

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 447

By: Newhouse

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; establishing a  
8 program to provide assistance for funeral expenses of  
9 certain persons who die in the line of duty;  
10 establishing maximum reimbursement amount;  
11 establishing approval authority; requiring that  
12 reimbursement be paid from certain fund; authorizing  
13 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;  
14 and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 51.4 of Title 74, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 The State of Oklahoma shall establish a program to provide  
20 assistance for the funeral expenses of all members of the National  
21 Guard, police, state troopers, firefighters and first responders who  
22 have died in the line of duty while under state orders. The program  
23 shall provide a grant for funeral expenses for any person who  
24 qualifies as determined by the Oklahoma Homeland Security Director.  
Maximum reimbursement shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
(\$10,000.00).

1 The deceased must be a resident of the State of Oklahoma. The  
2 Oklahoma Homeland Security Director or his or her designee shall  
3 make final approval of all applications. The approving authority  
4 shall determine whether the deceased meets eligibility criteria and  
5 approve funds to defray funeral costs. Reimbursement will be paid  
6 from the Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving Fund. Rules and  
7 application processes for the implementation of this program shall  
8 be promulgated by the Oklahoma Homeland Security Director.

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