

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB856</b>
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<b>Request Number:</b>	
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>OMD cost: approx. \$5,000 per year</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 856 allows for reimbursement for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by the Director of the Oklahoma Military Department, other employees of the Department, and persons performing substantial and necessary services to the state in support of the Oklahoma National Guard.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 856 in its current form allows the Oklahoma Military Department (OMD) to pay the “actual and necessary travel expenses” of the Department’s Director and certain employees. Officials for the Department contend that such amendatory change would allow the Department to fully reimburse the costs of travel related to federally associated conferences and training courses, currently not fully reimbursed under the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Officials for the Oklahoma Military Department (OMD) estimate, the agency would absorb additional travel reimbursement costs of approximately \$5,000 annually as a result of the provisions of SB 856.

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**Other Considerations**

None.