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Bill Analysis

SB 1396 creates the Oklahoma State Guard and Militia Revitalization Act of 2024. The measure lowers the age at which an Oklahoman may join the Militia of the State of Oklahoma from 17 to 16 years of age and eliminates the maximum age to join the militia. Persons under 17 and over 70 years of age shall be exempt from mandatory service. The measure changes may to shall as it relates to the Governor prescribing rules and regulations governing the enlistment, organization, administration, equipment, discipline and discharge of the personnel of such military forces. The measure directs the Governor to appoint a Commandant of the Oklahoma State Guard and Unorganized Militia to serve within the Military Department and report to the Adjutant General (TAG). The measure provides that the state shall provide compensation to members of the State Guard when attending state-mandated training. Members serving as Oklahoma State Guard county coordinators or state-level full-time personnel shall also receive compensation from the state. The measure requires the TAG to authorize at least 4 Multiple Unit Training Assemblies (MUTA) of Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) per month and 15 days of annual training.

The measure requires each county to establish a unit of the Oklahoma State Guard (OSG), which shall operate under a designee at the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma. The measure also provides that privately owned semiautomatic firearms of similar quality as that provided in the military forces of the United States, the National Guard, or the military or police forces of this state may be required to serve in the OSG. The measure also directs the Adjutant General to promulgate rules allowing for the use of any semiautomatic firearm in emergencies. The measure provides that the sheriff of each county shall solicit nominees with prior honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard and who reside within the county, to serve as the interim Oklahoma State Guard county coordinator for that county. The county coordinator shall report to the OSGUM Commandant and to TAG. The measure directs the Oklahoma National Guard to provide a list of persons retired or honorably discharged from the service of the United States or from the National Guard within the last 48 months no later than January 30, 2025, and March 15 each subsequent year.

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