

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1675

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of the House

and

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An Act relating to emergency management; defining terms; providing for applicability; directing for assessments and reviews; requiring action plans; requiring submission of assessments and plans to regulating authority; providing exception; directing for communication and warning systems; providing standards; requiring training and drills; requiring disclosure; providing for rulemaking; providing enforcement; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 681, which relates to school buildings and fallout protection; adding recreational campgrounds; requiring emergency plans be on file with local emergency management director; updating statutory language; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Emergency management

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.24C of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

1. "Camp facility" means an operator of a facility that hosts or is rented by multiple youth camps;

2. "Emergency action plan" or "EAP" means a written, site-specific plan addressing preparedness response, evacuation, sheltering, and communication for severe weather hazards;

3. "Hazard exposure zone" means an area identified through federal, state, or local data as subject to one or more severe weather hazards;

4. "Outdoor program" means a youth-serving activity conducted primarily outdoors, including wilderness programs, sports camps, adventure camps, or similar operations;

5. "Regulating authority" means the emergency management director of the county in which the camp facility, youth camp, or outdoor program is located;

6. "Severe weather hazard" means a meteorological or environmental condition that poses a foreseeable risk to life or safety, including but not limited to:

- a. flooding or flash flooding,
- b. high winds or straight-line winds,
- c. tornadic or rotating wind systems,
- d. hail,
- e. lightning,
- f. extreme heat or cold,
- g. wildfire or wildfire smoke, and
- h. any other weather-related condition designated by the regulating authority; and

7. "Youth camp" means any program or operation that:

- a. provides organized recreational, educational, or residential activities,
- b. serves individuals under eighteen (18) years of age, and

- c. operates for compensation or as a nonprofit, including day camps, overnight camps, seasonal camps, and specialty camps.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.24D of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act applies to all camp facilities, youth camps, and outdoor programs operating within this state except:

1. Programs conducted solely on a single-day basis with no oversight component which may be subject to modified requirements, as determined by rule; and

2. Programs operated exclusively by a parent or legal guardian for his or her own children.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.24E of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as provided for in subsection D of this section, camp facilities, youth camps, and outdoor programs shall conduct a site-specific hazard assessment on or before January 1, 2027, identifying:

- 1. Applicable severe weather hazards;
- 2. Proximity to hazard exposure zones;
- 3. Structural vulnerabilities of buildings and shelters; and
- 4. Feasible evacuation routes and shelter-in-place locations.

B. Hazard assessments shall be reviewed and updated:

- 1. At least once every three (3) years; and
- 2. Upon material changes to facilities, terrain, or hazard classifications.

C. A copy of the site-specific hazard assessment, including updated assessments, shall be submitted to and placed on file with the regulating authority.

D. Any youth camp or outdoor program hosted at a camp facility shall utilize the site-specific hazard assessment of the camp facility.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.24F of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as provided for in subsection E of this section, on or before January 1, 2027, camp facilities, youth camps, and outdoor programs shall develop and maintain an emergency action plan addressing, at a minimum:

1. Monitoring and detection of severe weather hazards;
2. Decision-making authority and chain of command;
3. Criteria for evacuation versus shelter-in-place;
4. Evacuation routes and secondary alternatives;
5. Shelter standards appropriate to the identified hazards;
6. Accountability procedures for campers and staff; and
7. Post-event communication and reunification procedures.

B. The plan shall include separate response protocols for each severe weather hazard reasonably applicable to the site.

C. Emergency action plans shall be reviewed and updated:

1. At least once every three (3) years; and
2. Upon material changes to facilities, terrain, or hazard classifications.

D. A copy of the emergency action plan, including updated plans, shall be submitted to and placed on file with the regulating authority.

E. Any youth camp or outdoor program hosted at a camp facility shall utilize the emergency action plan of the camp facility.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.24G of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Each camp facility, youth camp, and outdoor program shall maintain:

1. At least two independent methods of receiving severe weather alerts, including one method that does not rely on cellular service;
2. An internal communication system capable of alerting staff and campers promptly; and
3. Procedures for notifying parents or guardians during emergencies.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.24H of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Where severe weather hazards are identified, camp facilities and youth camps shall provide access to shelters that are:

1. Appropriately rated for anticipated wind or impact loads;
2. Located outside high-risk zones when feasible; and
3. Clearly marked and accessible.

B. The regulating authority may prohibit or condition the use of:

1. Sleeping facilities located in high-risk hazard exposure zones; or
2. Temporary structures unable to withstand foreseeable severe weather.

SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.24I of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Camp facility, youth camp, and outdoor program staff shall receive annual training on emergency procedures and hazard recognition.

B. Youth camps and camp facilities shall conduct periodic drills appropriate to the identified hazards.

C. Training records shall be maintained and made available for inspection by the regulating authority.

SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.24J of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Youth camps, camp facilities, and outdoor programs shall disclose in writing:

1. The existence of material severe weather hazards affecting the site; and
2. The general nature of emergency response procedures.

Acknowledgment of receipt shall be obtained from participants or the parents or legal guardians of participants, if the participant is a minor, prior to participation.

SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.24K of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The regulating authority shall adopt rules necessary to implement this act, including:

1. Hazard-specific standards;
2. Compliance timelines; and
3. Variance procedures for site-specific conditions.

B. The regulating authority may impose:

1. Corrective action plans;
2. Civil penalties; or
3. The closure of camp facilities, youth camps, and outdoor programs for material noncompliance.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 681, is amended to read as follows:

Section 681. A. School authorities of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state, its political subdivisions, and its school districts are authorized to plan, design, and construct new school buildings and make additions to existing school buildings that afford protection for the anticipated school body, faculty, and visitors against tornadoes and severe weather. Each school, administration building and institution of higher learning shall have written plans and procedures in place for protecting students, faculty, administrators and visitors from natural and man-made disasters and emergencies. Plans shall be reviewed and updated annually as appropriate by each school, administration building and institution of higher learning, and placed on file at each school district and each local emergency response organization within the district, which may include police, fire, emergency medical services, sheriff and emergency management of the appropriate jurisdiction. The plans shall be submitted in a format acceptable to the emergency agency no later than November 1 of each year. Each school district and institution of higher learning shall make annual reports to the local school board or Board of Regents detailing the status of emergency preparedness and identified safety needs for each school or institution.

B. Recreational campgrounds within this state are authorized to plan, design, and maintain facilities and grounds in a manner that affords protection for campers, staff, and visitors against flooding and severe weather hazards. Each recreational campground shall have written emergency action plans and procedures in place for protecting campers, staff, and visitors from natural disasters and severe weather events, including those requiring evacuation.

1. Such plans shall, at a minimum, identify natural hazards specific to the location that may necessitate evacuation, outline evacuation routes and procedures, and include methods for issuing emergency alerts and warnings to campers and staff. The plans shall be reviewed and updated annually as appropriate by the operator of the recreational campground.

2. A copy of the emergency action plan, including evacuation procedures and warning information, shall be submitted to and placed on file with the local emergency management director of the appropriate jurisdiction in a format acceptable to the emergency management agency. The plans shall be submitted or updated no later

than January 1 of each year and upon any significant change to
facility operations or hazard conditions.

SECTION 11. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of May, 2026.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 29th day of April, 2026.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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