



OFFICE OF

No. SB 1393

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

April 7, 2014

TIME SIGNED: 4:03pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
SECOND SESSION OF THE
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1393:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 1393. Current law requires an active full-time certified peace officer or CLEET certified cross-deputized tribal officer to complete at least twenty-five (25) hours of continuing law enforcement training annually. If the officer fails to achieve the required training, the Council on Law Enforcement Education Training is required to serve upon the officer's employer a written Notice of Intent to Suspend. The officer must be suspended if the officer fails to meet the requirements within a "reasonable time" after the employer's notice. A "reasonable time" is defined by the Council as, "no more than thirty (30) days after the Notice of Intent to Suspend has been received *except in situations of documented medical or military leave.*"

Senate Bill 1393 removes two critical provisions from current law. First, it removes the requirement of the Council to notify the officer's employer, requiring *only* the officer be notified in writing. Senate Bill 1393 requires *immediate* suspension and *removal from employment* upon the officer's receipt of the Notice. The removal of the Council's duty to notify an employer of the officer's failure to comply with the required annual training could easily result in a police department unknowingly employing an officer unlawfully.

Second, Senate Bill 1393 removes the current "reasonable time" provision, thereby removing an officer's ability to complete the training requirement within thirty days of receiving the Notice. Senate Bill 1393 makes no exception for officers who may fail to complete the annual training requirements due to documented medical or military reasons. It is common for police departments to maintain deployed officers and medically limited officers as full time, active officers. This Bill could result in those officers' immediate suspension and termination in spite of their military service or medical condition.

The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training concurs with these concerns, and will continue to work with the Governor's Office and the Legislature to find appropriate solutions for the issues addressed in this legislation.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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By B. McCune

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