

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 SENATE BILL 492

By: Paxton

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of  
7 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; creating the  
8 Wildfire Reimbursement Revolving Fund; establishing  
9 purpose; making an appropriation; providing for  
10 codification; providing for noncodification;  
11 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
12 emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 16-14 of Title 2, 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 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be  
17 designated the "Wildfire Reimbursement Revolving Fund". The fund  
18 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,  
19 and shall consist of all monies designated to the fund by law. All  
20 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated  
21 and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of  
22 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry for the purpose of reimbursement of  
23 expenditures of Oklahoma fire departments who participated in  
24 extinguishment efforts of fires that:

1 1. Were not fully extinguished in the twenty-four (24) hours  
2 after their reporting; and

3 2. Involved more than one fire department jurisdiction.

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

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
9 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

10 There is hereby appropriated to the Wildfire Reimbursement  
11 Revolving Fund created in Section 1 of this act from any monies not  
12 otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State  
13 Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the sum of Five  
14 Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be  
15 necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Department  
16 of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry by law.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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