

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 567

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; establishing
8 certain grant program; providing definition;
9 establishing maximum reimbursement amount and
10 procedure for awarding grant; requiring that
11 reimbursement be paid from certain fund; directing
12 promulgation of rules; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section
13 51.2, as amended by Section 701, Chapter 304, O.S.L.
14 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 51.2), which
15 relates to the Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving
16 Fund; providing an additional use of fund; providing
17 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

22 The State of Oklahoma shall establish a program to provide
23 assistance for the funeral expenses of all members of the National
24 Guard, police, state troopers, firefighters and first responders who
25 have died in the line of duty while in response to state orders.

26 For the purposes of this section, "while in response to state
27 orders" shall mean serving on a state-specific and state-managed

1 mission to respond to domestic emergencies including, but limited
2 to, natural disasters and civil disturbances. The program shall
3 provide a grant for funeral expenses for any person who qualifies as
4 determined by the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency
5 Management. Maximum reimbursement shall not exceed Ten Thousand
6 Dollars (\$10,000.00).

7 The deceased must be a resident of this state. The Director or
8 his or her designee shall make final approval of all applications.
9 The approving authority shall determine whether the deceased meets
10 eligibility criteria and approve funds to defray funeral costs.

11 Reimbursement shall be paid from the Oklahoma Homeland Security
12 Revolving Fund. Rules and application processes for the
13 implementation of this program shall be promulgated by the Director.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 51.2, as
15 amended by Section 701, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.
16 2020, Section 51.2), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

12 4. Gifts, donations, and bequests;

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

14 6. Receipts from other ancillary services related to incidents
15 or events related to dangerous substances, not otherwise provided by
16 law.

17 B. All monies accruing to the credit of the Oklahoma Homeland
18 Security Revolving Fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted
19 and expended by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security for:

20 1. Operating expenses;

21 2. Administrative duties; and

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

1 4. Assistance in funeral expenses for those who died in the
2 line of duty while in response to state orders as defined in Section
3 1 of this act.

4 C. Expenditures from the Oklahoma Homeland Security Revolving
5 Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
6 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
7 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
8 payment.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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