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Bill Analysis

SB 852 creates the Oklahoma State Guard and Militia Revitalization Act of 2025. The measure lowers the minimum age to join the Militia of the State of Oklahoma from 17 to 16 years of age and removes the maximum age. The measure requires any person joining the Militia to be of sound mind. Persons over the age of 70 and under the age of 16 shall be exempt from mandatory service. The measure provides for state-mandated training and creates the position of Oklahoma State Guard county coordinators. The measure directs the Governor to appoint a Commandant of the Oklahoma State Guard and Unorganized Militia (OSGUM Commandant or “Commandant”) to serve within the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma and to report to the Adjutant General (TAG). The measure directs TAG to authorize at least 4 voluntary Multiple Unit Training Assemblies (MUTA) of Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) per month and 15 days of annual training.

The state shall fund the OSG units when they are activated upon the order of the Governor or when called to mandatory training. Counties and citizen groups may voluntarily fund personnel, training, equipment, vehicles, and logistics for their respective county OSG units in coordination with the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma. The measure also provides that, beginning December 1, 2025, the registrar of each county shall provide every registered voter with notice of the opportunity for service in and contact information for the county OSG unit, and thereafter, upon first-time voter registration.

County boards of commissioners shall appoint interim County Unit Liaisons of the Oklahoma State Guard and Unorganized Militia, each of whom must have prior honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard and reside in the county no later than November 30, 2025. 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, 2026, and March 15 each subsequent year. The Adjutant General is required to authorize at least 4 voluntary Multiple Unit Training Assemblies (MUTA) of Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) per month and 15 days of annual training.

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