

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 4063

By: Wallace, Hardin, Cornwell,
Hasenbeck, Strom, Hays,
Kendrix, Archer, Bashore,
Maynard, Roe, West (Josh),
and Burns of the House

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5 and

6 Weaver, Murdock, Prieto,
7 Stephens, Hamilton, and
8 Woods of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
11 creating the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Salary
12 Assistance Grant Program Act; providing certain
13 reference; defining terms; creating grant program to
14 provide additional resources to sheriff's offices;
15 establishing certain eligibility criteria;
16 authorizing and limiting certain utilizations of
17 grant awards; prohibiting certain reduction or
18 supplantation of funds; authorizing the promulgation
19 of rules; creating the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office
20 Salary Assistance Revolving Fund; vesting the fund
21 with the Office of Management and Enterprise
22 Services; establishing revolving fund
23 characteristics; requiring and limiting fund
24 utilization; establishing budgeting and expenditure
procedures; amending 19 O.S. 2021, Sections 180.62
and 180.67, which relate to salaries of county
officers; providing certain exception to certain
structures and limits; providing for noncodification;
providing for codification; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
24 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
2 Sheriff's Office Salary Assistance Grant Program Act".

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 180.66A of Title 19, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. As used in this section:

7 1. "Combined service-load" means the sum of the service-load
8 factor multiplied by the service-area factor of a qualified county;

9 2. "Grant" means an amount authorized to be awarded under the
10 provisions of this section;

11 3. "Qualified county" means any county recognized as a county
12 of this state as of the effective date of this act;

13 4. "Service-area factor" means the total number of square miles
14 within the boundaries of a qualified county; and

15 5. "Service-load factor" and "population" shall have the same
16 meaning as provided in Section 180.60 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma
17 Statutes.

18 B. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall
19 establish and administer the Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Salary
20 Assistance Grant Program to support the state purpose of ensuring
21 professional law enforcement throughout the state by providing
22 financial assistance to sheriff's offices in qualified counties.
23 Such program shall embody the following procedures and criteria:

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1 1. Not later than the thirtieth day after the first day of a
2 qualified county's fiscal year, the county may submit an application
3 for a grant to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. A
4 county may submit only one application each fiscal year;

5 2. Grants awarded under the provisions of this section shall be
6 to qualified counties in the following amounts:

7 a. Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for a
8 county in the lower twenty-six (26) of qualified
9 counties ranked by combined service-load factor,

10 b. Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) for
11 a county ranked higher than twenty-six (26) but lower
12 than fifty-three (53) of qualified counties ranked by
13 combined service-load factor, and

14 c. Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for a
15 county ranked equal to or greater than fifty-three
16 (53) of qualified counties ranked by combined service-
17 load factor.

18 C. Counties awarded a grant from the program shall limit use of
19 the grant proceeds to the following:

20 1. To provide a minimum annual salary of not less than:

21 a. Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for a
22 county sheriff,

23 b. Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) for each
24 deputy sheriff, and

1 c. Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for each jailer
2 employed by the county;

3 2. To increase the salary of officers and employees described
4 in paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section;

5 3. To hire additional deputy sheriffs or staff for the
6 sheriff's office; or

7 4. To purchase vehicles, firearms, and safety equipment for the
8 sheriff's office.

9 D. No county shall budget or expend an amount of an award
10 provided under the provisions of this section for a purpose other
11 than one listed in subsection C of this section; provided, that no
12 amount shall be expended by a county as otherwise authorized by
13 paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of subsection C of this section unless the
14 minimum salaries as described in paragraph 1 of subsection C of this
15 section have been achieved in such county.

16 E. No county shall reduce or supplant existing funding or the
17 county's methodology for allocating funds to a county sheriff's
18 office due to the award of grant funding as provided under the
19 provisions of this section.

20 F. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall
21 promulgate rules as needed to implement the provisions of this
22 section, including, but not limited to, rules addressing the
23 application process, application submission timelines, and
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1 procedures for assuring compliance with the provisions of this
2 section.

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 180.66B of Title 19, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
7 for the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to be
8 designated the "Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Salary Assistance
9 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
10 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies directed
11 to the fund and eligible for deposit by law. All monies accruing to
12 the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted
13 and expended by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services
14 exclusively for the purposes and in compliance with the Oklahoma
15 Sheriff's Office Salary Assistance Grant Program. Expenditures from
16 said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
17 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
18 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
19 payment.

20 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 180.62, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 180.62 A. The Except as otherwise provided in the
23 Oklahoma Sheriff's Office Salary Assistance Grant Program Act
24 created in Sections 1 through 3 of this act, the basic salaries of

1 county officers upon which all salaries and future increases or
2 decreases thereof shall not be less than Nineteen Thousand Dollars
3 (\$19,000.00) per annum nor shall they exceed Forty-nine Thousand
4 Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00) per annum.

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

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

13 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 180.67, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 180.67 A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B
16 of this section and except as provided in the Oklahoma Sheriff's
17 Office Salary Assistance Grant Program Act created in Sections 1
18 through 3 of this act, it is hereby declared to be the intent of the
19 Legislature that this act shall be the comprehensive salary code for
20 all counties of the state and no county officer in paragraph 1 of
21 Section 180.61 of this title, or their assistants, deputies, or
22 other employees by whatever title designated, shall receive any
23 salary or wages except as provided in Section 180.58 et seq. of this
24 title.

1 B. Counties may opt to utilize the appropriate State of
2 Oklahoma pay structure in lieu of or in addition to the salary code
3 referenced in subsection A of this section.

4 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

5 SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

9 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2024.

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12 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

13 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2024.

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17 Presiding Officer of the Senate