

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2914 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Kevin Wallace \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2914

By: Wallace and Caldwell (Trey)  
of the House

and

Hall and Rosino of the  
Senate

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to law enforcement funding; creating the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Funding Assistance Grant Program Act of 2024; authorizing certain reference and citation; providing legislative intent; establishing the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Funding Assistance Grant Program; defining terms; providing for administration by the Attorney General's Office; declaring purpose; establishing program procedures and criteria; establishing grant amounts at certain levels under certain qualifications; authorizing proportional reductions; limiting use of proceeds; prohibiting reduction and supplanting of exiting funding prior to certain date; authorizing the promulgation of rules; creating the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Funding Assistance Revolving Fund; establishing revolving fund characteristics; deeming funds appropriated; providing purpose for expenditures; authorizing and limiting budgeting and expenditures; requiring budgeting and expenditure procedures; amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 180.62, which relates to county officer salaries; exempting sheriff from salary range; requiring sheriff salary not be below certain benchmark; establishing sheriff salary range; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

5 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
6 Sheriff's Office Funding Assistance Grant Program Act of 2024".

7 B. There is hereby established the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office  
8 Funding Assistance Grant Program. The legislative intent of this  
9 act is to provide additional resources to counties to fund a Twenty-  
10 five Thousand Dollar (\$25,000.00) per year increase in salary for  
11 county sheriffs, implementable at the county level.

12 C. As used in the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Funding Assistance  
13 Grant Program Act of 2024:

14 1. "Gross assessed total tangible property valuation" means the  
15 amount determined pursuant to the calculation provided in Section  
16 180.59 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

17 2. "Grant" means an amount authorized to be awarded under the  
18 provisions of this section; and

19 3. "Qualified county" means any county recognized as a county  
20 of this state as of the effective date of this act.

21 D. The Office of Attorney General shall establish and  
22 administer the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Funding Assistance Grant  
23 Program to support the state purpose of ensuring professional law  
24 enforcement throughout the state by providing financial assistance

1 to sheriff's offices in qualified counties. Such program shall  
2 embody the following procedures and criteria:

3 1. Not later than the thirtieth day after the first day of a  
4 qualified county's fiscal year, the county may submit an application  
5 for a grant to the Office of the Attorney General. A county may  
6 submit only one application each fiscal year;

7 2. Grants awarded under the provisions of this section shall be  
8 to qualified counties in the following amounts, or in proportionally  
9 equivalent reduced amounts if available funding for the program is  
10 limited:

11 a. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for a  
12 county in the lower twenty-six (26) of qualified  
13 counties ranked by gross assessed total tangible  
14 property valuation,

15 b. Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for a  
16 county ranked higher than twenty-six (26) but lower  
17 than fifty-three (53) of qualified counties ranked by  
18 gross assessed total tangible property valuation, and

19 c. Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for a  
20 county ranked equal to or greater than fifty-three  
21 (53) of qualified counties ranked by gross assessed  
22 total tangible property valuation.

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1 E. Counties awarded a grant from the program shall limit use of  
2 the grant proceeds to the lawful operation of the sheriff's office,  
3 provided such proceeds shall not be used for the payment of salary.

4 F. Until the completion of the fiscal year ending June 30,  
5 2026, no county shall reduce or supplant existing funding or the  
6 county's methodology for allocating funds to a county sheriff's  
7 office due to the award of grant funding as provided under the  
8 provisions of this section.

9 G. The Office of the Attorney General is hereby authorized to  
10 adopt rules and procedures as necessary to carry out the provisions  
11 of this section.

12 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 20k-1B of Title 74, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
16 for the Office of the Attorney General to be designated the  
17 "Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Funding Assistance Revolving Fund". The  
18 fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year  
19 limitations, and shall consist of all monies directed to the fund  
20 and eligible for deposit by law. All monies accruing to the credit  
21 of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and  
22 expended by the Office of the Attorney General exclusively for the  
23 purposes and in compliance with the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office  
24 Funding Assistance Grant Program, created in Section 1 of this act.

1 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by  
2 the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with  
3 the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
4 approval and payment.

5 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 180.62, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 180.62 A. The basic salaries of county officers upon  
8 which all salaries and future increases or decreases thereof shall  
9 not be less than Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) per annum  
10 nor shall they exceed Forty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
11 (\$49,500.00) per annum, provided the basic salary for the sheriff,  
12 which shall be no less than other salaries for county officers  
13 controlled by this section, shall not be less than Forty-four  
14 Thousand Dollars (\$44,000.00) per annum nor shall it exceed Seventy-  
15 four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$74,500.00) per annum.

16 B. The board of county commissioners, or if the county has  
17 elected to come under the County Budget Act, the budget board  
18 members of the county, shall set the salaries for all elected county  
19 officials within the limits allowed by law.

20 C. The annual salaries fixed by this act shall be paid either  
21 monthly or twice a month, by order of the board of county  
22 commissioners, for each month or fraction thereof the incumbent  
23 lawfully occupies and holds title to such office.

24 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

1       SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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