

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 27, 2019

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 615

6 By: Pugh

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8 [state government - education and training programs
9 - contracts - funding - criteria - codification -
10 effective date]

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 846 of Title 74, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. Beginning November 1, 2019, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol
17 Division of the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State
18 Bureau of Investigation and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections
19 are authorized to establish a program requiring a one (1) year
20 commitment of service from individuals who are being trained for
21 positions critical to the safety of the public. Funds of the
22 agencies may be used to pay salaries or tuition and subsistence for
23 employees in these training programs, pursuant to the provisions of
24 subsection C of this section. Employees may be in work status while

1 engaging in training and education programs provided for in this
2 section.

3 B. Employees training for positions critical to the safety of
4 the public shall be eligible to execute a promissory note for
5 training expenses payable to the agency whereby the employee
6 promises to repay the note by remaining in employment with the
7 agency for at least one (1) year. The duration of the loan
8 repayment will correspond with the program in which the employee
9 participated as set forth in rules promulgated for the
10 implementation of this section.

11 C. The amount due pursuant to this section shall be reduced at
12 a rate of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00) per calendar day beginning the
13 first day after graduation from the education or training program.
14 If for any reason the employee leaves the employment of the
15 Department, the obligation will be considered due.

16 D. Violation of the provisions of the terms of the promissory
17 note for training expenses entered into pursuant to this section
18 shall give rise to a cause of action and suit may be commenced by
19 the agencies for and on behalf of the State of Oklahoma for
20 restitution of any and all sums plus interest at the statutory rate,
21 costs and reasonable attorney fees. The provisions of this section
22 shall not apply to persons who volunteer, who are drafted into
23 active military service subsequent to receiving training at state
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1 expense or who have been terminated prior to the obligation being
2 fulfilled.

3 E. The agencies may pay fees for employees to maintain licenses
4 and certification required to provide services essential to the
5 mission of the agencies. The agencies may require repayment of such
6 fees pursuant to subsection C of this section.

7 F. The Commissioner of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau
8 of Investigation Commission and the State Board of Corrections shall
9 promulgate rules pursuant to the implementations of this section.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
12 February 27, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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