

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL NO. 615

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; authorizing  
8 certain agencies to establish education and training  
9 programs; authorizing certain contracts; providing  
10 for funding of programs; establishing criteria for  
11 participation in program; authorizing tuition  
12 reimbursement for successful candidates; outlining  
13 procedures for promissory note; establishing  
14 penalties; authorizing payment of certain fees;  
15 directing promulgation of rules; providing for  
16 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 846 of Title 74, unless there is  
20 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Beginning November 1, 2019, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol  
22 Division of the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State  
23 Bureau of Investigation and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections  
24 are authorized to establish a program requiring a one (1) year  
commitment of service from individuals who are being trained for  
positions critical to the safety of the public. Funds of the  
agencies may be used to pay salaries or tuition and subsistence for

1 employees in these training programs, pursuant to the provisions of  
2 paragraph C of this section. Employees may be in work status while  
3 engaging in training and education programs provided for in this  
4 section.

5 B. Employees training for positions critical to the safety of  
6 the public shall be eligible to execute a promissory note for  
7 training expenses payable to the agency whereby the employee  
8 promises to repay the note by remaining in employment with the  
9 agency for at least one (1) year. The duration of the loan  
10 repayment will correspond with the program in which the employee  
11 participated as set forth in rules promulgated for the  
12 implementation of this act.

13 C. The amount due pursuant to this act shall be reduced at a  
14 rate of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00) per calendar day beginning the  
15 first day after graduation from the education or training program.  
16 If for any reason the employee leaves the employment of the  
17 Department, the obligation will be considered due.

18 D. Violation of the provisions of the terms of the promissory  
19 note for training expenses entered into pursuant to this section  
20 shall give rise to a cause of action and suit may be commenced by  
21 the agencies for and on behalf of the State of Oklahoma for  
22 restitution of any and all sums plus interest at the statutory rate,  
23 costs and reasonable attorney fees. The provisions of this section  
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1 shall not apply to persons who volunteer or are drafted into active  
2 military service subsequent to receiving training at state expense.

3 E. The agencies may pay fees for employees to maintain licenses  
4 and certification required to provide services essential to the  
5 mission of the agencies. The agencies may require repayment of such  
6 fees pursuant to paragraph C of this section.

7 F. The Commissioner of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau  
8 of Investigation Commission and the State Board of Corrections shall  
9 promulgate rules pursuant to the implementations of this act.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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