

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE BILL 1925

 By: Sims

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Council on Law Enforcement
8 Education and Training; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
9 Section 3311.11, which relates to training expenses;
10 authorizing law enforcement agencies to execute
11 promissory note for repayment of basic law
12 enforcement academy training expenses; and providing
13 an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3311.11, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 3311.11 A. Any person or peace officer who desires to
18 attend a basic law enforcement academy conducted by the Council on
19 Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) shall, within ninety
20 (90) days of hire and prior to CLEET admission, be required to score
21 a minimum of seventy percent (70%) on a reading and writing
22 comprehension examination approved by CLEET to assure the applicant
23 can read and write on a level necessary to perform the requirements
24 of the CLEET academy. Any person or any peace officer who desires
to attend a CLEET-approved reserve basic law enforcement academy
shall, within ninety (90) days of hire and prior to reserve basic

1 law enforcement academy admission, be required to score a minimum of
2 seventy percent (70%) on a reading and writing comprehension
3 examination approved by CLEET to assure the applicant can read and
4 write at a level necessary to perform the requirements of the
5 reserve academy.

6 B. Beginning November 1, 2009, any person or peace officer who
7 desires to attend the basic law enforcement academy conducted by
8 CLEET shall, prior to admission, be required to provide proof of a
9 score of a minimum of seventy percent (70%) on a physical agility
10 test approved by CLEET to assure the applicant is in sufficient
11 physical condition to avoid unnecessary injury during the basic law
12 enforcement academy training.

13 C. 1. Beginning November 1, 2009, any person or peace officer,
14 upon employment by a law enforcement agency and prior to attending a
15 basic law enforcement academy conducted by CLEET, shall execute a
16 promissory note for academy training expenses payable to CLEET
17 whereby the person or peace officer promises to repay the note by
18 remaining within the law enforcement profession in the State of
19 Oklahoma in a position approved by rules and regulations of CLEET
20 for four (4) years following graduation from the basic law
21 enforcement academy.

22 2. A law enforcement agency previously approved by CLEET to
23 conduct a basic law enforcement academy may require any person or
24 peace officer to execute a promissory note for academy training

1 expenses payable to the law enforcement agency conducting the
2 training, whereby the person or peace officer promises to repay the
3 note by remaining with the law enforcement agency in a position
4 approved by the law enforcement agency for a period of time agreed
5 upon and under terms and conditions agreeable to both parties, not
6 to extend longer than four (4) years following graduation from the
7 basic law enforcement academy.

8 D. The amounts due pursuant to subsection C of this section
9 shall be reduced at a rate of Three Dollars (\$3.00) per calendar day
10 beginning the first day after graduation from the basic law
11 enforcement academy and continuing until the end of one thousand
12 four hundred sixty (1,460) days. If for any reason a peace officer
13 leaves the employment of a law enforcement agency and does not
14 reemploy with an approved law enforcement agency within ninety (90)
15 days of the date of becoming inactive the obligation shall be
16 considered due. Upon default of the note, if no agreement for
17 payment or payment schedule has been agreed upon, the certification
18 of the peace officer shall be suspended. For purposes of repayment,
19 periods of time where a peace officer is inactive shall not be
20 included in the one-thousand-four-hundred-sixty-day employment
21 period.

22 E. The amount of a promissory note for academy training
23 expenses that is canceled under the provisions of this section shall
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1 not be considered income for the purposes of Oklahoma State Income
2 Tax.

3 F. The Director of CLEET may waive any or all promissory note
4 obligations for academy training expenses in instances where in the
5 sole opinion of the Director, a waiver is in the best interests of
6 law enforcement.

7 G. Violation of the provisions of subsection D of this section
8 or the terms of the promissory note for academy training expenses
9 entered into pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section
10 shall give rise to a cause of action and suit may be commenced by
11 CLEET for and on behalf of the State of Oklahoma for restitution of
12 any and all sums plus interest at the statutory rate, costs and
13 reasonable attorney fees. All promissory notes for academy training
14 expenses, interest and fees collected pursuant to paragraph 1 of
15 subsection C of this section shall be deposited into the Peace
16 Officer Revolving Fund provided for in Section 3311.7 of ~~Title 70 of~~
17 ~~the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. The provisions of this ~~section~~
18 subsection shall not apply to persons who volunteer or are drafted
19 into active military service subsequent to receiving CLEET training
20 at state expense.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02/14/2023 -
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