2 in order to continue developing and implementing new strategies and  
3 techniques for future recommendations on school security issues.

4 C. The Oklahoma School Security Institute may develop a  
5 ~~telephone tip line system~~ whereby ~~reports of activity~~ activities  
6 that may compromise school safety can be ~~called in~~ reported and  
7 disseminated to the appropriate parties for additional investigation  
8 should it be warranted.

9 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.3, as  
10 amended by Section 8, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
11 Section 51.3), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 51.3. A. There are hereby created regional planning  
13 and coordination advisory councils for homeland security. The  
14 ~~Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management~~ Office of Homeland  
15 Security shall designate the geographical boundaries for each  
16 regional advisory council within the state.

17 B. Each regional advisory council shall be composed of the  
18 following members:

- 19 1. A chief of a paid fire department;
- 20 2. A chief of a volunteer fire department;
- 21 3. A county sheriff;
- 22 4. A chief of a police department;
- 23 5. A physician or hospital administrator;
- 24 6. An emergency management coordinator;

- 1 7. An emergency medical services provider;
- 2 8. A veterinarian;
- 3 9. A representative of a state or local disaster relief agency;
- 4 10. A city manager or mayor;
- 5 11. A county commissioner;
- 6 12. A public health representative;
- 7 13. A ~~Council~~ council of ~~Government~~ government representative;
- 8 14. A representative of a public school district; and
- 9 15. A representative of an institution of higher learning.

10 C. The members of the regional advisory councils shall be  
11 appointed by the ~~Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management~~  
12 ~~Director~~ Office of Homeland Security. The ~~Director~~ members shall  
13 ~~appoint~~ be appointed from a list of nominees provided to the  
14 ~~Director~~ Office from statewide associations or entities that  
15 represent the disciplines to be represented on the advisory  
16 councils. All members can be removed for cause by the ~~Director~~  
17 Office.

18 D. Each member of a regional advisory council shall reside in  
19 or have employment duties within the region to be served by the  
20 regional advisory council. Regional advisory council members shall  
21 have staggered terms of office not exceeding three (3) years and may  
22 be reappointed upon the expiration of a term.

23 E. Each regional advisory council shall meet at least twice a  
24 year or more frequently at the discretion of the ~~Director~~ Office.

1 The ~~Director, or Homeland Security Advisor~~ Commissioner of Public  
2 Safety or designee, ~~from the Department~~ shall attend the meetings of  
3 the regional advisory councils. A majority of the members of the  
4 regional advisory council shall constitute a quorum. The ~~Department~~  
5 Office shall establish policies and procedures regarding the  
6 operation of the regional advisory councils.

7 F. The duties and responsibilities of each regional advisory  
8 council shall be:

9 1. Assessing and documenting the needs of the region related to  
10 homeland security;

11 2. Coordinating and cooperating with the ~~Department~~ Office to  
12 achieve the strategic objectives prescribed in the Oklahoma Homeland  
13 Security Act; and

14 3. Other duties and responsibilities as determined by the  
15 ~~Director~~ Office.

16 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.4, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 51.4. A. ~~The State of Oklahoma~~ This state shall  
19 establish a program to provide financial assistance for funeral  
20 expenses of members of the state military forces who died in the  
21 line of duty while serving on state active duty orders. For  
22 purposes of this section, the terms "state military forces" and  
23 "state active duty" shall have the same definition as provided in  
24 Section 801 of Title 44 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The program shall

1 provide reimbursement of the funeral expenses for any eligible  
2 member of the state military forces as determined in accordance with  
3 this section by the ~~Director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency~~  
4 ~~Management~~ Office of Homeland Security. The reimbursement shall not  
5 exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

6 B. The ~~Director or his or her designee~~ Office shall determine  
7 whether the deceased member meets eligibility criteria for the  
8 program, make final approval of all reimbursement applications and  
9 disburse funds. Reimbursement funds shall be paid from the Oklahoma  
10 Homeland Security Revolving Fund. Regulations and application  
11 processes for the implementation of this program shall be  
12 promulgated by ~~the Director~~ Department of Public Safety.

13 SECTION 10. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the Senate the 20th day of February, 2024.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2024.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives