

1 in the event of a disaster or emergency, it is hereby found and
2 declared to be necessary to:

3 1. Create the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management
4 (OEM);

5 2. Authorize the creation of local organizations for emergency
6 management in the counties and incorporated municipalities of this
7 state;

8 3. Provide for the formulation and execution of an emergency
9 operations plan for the state. A component of the plan shall be
10 response to a catastrophic health emergency as defined in Section
11 6104 of this title;

12 4. Confer upon the Governor and upon the executive heads or
13 governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the state the
14 emergency powers provided by the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act
15 of 2003;

16 5. Provide for the rendering of mutual aid among the political
17 subdivisions of this state and with other states to cooperate with
18 the federal government with respect to carrying out emergency
19 management functions and hazard mitigation; and

20 6. Provide sufficient organization to meet, prevent or reduce
21 emergencies in the general interest and welfare of the public and
22 this state.

23 B. It is further declared to be the purpose of the Oklahoma
24 Emergency Management Act of 2003 and the policy of this state that

1 all emergency management and hazard mitigation functions of this
2 state be coordinated to the maximum extent with the comparable
3 functions of the federal government, including its various
4 departments and agencies, of other states and localities, and of
5 private agencies of every type, to the end that the most effective
6 preparation and use may be made of available workforce, resources
7 and facilities for dealing with disaster and hazard mitigation.

8 C. It is also directed that each state agency, board,
9 commission, department or other state entity having responsibilities
10 either indicated in the state Emergency Operations Plan or by the
11 nature of the service it provides to the citizens of Oklahoma shall
12 have written plans and procedures in place to protect individual
13 employees, administrators and visitors from natural and man-made
14 disasters and emergencies occurring at the work place. Plans and
15 procedures shall be in concurrence with the Oklahoma Department of
16 Emergency Management Guidebook titled "Emergency Standard Operating
17 Procedures" for state departments, agencies, offices and employees.
18 Each state agency, board, commission, department or other state
19 entity shall provide a calendar year annual report on the status of
20 their emergency management program to OEM. OEM shall compile and
21 integrate all reports into a report to the Governor and Legislature
22 on the status of state emergency preparedness.

23 D. Each state agency, board, commission, department or other
24 state entity shall have written plans and procedures in place to

1 support the responsibilities stated in the state Emergency
2 Operations Plan.

3 E. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) shall be the
4 standard for incident management in the State of Oklahoma. All on-
5 scene management of disasters and emergencies shall be conducted
6 using the Incident Command System (ICS).

7 SECTION 2. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2021, Section 6105, is
8 hereby repealed.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 04/13/2023 -
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