

described in this subsection shall be entirely nonsmoking no later than January 1, 2018.

C. All buildings and other properties, or portions thereof, owned or operated by a county or municipal government, at the discretion of the county or municipal governing body, may be designated as entirely nonsmoking.

D. All ~~buildings, or portions thereof, owned by an~~ educational ~~facility~~ facilities or portions thereof as is defined in the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act and all educational facilities as defined in the 24/7 Tobacco-free Schools Act shall be designated as nonsmoking as provided for in Section 1-1523 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All campuses, buildings and grounds, or portions thereof, owned or operated by an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may be designated as tobacco free, including smoking or smokeless tobacco, by the institution upon adoption of a policy stating the tobacco restrictions for the institution and an intent to enforce the penalty for violations as set forth in subsection M of this section.

E. No smoking shall be allowed within twenty-five (25) feet of the entrance or exit of any building specified in subsection B, C or D of this section.

F. The restrictions provided in this section shall not apply to stand-alone bars, stand-alone taverns and cigar bars as defined in Section 1-1522 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. The restrictions provided in this section shall not apply to the following:

1. The room or rooms where licensed charitable bingo games are being operated, but only during the hours of operation of such games;

2. Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the guest rooms at a hotel or other lodging establishment;

3. Retail tobacco stores predominantly engaged in the sale of tobacco products and accessories and in which the sale of other products is merely incidental and in which no food or beverage is sold or served for consumption on the premises;

4. Workplaces where only the owner or operator of the workplace, or the immediate family of the owner or operator, performs any work in the workplace, and the workplace has only incidental public access. "Incidental public access" means that a place of business has only an occasional person, who is not an employee, present at the business to transact business or make a delivery. It does not include businesses that depend on walk-in customers for any part of their business;

5. Workplaces occupied exclusively by one or more smokers, if the workplace has only incidental public access;

6. Private offices occupied exclusively by one or more smokers;

7. Workplaces within private residences, except that smoking shall not be allowed inside any private residence that is used as a licensed child care facility during hours of operation;

8. Medical research or treatment centers, if smoking is integral to the research or treatment;

9. A facility operated by a post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19), when such facility is utilized exclusively by its members and their families and for the conduct of post or organization nonprofit operations except during an event or activity which is open to the public; and

10. Any outdoor seating area of a restaurant; provided, smoking shall not be allowed within fifteen (15) feet of any exterior public doorway or any air intake of a restaurant.

H. An employer not otherwise restricted from doing so may elect to provide smoking rooms where no work is performed except for cleaning and maintenance during the time the room is not in use for smoking, provided each smoking room is fully enclosed and exhausted directly to the outside in such a manner that no smoke can drift or circulate into a nonsmoking area. No exhaust from a smoking room shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake.

I. If smoking is to be permitted in any space exempted in subsection F or G of this section or in a smoking room pursuant to

subsection H of this section, such smoking space must either occupy the entire enclosed indoor space or, if it shares the enclosed space with any nonsmoking areas, the smoking space shall be fully enclosed, exhausted directly to the outside with no air from the smoking space circulated to any nonsmoking area, and under negative air pressure so that no smoke can drift or circulate into a nonsmoking area when a door to an adjacent nonsmoking area is opened. Air from a smoking room shall not be exhausted within fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake. Any employer may choose a more restrictive smoking policy, including being totally smoke free.

J. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, until March 1, 2006, restaurants may have designated smoking and nonsmoking areas or may be designated as being a totally nonsmoking area. Beginning March 1, 2006, restaurants shall be totally nonsmoking or may provide nonsmoking areas and designated smoking rooms. Food and beverage may be served in such designated smoking rooms which shall be in a location which is fully enclosed, directly exhausted to the outside, under negative air pressure so smoke cannot escape when a door is opened, and no air is recirculated to nonsmoking areas of the building. No exhaust from such room shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake. Such room shall be subject to verification for compliance with the provisions of this subsection by the State Department of Health.

K. The person who owns or operates a place where smoking or tobacco use is prohibited by law shall be responsible for posting a sign or decal, at least four (4) inches by two (2) inches in size, at each entrance to the building indicating that the place is smoke-free or tobacco-free.

L. Responsibility for posting signs or decals shall be as follows:

1. In privately owned facilities, the owner or lessee, if a lessee is in possession of the facilities, shall be responsible;

2. In corporately owned facilities, the manager and/or supervisor of the facility involved shall be responsible; and

3. In publicly owned facilities, the manager and/or supervisor of the facility shall be responsible.

M. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this section ~~is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof,~~ shall be punished by a citation and fine of not ~~less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor~~ more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1522, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-1522. As used in this act:

1. "Educational facility" means a building owned, leased or under the control of a technology center school district or a public or private school system, college or university;

2. "Health facility" means an entity which provides health services, including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, kidney disease treatment centers, health maintenance organizations and ambulatory treatment centers;

3. "Indoor workplace" means any indoor place of employment or employment-type service for or at the request of another individual or individuals, or any public or private entity, whether part-time or full-time and whether for compensation or not. Such services shall include, without limitation, any service performed by an owner, employee, independent contractor, agent, partner, proprietor, manager, officer, director, apprentice, trainee, associate, servant or volunteer. An indoor workplace includes work areas, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias, hallways, any other spaces used or visited by employees, and all space between a floor and ceiling that is predominantly or totally enclosed by walls or windows, regardless of doors, doorways, open or closed windows, stairways, or the like. The provisions of this section shall apply to such indoor workplace at any given time, whether or not work is being performed;

4. "Meeting" means a meeting as defined in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;

5. "Public body" means a public body as defined in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;

6. "Public place" means any enclosed indoor area where individuals other than employees are invited or permitted;

7. "Restaurant" means any eating establishment regardless of seating capacity;

8. "Smoking" means the carrying by a person of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking device; and

9. "Stand-alone bar", "stand-alone tavern", and "cigar bar" mean an establishment that derives more than sixty percent (60%) of its gross receipts, subject to verification by competent authority, from the sale of alcoholic beverages and low-point beer and no person under twenty-one (21) years of age is admitted, except for members of a musical band employed or hired as provided in paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section 537 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes and that is not located within, and does not share any common entryway or common indoor area with, any other enclosed indoor workplace, including a restaurant.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1523, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 2014 (63 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1-1523), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-1523. A. Except as specifically provided in the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act, no person shall smoke in a public place, in any part of a zoo to which the public may be admitted, whether indoors or outdoors, in an indoor workplace, in any vehicle providing public transportation, at a meeting of a public body, in a nursing facility licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, or in a child care facility licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act. A nursing facility licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act may designate smoking rooms for residents and their guests. Such rooms shall be fully enclosed, directly exhausted to the outside, and shall be under negative air pressure so that no smoke can escape when a door is opened and no air is recirculated to nonsmoking areas of the building. Commercial airport operators may prohibit the use of lighted tobacco in any area that is open to or used by the public whether located indoors or outdoors, provided that the outdoor area is within one hundred seventy-five (175) feet from an entrance.

B. 1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection, ~~an educational facility~~ a technology center school district which offers an early childhood education program or in which children in grades kindergarten through twelve are educated shall prohibit smoking, the use of snuff, chewing tobacco or any other form of tobacco product in the educational facility buildings

and on the grounds of the facility by all persons including, but not limited to, full-time, part-time, and contract employees, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., during the school session, or when class or any program established for students is in session.

2. ~~Career and~~ A technology centers center school district may designate smoking areas outside of buildings, away from general traffic areas and completely out of sight of children under eighteen (18) years of age, for use by adults attending training courses, sessions, meetings or seminars.

3. ~~An educational facility~~ A technology center school district or college or university may designate smoking areas outside the educational facility buildings for the use of adults during certain activities or functions, including, but not limited to, athletic contests.

4. Smoking shall be prohibited in an educational facility as defined in the 24/7 Tobacco-free Schools Act and as provided for in Section 3 of this act.

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit educational facilities from having more restrictive policies regarding smoking and the use of other tobacco products in the buildings or on the grounds of the facility.

D. A private residence is not a "public place" within the meaning of the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act except that areas in a private residence that are used as a licensed child care facility during hours of operation are "public places" within the meaning of the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act.

E. Smoking is prohibited in all vehicles owned by the State of Oklahoma and all of its agencies and instrumentalities.

F. Veterans centers operated by this state pursuant to the provisions of Section 221 et seq. of Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be designated nonsmoking effective January 1, 2015, at which time veterans centers may establish outdoor designated smoking areas for resident veterans only. Smoking shall only be allowed in designated outdoor smoking areas until January 1, 2018. Each veterans center described in this subsection shall be entirely nonsmoking no later than January 1, 2018.

G. An employer not otherwise restricted from doing so may elect to provide smoking rooms where no work is performed except for cleaning and maintenance during the time the room is not in use for smoking, provided each smoking room is fully enclosed and exhausted directly to the outside, in such manner that no smoke can drift or circulate into a nonsmoking area. No exhaust from a smoking room shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake. If smoking is to be permitted in any space exempted in subsection G H of this section or in a smoking room pursuant to subsection H I of this section, such smoking space must either occupy the entire enclosed indoor space or, if it shares the enclosed space with any nonsmoking areas, the smoking space shall be fully enclosed, exhausted directly to the outside with no air from the smoking space circulated to any nonsmoking area, and under negative air pressure so that no smoke can drift or circulate into a nonsmoking area when a door to an adjacent nonsmoking area is opened. Air from a smoking room shall not be exhausted within fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake.

H. The Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act shall not prohibit smoking in:

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2. The room or rooms where licensed charitable bingo games are being operated, but only during the hours of operation of such games;
3. Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the guest rooms at a hotel or other lodging establishment;
4. Retail tobacco stores predominantly engaged in the sale of tobacco products and accessories and in which the sale of other products is merely incidental and in which no food or beverage is sold or served for consumption on the premises;
5. Workplaces where only the owner or operator of the workplace, or the immediate family of the owner or operator, performs any work in the workplace, and the workplace has only incidental public access;
6. Workplaces occupied exclusively by one or more smokers, if the workplace has only incidental public access. "Incidental public access" means that a place of business has only an occasional

person, who is not an employee, present at the business to transact business or make a delivery. It does not include businesses that depend on walk-in customers for any part of their business;

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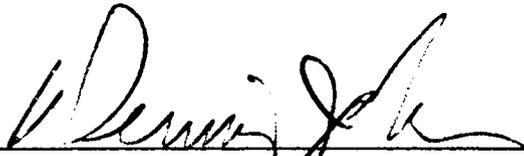
9. A facility operated by a post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Sections 501 (c)(8), 501 (c)(10) or 501 (c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501 (c)(8), 501 (c)(10) or 501 (c)(19), when such facility is utilized exclusively by its members and their families and for the conduct of post or organization nonprofit operations except during an event or activity which is open to the public;

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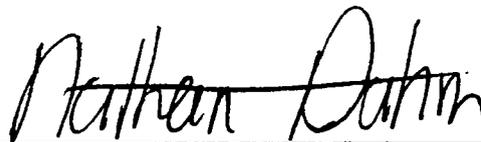
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I. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act, until March 1, 2006, restaurants may have designated smoking and nonsmoking areas or may be designated as being a totally nonsmoking area. Beginning March 1, 2006, restaurants shall be totally nonsmoking or may provide nonsmoking areas and designated smoking rooms. Food and beverage may be served in such designated smoking rooms which shall be in a location which is fully enclosed, directly exhausted to the outside, under negative air pressure so smoke cannot escape when a door is opened, and no air is recirculated to nonsmoking areas of the building. No exhaust from such room shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake. Such room shall be subject to verification for compliance with the provisions of this subsection by the State Department of Health.

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 1st day of April, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of May, 20 15, at 3:20 o'clock P M.  
By: Audrey Redwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of May, 20 15, at 2:36 o'clock P M.

  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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# H.B. 1691

RE: H.B. 1691

SUBJECT: Boards of Education of School Districts

House Bill 1691 becomes effective July 1, 2015. This bill allows local school districts greater flexibility to contract for certain services.

- Section 1(G): Allows a local board of education to contract with a public or private entity to provide educational and administrative services for the school district.
  - This flexibility is provided only for those districts with an average daily membership (ADM) of 30,000 or more, where the district is located in a county having a population of more than 500,000 according to the latest Census data. This requirement limits this ability to the Oklahoma City and Tulsa school districts.
  - The contracted entity must be nonsectarian.
  - Contracted services may include instructional services in core and noncore academic subjects at one or more school sites within the district.
  - Service providers and their employees and all educational and administrative services provided are exempt from all statutes and rules relating to schools, boards of education and school districts to the same extent that a charter school is exempt under the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act.
  - Students who are provided services by a contracting entity at all times remain students of the school district and will be counted as such for purposes of attendance, funding and accountability.
  - Note: Contracts executed under this statute, regardless of the extent of services provided, does not make a school site a Charter School.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Ms. Lynn Jones, Executive Director of Accreditation, at (405) 521-6638 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 70 O.S. 5-117

Helpful Statutory References: 70 O.S. 3-136

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1691

By: Denney of the House

and

Jolley of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-117, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 306, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 5-117), which relates to the powers and duties of boards of education of school districts; allowing certain boards of education to contract with educational services entities to provide educational and administrative services; specifying certain types of educational services; exempting educational service providers, employees, representatives and services provided under a contract from certain statutes and rules; making students who are provided services under a contract students of the school district for all purposes; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Boards of education of school districts

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-117, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 306, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 5-117), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-117. A. The board of education of each school district shall have power to:

1. Elect its own officers; provided that the chair of the board authorized in Section 5-107B of this title shall be elected by the electors of the school district;

2. Make rules, not inconsistent with the law or rules of the State Board of Education, governing the board and the school system of the district;

3. Maintain and operate a complete public school system of such character as the board of education shall deem best suited to the needs of the school district;

4. Designate the schools to be attended by the children of the district;

5. Provide and operate, when deemed advisable, cafeterias or other eating accommodations, thrift banks or other facilities for the teaching and practice of thrift and economy, bookstores, print shops, and vocational and other shops;

6. Provide informational material concerning school bond elections and millage elections, including but not limited to all pertinent financial information relative to the bond issue, a statement of revenue sources necessary to retire proposed bonds, a statement of current bonded indebtedness of the school district, and a statement of proposed use of funds to be generated by the proposed bond issue. The informational material shall not contain the words "vote yes" or "vote no" or any similar words or statement any place on such informational material;

7. Purchase, construct or rent, and operate and maintain, classrooms, libraries, auditoriums, gymnasiums, stadiums, recreation places and playgrounds, teacherages, school bus garages, laboratories, administration buildings, and other schoolhouses and school buildings, and acquire sites and equipment therefor;

8. a. Insure the school district or its employees against any loss, damage or liability as defined by Sections 702 through 708 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or other forms of insurance provided for in Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

b. Subject to the restrictions of liability in the Governmental Tort Claims Act:

(1) insure the school district against all or any part of any liability it may incur for death,

injury or disability of any person, or for damage to property, either real or personal,

(2) insure any employee of the school district against all or any part of the employee's liability for injury or damage resulting from an act or omission in the scope of employment, or

(3) insure against the expense of defending a claim against the school district or its employee, whether or not liability exists on such claim.

c. As used in this subsection, "employee" means any person who has acted in behalf of a school district, whether that person is acting on a permanent or temporary basis with or without being compensated or on a full-time or part-time basis. Employee also includes all elected or appointed officers, members of governing bodies of a school district, and persons appointed, and other persons designated by a school district to act in its behalf.

d. The cost or premium of any such insurance is a proper expenditure of the school district.

e. Any insurance authorized by law to be purchased, obtained or provided by a school district may be provided by:

(1) self-insurance, which may be, but is not required to be, funded by appropriations to establish or maintain reserves for self-insurance purposes. Any self-insurance reserve fund shall be nonfiscal and shall not be considered in computing any levy when the school district makes its annual estimate for needed appropriations,

(2) insurance in any insurer authorized to transact insurance in this state,

(3) insurance secured in accordance with any other method provided by law, or

(4) any combination of insurance authorized by this section.

f. Two or more school districts or public agencies, by interlocal agreement made pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, may provide insurance for any purpose by any one or more of the methods specified in this section. The pooling of self-insured reserves, claims or losses among governments as authorized in this section shall not be construed to be transacting insurance nor otherwise subject to the provisions of the laws of this state regulating insurance or insurance companies, except as to the provisions of Section 607.1 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Two or more school districts may also be insured under a master policy or contract of insurance. Premium costs may be set individually for each school district or apportioned among participating school districts as provided by the master policy or contract;

9. Acquire property by condemnation proceedings in the same manner as land is condemned for railroad purposes. School district funds may be used to erect buildings on leased land on which other buildings have been erected prior to April 3, 1969, or on land which is leased from a governmental entity;

10. Lease real or personal property to the state or any political subdivision thereof or a not-for-profit entity operating pursuant to Section 868 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes for nominal cash consideration for so long as the use of the property by the lessee substantially benefits, in whole or in part, the same public served by the school district;

11. Dispose of personal or real property no longer needed by the district by sale, exchange, lease, lease-purchase, sale and partial lease back, or otherwise. Real property shall be conveyed pursuant to a public sale, public bid, or private sale; provided however, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the board of education of a consolidated or annexed school district or any other school district may convey real property to a local political subdivision or to an educational institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education without consideration. Prior to the sale of any real property, the board of education shall have the real property appraised. The appraisal shall be confidential until the real property is sold. When the real property is sold, the board of education shall make the appraisal available for public inspection. Prior to the conveyance of any real property by private sale, the

board of education shall have offered the real property for sale by public sale or public bid. Any conveyance of real property by private sale to a nonprofit organization, association, or corporation to be used for public purposes, unless for exchange, shall contain a reversionary clause which returns the real property to the board of education upon the cessation of the use without profit or for public purposes by the purchaser or the assigns of the purchaser;

12. Purchase necessary property, equipment, furniture, and supplies necessary to maintain and operate an adequate school system;

13. Incur all expenses, within the limitations provided for by law, necessary to perform all powers granted by the provisions of this section;

14. Contract with and fix the duties and compensation of physicians, dentists, optometrists, nurses, attorneys, superintendents, principals, teachers, bus drivers, janitors, and other necessary employees of the district;

15. Establish a written policy for reimbursement of necessary travel expenses of employees and members of the board. The policy may include in-district travel from the site of employment assignment which is necessary in the performance of employment duties. The written policy shall specify procedures, contain documentation requirements, and may include payment of meal expenses during authorized travel on a per diem allowance basis rather than itemized documentation;

16. Pay necessary travel expenses and other related expenses of prospective employees for sponsored visits to the school district pursuant to a written policy specifying procedures containing documentation requirements equal to or greater than the requirements specified by law for state employees in the State Travel Reimbursement Act;

17. Provide for employees' leaves of absence without pay;

18. Exercise sole control over all the schools and property of the district, subject to other provisions of the Oklahoma School Code;

19. Allow district-owned school buses to be used for transportation of students from other districts or educational institutions while within the district on educational tours. This shall not restrict the authority of the board to authorize any other use of such buses which may now be permitted by law or rule of the State Board of Education;

20. Enter into contractual agreements with the board of trustees of a multicounty library system, as defined in Section 4-103 of Title 65 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a city-county library commission, as defined in Section 152 of Title 65 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or a rural single county library system, as defined in Section 1-104 of Title 65 of the Oklahoma Statutes, on such terms as may be mutually agreed, except no district board of education may enter into any agreement under which the library services for the school would be provided at any site other than the school site or which would result in library services that do not meet accreditation standards as required by law or rule;

21. Perform all functions necessary to the administration of a school district in Oklahoma as specified in the Oklahoma School Code, and in addition thereto, those powers necessarily implied but not delegated by law to any other agency or official;

22. Prepare and distribute at the expense of the school district any and all material which has the purpose of informing the public about district activities;

23. Solicit and accept any gift, grant, or donation of money or property for the use of the school district. Any gift, grant, or donation of money may be deposited in the general fund or building fund of the school district; and

24. Pay necessary meal and lodging expenses of school district students and sponsors involved in authorized school-sponsored cocurricular activities. The board of education shall establish a written policy for reimbursement of necessary meal and lodging expenses of school district students and sponsors. The written policy shall specify procedures, contain documentation requirements, and designate the funds from which reimbursement may be made. Reimbursement may be made from the General Fund.

B. The board of education of any school district may rent real and personal property, if such items are necessary for the operation of the school, and pay the rental charges for the usage during any

fiscal year, or portion thereof, out of appropriations made and approved for current expense purposes during the fiscal year. Any rental contract extending beyond June 30 of the fiscal year shall be void unless it contains provisions for mutual ratification of renewal pursuant to the conditions provided for in this subsection. It is the intent of this subsection to authorize boards of education to enter into lease contracts but not to incur any obligation against the school district in excess of the income and revenue provided for such purposes for the fiscal year in which the lease contract is operative. Any lease or lease-purchase agreement entered into by any board of education shall state the purchase price of real or personal property so leased. The lease or lease-purchase shall not be extended so as to cause payment of more than the original purchase price of the real or personal property, plus interest not to exceed the legal rate. When the purchase price plus interest has been paid, the property shall belong to the lessee and the lessor shall deliver a deed or bill of sale to the property to the lessee. When any real or personal property has been leased or rented during any fiscal year pursuant to the provisions of any contract which permits continuance of the rental for the remainder of the fiscal year, the renting or leasing of the property shall be continued for the remainder of the fiscal year unless the board of education renting or leasing the same certifies by proper resolution entered in the minutes of the board of education that the continuance of the rental is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into shall include the right of a school district to acquire buildings, equipment or other facilities or discrete components thereof or improve school sites through a lease-purchase agreement. A school district may use proceeds derived from the sale of bonds as authorized by Section 26 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution to make lease-purchase payments, including interest, under a lease-purchase agreement. For purposes of this subsection, the term "acquired" as used in Section 26 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution shall mean the possession, control, or power to dispose of personal or real property.

C. The boards of education of two or more school districts may enter into cooperative agreements and maintain joint programs including, but not limited to, courses of instruction for handicapped children, courses of instruction in music and other subjects, practical instruction for trades and vocations, practical instruction in driver training courses, and health programs including visual care by persons legally licensed for such purpose, without favoritism as to either profession. The revenues necessary

to operate a joint program approved in cooperative agreements, whether from federal, state or local sources, including the individual contributions of participating school districts, shall be deposited into a fund separate from all other appropriated funds. The beginning fund balance each year, combined with all actual revenues, including collected and estimated revenues, must be appropriated before being expended. Purchase orders shall be issued against available appropriations and, once goods or services have been received, either payable or nonpayable warrants shall be issued in payment of all purchase orders. The fund shall be reported as a separate appropriated fund in all the financial reports of the school district which is chosen by the other school districts to keep the accounting records of the joint program.

D. The boards of education of two or more school districts may enter into a mutual contract or separate contracts with a superintendent, administrator, or teacher or with a person to provide support services, to serve as superintendent, administrator, or teacher, as appropriately qualified, or to provide support services, for each contracting district upon such terms and conditions as the parties may agree. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize or require annexation or consolidation of any school districts or the closing of any school site except pursuant to law as set forth in Section 7-101 et seq. of this title.

E. Any school district may operate or maintain a school or schools on any military reservation which is within the boundaries of the school district or which is adjacent to the school district, and provide the instruction in the school or schools to children of personnel on the military reservation and, in doing so, shall conform to all federal laws and requirements.

F. The board of education of each school district shall adopt and maintain on file in the office of the superintendent of schools appropriate personnel policy and sick leave guide. The guide shall be made available to the public.

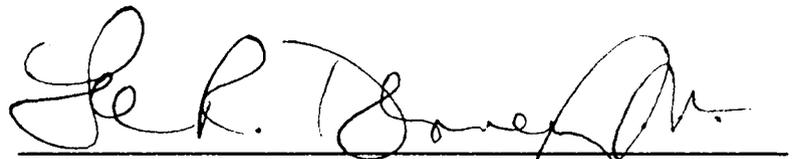
G. The board of education of any school district with an average daily membership of thirty thousand (30,000) or more and all or part of which school district is located in a county having more than five hundred thousand (500,000) population according to the latest Federal Decennial Census may contract with a public or private nonsectarian entity for that entity to provide educational and administrative services for the school district. The educational services provided by a contracting entity may include

but are not limited to the delivery of instructional service in core and noncore academic subjects to the students enrolled in the school district at one or more school sites or parts of sites within the district pursuant to the terms of an educational services contract. All educational service providers and their employees and representatives and all educational and administrative services provided under an educational services contract shall be exempt from all statutes and rules relating to schools, boards of education and school districts to the same extent that a charter school is exempt under the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act. For all purposes, including but not limited to attendance, funding from all sources and accountability, all students who are provided services by a contracting entity pursuant to an educational services contract shall at all times be and remain students of the school district.

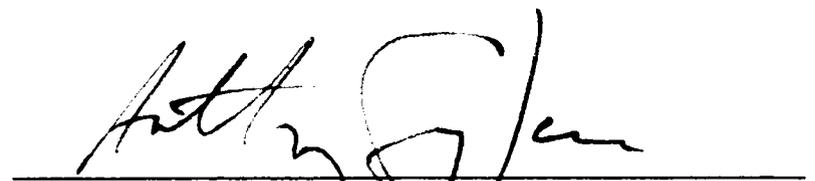
SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 16th day of April, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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By: Audrey Redwell

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By: Jeanne McNaughton-Hayes



## H.B. 2069

RE: H.B. 2069

SUBJECT: School District Residency of Children in Foster Care

House Bill 2069 becomes effective July 1, 2015. This bill amends the statute defining a child's legal residence for school purposes.

- Current law allows for a child's foster home to be used for purposes of residency for school.
- Section 1(A)(2): The foster parent may request that the residence of a child in foster care be changed to the district where the child resided prior to being placed in foster care or the school district in which the previous foster family home is located.
- Section 1(A)(6): Adds to the list of allowable legal residences, any [nonresidential] facility where a child has been admitted and is receiving on-site educational services.
  - On-site educational services includes partial hospitalization programs, day treatment programs and day hospital programs mean *nonresidential* settings in which school-age children are placed for psychiatric or psychological treatment which precludes their attendance at a regular public school.
- Section 2: Any student who is in the custody of the Department of Human Services in foster care, and is living with a student who has been granted a transfer, can attend the same school with the approval of the receiving district.
  - Allows for an exception for children living in foster care to be able to transfer more than once in any school year.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Ms. Lynn Jones, Executive Director of Accreditation, at (405) 521-6638 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 70 O.S. 1-113, 8-101.2

Helpful Statutory References: 70 O.S. 3-104.7

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2069

By: Nelson and Ownbey of the  
House

and

Griffin of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1-113, as last amended by Section 27 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 831 of the 1st Session of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to school district residency; clarifying language; updating statutory language; providing for changing the residency of children in foster care upon request of the foster parent; adding residency for children admitted to certain facilities; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 8-101.2, which relates to the approval of student transfers; allowing children in foster care to transfer to a certain school; providing an exception for children in foster care to certain transfer limit; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: School district residency of children in foster care

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1-113, as last amended by Section 27 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 831 of the 1st Session of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-113. A. When used in this section, the residence of any child for school purposes shall be:

1. The ~~school district in which~~ legal residence of the parents, guardian, or person having legal custody holds legal residence.

Each school district board of education shall adopt a policy establishing the requirements for student residency for that district which provides for residence as described in this paragraph. Within the discretion of each school district's board of education, the policy may but is not required to allow for establishment of residency by affidavit when an adult, whether a relative or not, who does not fall within one of the categories listed above, who holds legal residence in the school district, and who has assumed permanent care and custody of the child files an affidavit with the school district attesting that they have assumed custody and the reasons for assuming custody. Any policy allowing the establishment of residency by affidavit shall require the adult who provides the affidavit to affirm in such affidavit that the custody arrangement is permanent and that the adult contributes the major degree of support to the child. If the school district policy allows establishment of residency by affidavit, any person who willfully makes a statement in the affidavit which the person knows to be false shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or both such fine and imprisonment. Each school district shall include in its policy on residency any documentation necessary for the administration of the policy; ~~or~~

2. The foster family home, as defined in Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes, except a therapeutic foster family home or a specialized foster home where a child is in voluntary placement as defined in subsection D of this section, in which the child has been placed:

- a. by the person or agency having legal custody of the child pursuant to a court order, or
- b. by a state agency having legal custody of the child pursuant to the provisions of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Upon request of the foster parent, the residence of a child in foster care for school purposes may be changed to the school district in which the child resided prior to being placed in foster care or the school district in which the previous foster family home of the child is located; ~~or~~

3. Any orphanage or eleemosynary child care facility having full-time care and custody; ~~or~~

4. Any eleemosynary child care facility in which a child is placed by a parent or guardian for full-time residential care; provided, the provision of this paragraph shall apply only to children who attend a district school by joint agreement of the school district and facility and who are not placed in the facility through a state contract. For purposes of this paragraph, "eleemosynary child care facility" means a facility:

- a. where child care and services are provided, and
- b. which is funded predominantly by benevolent or charitable funds and is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3); ~~or~~

5. Any state-operated institution in which a child has been placed by a parent or guardian or by a state agency having legal custody of the child pursuant to the provisions of Title 10A or Section 3-101 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes for care and treatment due to a physical or mental condition of the child; ~~or~~

6. Any facility in which a child has been admitted and is receiving on-site educational services as provided for in Section 3-104.7 of this title;

7. The district in which a child who is entirely self-supporting resides and attends school; or

~~7.~~ 8. A state-licensed or -operated emergency shelter.

B. No school district shall bear the cost of educating children who are not residents of this state; ~~provided, a.~~ A school district may furnish educational services pursuant to contract as elsewhere provided by law. A school district may furnish educational services pursuant to a contract to children who do not reside in the United States of America; provided, the children shall not be counted in the average daily membership of the school district.

C. For the purpose of ensuring that a child placed in a therapeutic foster ~~care~~ family home, as defined in Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes, receives an appropriate

education, no receiving school district shall be required to enroll such a child if the enrollment would cause the proportion of students in therapeutic foster ~~care~~ family homes as compared to the average daily membership of the receiving district for the preceding school year to exceed two percent (2%). Children served by Head Start may not be counted for the purpose of this paragraph unless the child is on an individualized education program provided by the school district. Any school district may enroll such students who are outside the student's resident district in therapeutic foster ~~care~~ family home placements which exceed this limit if the school determines it possesses the ability to provide such child an appropriate education.

D. When a child does not meet the criteria for residency provided in subsection A of this section and is placed in any of the following entities which is out of the ~~child's~~ home of the child and not in the school district in which the child legally resides:

1. A residential facility;

2. A treatment program or center, including the facility operated pursuant to Section 485.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. A therapeutic foster family home as defined in Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes;

4. A specialized foster home, which is a specialized foster home or an agency-contracted home under the supervision of and certified as meeting the standards set by the Department of Human Services and is funded through the Department of Human Services Home and Community-Based Waiver Services Program; or

5. An acute psychiatric care facility,

the entity shall, if the child contends he or she resides in a school district other than the district where the entity is located, within eleven (11) days of admittance, notify the school district in which the entity is located of the admittance.

For minors who are persons requiring psychiatric treatment as defined by Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, on-site educational services shall be provided beginning on the eleventh day of admission.

Upon provision of educational services to ~~such~~ children pursuant to the provisions of subsection F of this section, the receiving school district shall receive the State Aid as defined in subsection C of Section 18-110 of this title for those students.

Access to the due process procedure guaranteed to children with disabilities shall be available to resolve disagreements about the appropriateness of placements of children with disabilities.

E. The governing body of any state institution for children operated pursuant to the provisions of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes or Section 3-101 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and the board of education of the school district in which the institution is located or any other school district in the state willing to provide necessary educational services may enter into a contract whereby the district will maintain a school for the children of the institution, in which event the residence of ~~such~~ the children for school purposes will be considered as being in the district maintaining the school; provided, however, that upon release from ~~such~~ the school, a child shall be considered as a resident of the originating school district for school purposes. The governing body of the state institutions specified in this subsection shall pay the costs for educating students placed in the state institution less any amount of funds received for ~~such~~ the students by the school district contracting with the state institution to provide necessary educational services.

F. 1. The school district in which an entity as described in subsection D of this section exists to serve children in out-of-home placements shall, upon request of the individual or agency operating the entity, provide the educational services to which the children in the entity are entitled subject to the limitations provided in subsection C of this section. No person operating such an entity may contract for the provision of educational services with any school district other than the school district in which the entity is located unless the school district in which the entity is located agrees in writing to allow another school district to provide the educational services or unless the person operating the entity contracts with another school district for the provision of educational services to be provided through remote Internet-based courses. No person operating such an entity may contract for the provision of educational services with more than one school district.

2. Prior to location in a school district, the individual or agency operating an entity described in subsection D of this section which requires provision of educational services from the school district shall notify the local board of education of its anticipated educational needs. No school district shall be required to provide educational services for students in the entity until at least sixty (60) calendar days have elapsed from the time in which the local board of education was initially notified of the need unless the school district so agrees to provide the educational services sooner. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to therapeutic or specialized foster homes.

3. Educational services provided shall meet or exceed state accreditation standards. No school district shall be responsible for any expenses for students in an entity described in subsection D of this section which are not directly related to the provision of educational services. A school district shall not be obligated for expenses of those students in an entity in the current school year for whom educational services are requested after the ~~district's~~ first nine (9) weeks of the current school year for the district if educational services are requested for twelve or more students than were served in the first nine (9) weeks, unless the school district chooses to provide educational services for the current school year. Contracts and agreements for provision of educational services may allow for the use of public and private sources of support which are available to share the costs of educational services and of therapies, treatments, or support services. Otherwise valid obligations to provide or pay for such services, such as Medicaid, shall remain in effect for children who are eligible for the services from sources other than the school district.

4. Upon the request of any residential facility which has contracted with the Office of Juvenile Affairs to provide either a regimented juvenile training program or a high-impact wilderness camp to a minimum of forty students who have been adjudicated, a school district may contract for the facility to provide the educational services to those students. Under ~~such~~ a contract, the facility shall operate in accordance with all applicable laws, including compliance with Section ~~18-114.7~~ 18-114.14 of this title. ~~Such~~ The contract shall include the State Aid generated by the students, less a fee for administrative services which may be retained by the school district, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total on an annual basis. The school district shall exercise supervision over the educational program in the facility and bear all responsibility for required educational reporting. The school

district shall maintain access to all educational records for students in the facility, and shall provide for the appropriate academic credit and diplomas. The school district shall be indemnified against any actions or penalties on the part of the facility which result in adversity for the school district.

G. Any question as to the place of residence of any child for school purposes shall be decided pursuant to procedures utilized by the State Department of Education.

H. The receiving district shall notify the district of residence immediately upon finding that the student requires special education and related services and the district of residence shall participate in planning the ~~student's~~ Individualized Education Program (IEP) for the student and in subsequent reviews of the program in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 8-101.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 8-101.2 A. On and after January 1, 2000, the transfer of a student from the district in which the student resides to another school district furnishing instruction in the grade the student is entitled to pursue shall be granted if the transfer has the approval of the board of education of the receiving district. A student granted a transfer may continue to attend the school to which the student transferred with the approval of the receiving district only, ~~and any~~. Any brother or sister of such a student granted a transfer and any child in the custody of the Department of Human Services in foster care who is living in the home of a student granted a transfer may attend such the school to which the student transferred with the approval of the receiving district only. No Except for a child in the custody of the Department of Human Services in foster care, no student shall be permitted to transfer more than once in any school year.

If the grade a student is entitled to pursue is not offered in the district where the student resides, the transfer shall be automatically approved.

B. When a student has been transferred and later changes residence to another school district in the State of Oklahoma, the student shall be entitled to continue to attend school in the district to which the student was transferred. If a change of

residence is to the district to which the student was transferred, upon affidavit of the parent of the student, that district shall become the resident district. If a student changes residence to another district during the school year which is not the same district the student transferred to, the student shall be entitled to attend school in either the receiving district or the new district of residence for the remainder of the current year.

C. Any student transfer approved for any reason prior to January 1, 2000, shall continue to be valid and shall not be subject to the Education Open Transfer Act unless the parent having custody chooses otherwise.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of May, 2015.

Lee R. Doney, Jr.  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of May, 2015.

Nathan Dahm  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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By: Audrey Lockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 3rd

day of June, 20 15, at 3:13 o'clock P M.

Mary Fallin  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 3rd

day of June, 20 15, at 4:05 o'clock P M.

By: Chris Benz



## **S.B. 147**

RE: S.B. 147

SUBJECT: Patriot License Plate Revolving Fund Expenditures

Senate Bill 147 becomes effective May 12, 2015. This bill expands the permitted usage of fees accruing to the Patriot License Plate Revolving Fund.

- Current law establishes the Patriot License Plate Revolving Fund for the Military Department of Oklahoma to receive monies from the fee on such authorized license plates. Monies can be appropriated and budgeted for any deployment related purpose for members of the Oklahoma National Guard.
- Section 1(B): Expands the scope of what monies accrued to this fund can be spent for to include the production of historical documents, displays, videos, and books that capture the National Guard's involvement in overseas deployments and domestic operations within the United States for members of the Oklahoma National Guard, *Oklahoma public school libraries*, and civic leaders, as determined by the Adjutant General.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Ms. Timmie Spangler, Director of Gifted and Talented, Instructional Materials and Library, at (405) 521-3456 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 47 O.S. 1104.11

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 147

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin and Hoskin of the  
House

An Act relating to special license plates; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1104.11, as amended by Section 189, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1104.11), which relates to the Patriot License Plate Revolving Fund; modifying purpose for which funds may be expended; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Patriot License Plate Revolving Fund expenditures

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1104.11, as amended by Section 189, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1104.11), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1104.11 A. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee authorized by Section 1135.5 of this title for the Patriot License Plate shall be deposited in the Patriot License Plate Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section.

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Military Department of Oklahoma to be designated the "Patriot License Plate Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Military Department of

Oklahoma pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Military Department of Oklahoma for any deployment-related purpose for Oklahoma residents who are members of the Oklahoma National Guard or the production of historical documents, displays, videos, and books that capture the National Guard's involvement in overseas deployments and domestic operations within the United States for members of the Oklahoma National Guard, Oklahoma public school libraries, and civic leaders, as determined by the Adjutant General. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 5th day of May, 2015.

Arthur Sylver  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 2015.

Jed Johnson  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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By: Audrey Rodwell

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day of May, 20 15, at 3:35 o'clock P M.

Mary Fallin  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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By: Ch. Benge



# H.B. 1044

RE: H.B. 1044

SUBJECT: State Employees

House Bill 1044 becomes effective August 20, 2015. This bill would allow for a state agency to establish an employee suggestion program.

- Section 1: Allows for any state agency employing more than 10 full-time employees to establish a State Employee Suggestion program to promote efficiency and effectiveness of government operations.
  - A state agency which implements an employee suggestion that results in direct cost savings to the agency of \$5,000 or more may give the employee a financial award. The award cannot exceed 20% of the cost savings, and an employee cannot receive more than one award in a single year. Agencies can implement the program as they deem appropriate.
  - Certain suggestions are not eligible including grievances, classification and pay, issues already under study, issues that are a result of an audit, budget or fiscal study, issues requiring legislation, or from a suggester that applies for a patent.
  - The Office of Management and Enterprise Services is directed to promulgate rules for implementation.
- Section 3 and Section 4: Eliminate the Committee for Incentive Awards for State Employees and its authority.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Mr. Lance Nelson, Chief of Staff, (405) 521-4516 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 74 O.S. 4111, 4115A, 4119

New Law at: 74 O.S. 1604

Repealed: 74 O.S. 4112, 4113, 4116, 4117, 4118, 4120

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1044

By: Walker of the House

and

Treat of the Senate

An Act relating to state employees; establishing a State Employee Suggestion Program; stating purpose; providing for financial rewards; stating limitation for certain payments; authorizing the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to promulgate rules; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Sections 4111, 4115A and 4119, as amended by Section 1016, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 4119), which relate to the Incentive Awards for State Employees Act; clarifying language; transferring certain duties relating to administration of the Incentive Awards for State Employees program to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services; removing certain duties from the Committee for Incentive Awards for State Employees; repealing 74 O.S. 2011, Sections 4112, as amended by Section 1015, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012, 4113, 4116, 4117, 4118 and 4120, as amended by Section 1017, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Sections 4112 and 4120), which relate to the Incentive Awards for State Employees program; and providing for codification.

SUBJECT: State employees

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 1604 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Every state agency employing more than ten full-time-equivalent employees may develop a State Employee Suggestion

Program. The purpose of the program shall be to promote efficiency and effectiveness of state governmental operations by providing economic incentives to employees who make suggestions which result in direct cost savings.

B. A state agency which implements a suggestion made by an employee which results in direct cost savings to the agency of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more may financially reward the employee. The amount of any such award shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the cost savings to the agency. No state employee shall be eligible to receive more than one award payment in any single fiscal year. Each agency shall be responsible for implementing a State Employee Suggestion Program as it deems appropriate in accordance with the provisions of this section.

C. Suggestions pertaining to the following areas shall not be eligible for awards: grievances; classification and pay; matters already recommended for study, review or summary; matters which are the result of assigned or contracted audits, budget and fiscal preparations studies, surveys, reviews or research; matters requiring the enactment of legislation; and a suggester who applies for patent rights to his or her suggestion is not eligible for an award.

D. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall promulgate rules and establish policies as necessary to implement the State Employee Suggestion Program.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 4111, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4111. Sections ~~4~~ 4111 through ~~10~~ 4122 of this ~~act~~ title shall be known and may be cited as the "Incentive Awards for State Employees Act".

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 4115A, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4115A. Pursuant to rules ~~and regulations~~ promulgated by the ~~Committee for Incentive Awards for State Employees~~ Office of Management and Enterprise Services, state employees shall be recognized for their length of service to the state. Recognition shall consist of certificates and lapel pins. The longevity award shall be made at five-year intervals during the month following the anniversary date of the employee to recognize years of service as

defined in Section ~~805.2~~ 840-2.18 of Title ~~74~~ of the Oklahoma Statutes this title. The cost of the incentive award shall be billed to the employing agency.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 4119, as amended by Section 1016, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 4119), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4119. ~~At the conclusion of the eligible fiscal year, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee, the Committee shall compare the unit dollar expenditures for that year of each agency, department, commission, office, or defined work unit or work teams against the base year data and, after making such adjustments as in the judgment of the Committee are required to eliminate distortions, shall determine the amount, if any, that the agency, department, commission, office, or defined work unit or work teams has reduced its unit dollar cost of operations or increased its level of services in the eligible fiscal year. Adjustments to eliminate distortions may include any legislative increases in employee compensation and inflationary increases in the cost of services, materials, or supplies. If the Committee shall determine an agency, department, commission, or office qualifies for award, it may award, after consultation with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, to the employees of that agency, department, commission, office, defined work unit or work teams a sum not in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount determined to be the total unit dollar savings to the state for the level of services rendered. Incentive pay awards provided pursuant to the provisions of the Incentive Awards for State Employees Act shall be exempt from retirement contributions and shall not be included for the purpose of computing a retirement allowance pursuant to any public retirement system of this state. The amount awarded shall be divided and distributed in equal shares to the employees of the agency, department, commission, office, defined work unit or work teams except that employees who have worked for the agency, department, commission, office, defined work unit or work teams less than the full twelve (12) months of the fiscal year shall receive only a pro rata share based on the fraction of the year said employees have worked for that agency, department, commission, office, defined work unit or work teams. Employees voluntarily leaving the employment of state government or employees dismissed for cause shall forfeit their share. Funds for this incentive pay shall be drawn from the operating expenses of the agency, department, commission, or office for the eligible fiscal year. No nominations for a unit incentive compensation award shall be made~~

~~until the nominating agency, department, commission, or office assures that funds for said award are available. Funds for the payment of unit incentive compensation awards shall be considered encumbered to the extent said awards are approved by the Committee.~~

SECTION 5. REPEALER 74 O.S. 2011, Sections 4112, as amended by Section 1015, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012, 4113, 4116, 4117, 4118 and 4120, as amended by Section 1017, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Sections 4112 and 4120), are hereby repealed.

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of May, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of April, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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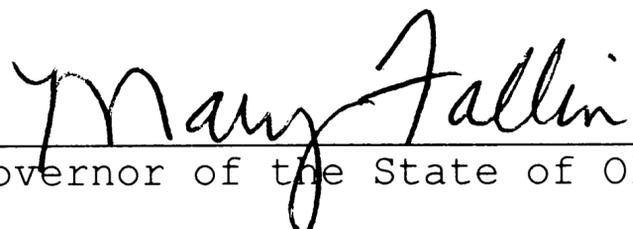
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day of May, 20 15, at 4:11 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Ledwell

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By: C. Benze



## **S.B. 189**

RE: S.B. 189

SUBJECT: State Budgeting

Senate Bill 189 becomes effective July 1, 2015. This bill creates the Oklahoma Performance Informed Budget and Transparency Act of 2015.

- Current law directs that each state agency is to present an itemized request showing the amount needed for the upcoming fiscal year to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) and the state Legislature. Budgets are to be presented to include zero-based budgeting techniques.
- Section 2: The budget presented by each agency for each fiscal year must include an analysis of existing and proposed programs using performance-informed budgeting techniques, instead of zero-based budgeting techniques.
- Section 3: Directs the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance to implement an ongoing evaluation review procedure based on performance-informed budgeting, instead of zero-based budgeting techniques.
  - Current law details the Legislators that will serve on the Legislative Oversight Committee. The committee can function as a committee even when the Legislature is not in session. The duties of the committee can be performed by the Appropriations Committee chair in the Senate and the Appropriations and Budget Committee chair in the House of Representatives.
- Section 4: Requires any statutory entity that is under review for sunset to present a performance-informed operating budget review and summary, instead of a zero-based budget.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Ms. Mathangi Shankar, Chief Financial Officer, at (405) 522-0162 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 62 O.S. 34.36, 34.96; 74 O.S. 3914

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 189

By: Sharp and Mazzei of the  
Senate

and

Casey of the House

An Act relating to state budgeting; amending 62 O.S. 2011, Sections 34.36, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 2014 and 34.96, as amended by Section 411, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (62 O.S. Supp. 2014, Sections 34.36 and 34.96), which relate to agency budget requests and oversight; providing short title; modifying information to be provided with budget request; modifying duties of Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 3914, which relates to the Oklahoma Sunset Law; modifying information to be submitted to sunset committees; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: State budgeting

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Performance Informed Budget and Transparency Act of 2015".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 34.36, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 2014 (62 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 34.36), is amended to read as follows:

Section 34.36. A. On the first day of October preceding each regular session of the Legislature, each state agency, including those created or established pursuant to constitutional provisions, shall report to the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance an itemized request showing the amount needed for the ensuing fiscal year beginning with the first day of July.

B. The forms which must be used in making these reports shall be approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance.

C. The forms shall be uniform, and shall clearly designate the information to be given.

D. The information provided shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A budget analysis of existing and proposed programs utilizing ~~zero-based~~ performance-informed budgeting techniques. Such analysis shall be included as a part of the estimate of funds needed;

2. A statement listing any other state, federal or local agencies which administer a similar or cooperating program and an outline of the interaction among such agencies;

3. A statement of the statutory authority for the missions and quantified objectives of each program;

4. A description of the groups of people served by each program in the agency;

5. A quantification of the need for the program;

6. A description of the tactics which are intended to accomplish each objective;

7. A list of quantifiable program outcomes which measure the efficiency and effectiveness of each program;

8. A ranking of these programs by priority;

9. Actual program expenditures for the current fiscal year and prior fiscal years and the number of personnel required to accomplish each program;

10. Revenues expected to be generated by each program, if any;

11. With respect to appropriated state agencies, a detailed listing of all employees and resources dedicated to the provision of financial services including but not limited to procurement, payroll, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or to any institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; and

12. A certification that following the effective date of this act and prior to July 1, 2011, no expenditure shall have been made or funds encumbered for the purchase, lease, lease-purchase or rental of any computers, software, telecom, information technology hardware, firmware or information technology services, including support services without the prior written approval of the State Comptroller or his or her designee.

E. These appropriated agencies shall make an itemized estimate of needs and request for funds for the ensuing fiscal year and an estimate of the revenues from all sources to be received by the agency during the ensuing fiscal year.

F. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall submit to the Governor and the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance no later than the fifth day of October a complete list of all spending agencies which have failed to submit budgets by October 1.

G. The reports required by this section shall include an itemized listing of outstanding capital lease debt and estimated capital lease needs for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall be provided on forms prescribed by the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

H. For the purposes of this section, "capital lease" means a lease-purchase agreement which provides an option for the State of Oklahoma or its agencies to purchase property, including personal and real property, which is the subject thereof and/or a lease agreement that provides an option for the State of Oklahoma or its agencies to lease such property, which is the subject thereof, at a nominal annual amount, after a period in which leased property is rented at fair market value.

I. The provisions of this section shall not apply to CompSource Oklahoma if CompSource Oklahoma is operating pursuant to a pilot program authorized by Sections 3316 and 3317 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

J. Not later than January 1, the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall publish a shared services cost-performance assessment report documenting the amount of each state agency's cost for providing shared services. The lowest ranking state agencies shall enter into a contract with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for the provision of shared financial services, provided that the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services determines that implementation of such a contract would be feasible and documents that the contractual agreement will result in cost savings or efficiencies to the state. Contracts required by this subsection shall be entered into at the start of the next fiscal year. When a state agency is contracted with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for the provision of shared financial services, the agency may discontinue using shared services when documentation showing that the agency can provide the services at a lower cost to the state is provided to and approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. As used in this subsection, "shared services" means process, resource utilization or action as defined by administrative rule. On a yearly basis the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall compile and publish a report documenting the cost savings resulting from shared services contracts. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or to any institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 34.96, as amended by Section 411, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (62 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 34.96), is amended to read as follows:

Section 34.96. A. There is hereby established the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance. The purposes of this committee shall include oversight of the implementation of a system of program performance-based budgeting for implementation by state agencies.

B. The Committee's duties shall also include:

1. Development of agency budget request forms and instructions in conjunction with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;

2. Directing studies to aid in the development of legislative and procedural changes to further improve the budgetary, financial, accounting, reporting, personnel, and purchasing processes and systems of the state;

3. Direction of program evaluation and management studies;

4. Oversight and reporting on executive branch compliance with the legislative intent of appropriation measures. Such oversight and reporting duties may include:

a. agency reorganization actions,

b. executive orders calling for reduction of full-time-equivalents or hiring freezes, and

c. transfer of funds by the executive branch;

5. The development of revenue and expenditure estimates and analyses;

6. Study of the management, operations, programs and fiscal needs of the agencies and institutions of Oklahoma state government pursuant to the Oklahoma Program Performance Budgeting and Accountability Act;

7. Review of the executive budget, agency strategic plans and the estimate of needs of each state agency and institution. Reports may be issued by the Committee as it deems appropriate; and

8. Implementation of an ongoing evaluation review procedure of existing programs based on ~~zero-base~~ performance-informed budgeting techniques pursuant to the Oklahoma Program Performance Budgeting and Accountability Act. The committee in cooperation with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall establish a schedule to review strategic plans and existing programs for each agency a minimum of once every four (4) years. The committee shall issue an evaluation report for each agency once every four (4) years which will include but not be limited to the following information:

- a. a review of the agency's programs, performance and management,
- b. whether the agency has demonstrated that there is a need for the services and programs which justifies the agency's continued existence,
- c. whether the agency is the most appropriate provider of the programs and services furnished by the agency.

C. Any reference in the Oklahoma Statutes to the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget and Program Oversight shall be a reference to the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance.

D. The Committee shall be composed of three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two members by the minority leader of the Senate and two members appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee shall rotate every two (2) years between the Senate and the House of Representatives beginning with a Senate member serving as Chair in 2003. The Committee shall meet at least four (4) times per year and at other times as called by the Chair. The Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance shall function as a committee of the Legislature when the Legislature is in session and is not in session. Each member of the Committee shall serve until a successor is appointed. The duties of

the Committee may be performed by the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the House of Representatives or subcommittees thereof.

E. The Committee shall be staffed jointly by the staff of the fiscal divisions of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

F. The Committee may make use of all available teleconferencing technology to facilitate meetings of the Committee when the Legislature is not in session. The Committee shall take any appropriate action to make such teleconferenced meetings comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. The Committee shall periodically meet in different geographical regions of the state to enhance the Committee's understanding of local conditions and to help educate the public as to the fiscal condition of the state.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 3914, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3914. When any statutory entities are under review for sunset, said entities shall bear the burden of establishing that a sufficient public need is present which justifies their continued existence. All said entities shall provide the appropriate House and Senate sunset committees with the following information:

1. A ~~zero-based~~ performance-informed operating budget review and analysis, including a summary of all income and expenditures;

2. The identity of all units and subunits under the direct or advisory control of the statutory entity under review;

3. All powers, duties and functions currently performed by the statutory entity under review;

4. All statutory or other authority under which said powers, duties and functions of the statutory entity are carried out;

5. Any powers, duties or functions which, in the opinion of the statutory entity under review, are being performed and duplicated by

another statutory entity within the state including the manner in which, and the extent to which, this duplication of efforts is occurring and any recommendations as to eliminating such a situation;

6. Any powers, duties or functions which, in the opinion of the statutory entity under review, are inconsistent with current and projected public demands and should be terminated or altered; and

7. Any other information which the appropriate House or Senate sunset committee, in its discretion, feels is necessary and proper in carrying out its duties.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 25th day of February, 2015.

Audrey Syler  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of April, 2015.

Lee R. Doney, Jr.  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 20<sup>th</sup>

day of April, 20 15, at 3:40 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 24<sup>th</sup>

day of April, 20 15, at 10:52 o'clock A M.

Mary Fallin  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 24<sup>th</sup>

day of April, 20 15, at 3:01 o'clock P. M.

By: Ann McNaughton Hayes



## **S.B. 549**

RE: S.B. 549  
SUBJECT: State Officers

Senate Bill 549 becomes effective August 20, 2015. The Governor vetoed S.B. 549 on May 8, 2015, which was overridden by the Legislature on May 20, 2015. This bill decouples the salaries of statewide elected officials with the salaries of judicial officials.

- Current law sets the salaries of all statewide elected officials, including the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in accordance with salaries for judicial officials.
- Section 1: Eliminates all language that connected statewide elected officials' salaries to judicial salaries. Instead, beginning in January 2016, the salary for each statewide elected official is set at the amount that they are currently receiving in 2015. That amount for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is \$124,373.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Ms. Mathangi Shankar, Chief Financial Officer, at (405) 522-0162 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 74 O.S. 250.4

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 549

By: Sykes of the Senate

and

McCullough of the House

An Act relating to state officers; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 250.4, as amended by Section 3 of Enrolled House Joint Resolution No. 1096 of the 2nd Session of the 54th Oklahoma Legislature (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 250.4), which relates to statewide elected officers; modifying salaries; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: State officers

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 250.4, as amended by Section 3 of Enrolled House Joint Resolution No. 1096 of the 2nd Session of the 54th Oklahoma Legislature (74 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 250.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 250.4 Pursuant to provisions of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma from and after the beginning date of a term of office which commences in, or after, January ~~1999~~ 2016, the following officers of the State of Oklahoma shall be annually compensated for their services, payable monthly, as follows:

1. The Governor shall receive a salary ~~equal to the salary received by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court;~~ provided however, the Governor shall not receive any increase in

~~salary as a result of the provisions of Section 1 of this resolution of One Hundred Forty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$147,000.00);~~

2. ~~The Lieutenant Governor shall receive a salary equal to the salary received by an associate district judge in a county with a population greater than ten thousand (10,000) and less than thirty thousand (30,000); provided however, the Lieutenant Governor shall not receive any increase in salary as a result of the provisions of Section 1 of this resolution of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$114,713.00);~~

3. ~~The Attorney General shall receive a salary equal to the salary received by the Presiding Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals; provided however, the Attorney General shall not receive any increase in salary as a result of Section 1 of this resolution of One Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$132,825.00);~~

4. ~~The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall receive a salary equal to the salary received by a district judge; provided however, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall not receive any increase in salary as a result of the provisions of Section 1 of this resolution of One Hundred Twenty-four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-three Dollars (\$124,373.00);~~

5. ~~Each member of the Corporation Commission shall receive a salary equal to the salary received by an associate district judge in a county with a population of over thirty thousand (30,000); provided however, the Commissioners shall not receive any increase in salary as a result of the provisions of Section 1 of this resolution of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$114,713.00);~~

6. ~~The State Treasurer shall receive a salary equal to the salary received by an associate district judge in a county with a population of over thirty thousand (30,000); provided however, the State Treasurer shall not receive any increase in salary as a result of the provisions of Section 1 of this resolution of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$114,713.00);~~

7. ~~The State Auditor and Inspector shall receive a salary equal to the salary received by an associate district judge in a county~~

~~with a population of over thirty thousand (30,000); provided however, the State Auditor and Inspector shall not receive any increase in salary as a result of the provisions of Section 1 of this resolution of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$114,713.00);~~

8. The State Insurance Commissioner shall receive a salary ~~equal to the salary received by an associate district judge in a county with a population of over thirty thousand (30,000); provided however, the State Insurance Commissioner shall not receive any increase in salary as a result of the provisions of Section 1 of this resolution of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$114,713.00);~~ and

9. The Commissioner of Labor shall receive a salary ~~equal to the salary received by a special judge; provided however, the Commissioner of Labor shall not receive any increase in salary as a result of the provisions of Section 1 of this resolution of One Hundred Five Thousand Fifty-three Dollars (\$105,053.00).~~

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

Passed the Senate the 30th day of April, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of April, 2015.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_



OFFICE OF

No. SB 549

**THE GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 8, 2015

TIME SIGNED: 11:35 AM

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE  
FIRST SESSION OF THE  
FIFTY FIFTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 549:

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 549.

Senate Bill 549 (Bill) dramatically alters how future elected State officers are to be paid. It decouples State officers' salaries from judicial salaries, and instead, codifies a specific and fixed annual salary for each officer, including the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Corporation Commissioners, the State Treasurer, the State Auditor and Inspector, the State Insurance Commissioner, and the Commissioner of Labor (collectively referred to as "State Officers").

There are two significant deficiencies that compel me to veto this Bill. First, recent compensation reform initiatives have discarded the practice of codifying State employee salaries for good reason: fixing salary in statute tends to calcify salaries without regard to such pertinent considerations as inflation; the current fiscal health of the State; and most importantly, each particular employee's performance.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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No. SB 549

**THE GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., May 8, 2015

TIME SIGNED: 11:35 AM

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE  
FIRST SESSION OF THE  
FIFTY FIFTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 549:

That is why neutral third-party compensation boards determine the salaries of officials in the other two co-equal branches of Oklahoma government, the Judiciary and the Legislature. These boards are comprised of representatives from a wide swath of our State's citizenry—including labor and civic organizations, communications media and retail business, agriculture, nonstate-supported educational institutions, and religious organizations. As such, the boards emphasize the fact that it is the people of this great State who are the true bosses of the leaders they elect.

It would be better policy to create a new and distinct compensation board for State Officers in the Oklahoma Statutes. In the meantime, however, I cannot approve this Bill. To do so would strip State Officers' compensation decisions from being made at least by a neutral and representative board, that being the Board on Judicial Compensation, which currently sets the salaries to which State Officers' salaries are tied.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

By Becky Welch

Date/Time May 8, 2015 4:15 pm



## **S.B. 612**

RE: S.B. 612

SUBJECT: Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development

Senate Bill 612 becomes effective November 1, 2015. This bill amends the makeup of the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

- Current law establishes the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development to guide the development of a comprehensive and coordinated workforce development system for the state and monitor its operation. Membership of the council includes the Secretary of Education, the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Director of Career and Technology Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Section 1(B): A majority of the council must come from private sector employers, including owners of businesses, executives, operating officers, etc., that provide employment in high-quality, work-relevant training and development in in-demand industries in the state.
  - The Secretary of Education, the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Director of Career and Technology Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, among others, are removed from the membership of the council and made to be ex-officio members serving at the discretion and pleasure of the governor to provide expertise and agency information to the council.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 74 O.S. 5003.10d

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 612

By: Newberry, Halligan and  
Fields of the Senate

and

Wright of the House

An Act relating to the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 5003.10d, which relates to membership; modifying membership; requiring compliance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; deleting language; allowing certain ex-officio members; updating references; providing for certain subcommittee; stating purpose and duties; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 5003.10d, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5003.10d. A. The Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development established under the authority of Executive Order 2005-27 is hereby recognized by the Legislature as the State's Workforce Investment Board. The Council succeeded and was established in lieu of the Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board. Appointed members of the Council serving under the authority of Executive Order 2005-27 when this act becomes effective shall continue to serve until their terms have expired and their successors have been duly appointed.

Pursuant to the federal Workforce ~~Investment~~ Innovation and Opportunity Act, the purpose of the Council shall be to:

1. Guide the development of a comprehensive and coordinated workforce development system for the state and monitor its operation; and

2. Review and make recommendations that will align the workforce system, including education, with the economic development goals of the state for the purpose of creating workforce and economic development systems that are integrated and shall provide Oklahoma a competitive advantage in a global economy.

B. Membership of the Council shall include representatives of private employers who reflect Oklahoma's projected and desired business and industry base and public officials from agencies which provide programs and services related to workforce, education and economic development. All Council members shall be in positions to influence policy and hiring decisions within their organizations. Initial appointments to the Council shall conform to the following described schedule:

1. The membership of the Council shall comply with the federal requirements of the state investment board;

2. A majority of the Council shall come from described private sector employers, including owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of businesses or other business executives or employees with optimum policymaking or hiring authority, and who represent businesses, including small businesses, that provide employment opportunities that, at a minimum, include high-quality, work-relevant training and development in in-demand industry sectors or occupations in this state;

~~2.~~ 3. State officials shall include incumbents or designees of the following named offices, or their successors in office or function:

a. Governor,

b. two members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore,

- c. two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker,
- d. Secretary of Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Tourism, and
- e. ~~Secretary of Education,~~
- f. ~~Secretary of Human Services,~~
- g. ~~Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,~~
- h. ~~Director of Career and Technology Education,~~
- i. ~~State Superintendent of Public Instruction,~~
- j. Executive Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, and
- k. ~~Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services,~~

~~3. Two members from organizations with experience in the delivery of workforce services, including community colleges or other community based workforce service organizations;~~

~~4. Two members from organizations or individuals that have experience with respect to youth activities;~~

~~5. Two members that are chief elected officials from a city and county;~~

~~6. Two members that represent labor organizations; and~~

~~7.~~ 4. Additional members, at the discretion and pleasure of the Governor, may be appointed representing:

a. ~~local welfare agencies,~~

b. ~~public housing agencies,~~

- ~~e. administrators of programs which receive federal or state human resources funding,~~
- ~~d. representative of a Local Workforce Board Chairs Association,~~
- ~~e. entities with special knowledge and qualifications regarding special educational and career development needs of hard to serve individuals,~~
- ~~f. state and local economic development representatives,~~
- ~~g. juvenile justice programs,~~
- ~~h. state human resources organization,~~
- ~~i. representatives of tourism, agriculture, corrections and transportation,~~
- ~~j. state organization representing urban rural hospitals,~~
- ~~k. representatives of Oklahoma Tribes or Nations, and~~
- ~~l. representatives of minorities in Oklahoma the needs or interests of the state economy or specific regional needs; and~~

5. Ex-officio members, at the discretion and pleasure of the Governor, may be included to provide expertise and agency information to the Council. These appointments may include, but not be limited to:

- a. the Secretary of Education,
- b. the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
- c. the Secretary of Commerce,
- d. the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,
- e. the Director of Career and Technology Education,

- f. the State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
- g. the Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services,
- h. the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections,
- i. the Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,
- j. the Director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority,  
and
- k. the Native American Liaison.

C. Private sector members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2005, and may be reappointed. However, of the initial private sector members appointed, half shall be appointed for an initial term of one (1) year beginning October 1, 2005. Private members may be removed from office for failure to attend three consecutive Council meetings. The chair of the Council shall be from the private sector and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

D. The Council shall meet at such times and places as it deems appropriate. Members shall serve without compensation. Council members employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council as authorized by state law by their respective state agency. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed by their respective houses for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as authorized by state law. Remaining Council members shall also be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as authorized by state law. No member of the Council shall profit, directly or indirectly, from any transaction with the Council.

E. The duties and responsibilities of the Council in the development, monitoring and aligning of the workforce system with economic development shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Performing the duties required of the state governance board by ~~the federal Workforce Investment~~ Innovation and Opportunity Act;

2. Identifying the human resource investment needs of Oklahoma business and industry, together with those of the citizens of the state, so that each might respond to and meet the needs of the others and thus together build a robust, diversified economy;

3. Reviewing and evaluating workforce development programs within the state, formulate recommendations to increase their efficiency and effectiveness, eliminate duplication, and align with economic goals. Recommendations shall be communicated to the Governor, Legislature, state and federal government agencies and appropriate individuals and entities within the private sector;

4. Increasing academic capability and technical skills within the state workforce and foster lifelong learning among Oklahoma's citizens;

5. Strengthening collaboration among institutions which provide education and training services, government agencies which coordinate employment and other human resource investment activities, and Oklahoma business and industry to create a seamless system to nurture healthy economic development; and

6. Enhancing rural economic development capability and capacity, giving particular attention to regional collaboration and partnering.

F. Activities of the Council shall be coordinated by the Secretary of Commerce ~~and Tourism~~ and directed by the Deputy Secretary of Commerce for Workforce Development, or their successors in office or function. Administrative and staffing support for the Council shall be coordinated by the Office of Workforce Solutions within the Department of Commerce.

G. The State Workforce Solutions Staff Team Partners originally established under the authority of Executive Order 2005-27 as the

Workforce Solutions Staff Team is hereby recognized by the Legislature. This interagency team shall be comprised of executive level staff from ~~all~~ workforce, education and economic development agencies of the state for the purpose of providing staff support to the Council and to create efficiencies, eliminate duplication, and eliminate barriers to jointly providing a service delivery system. Other members may be included on this team as the Governor, ~~Secretary of Commerce or Deputy Secretary of Commerce~~ may deem necessary to accomplish this goal.

H. The Council shall be supported by funds available to state agencies pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations. Each member of the Council whose agency qualifies pursuant to state and federal law to receive and use such funds shall assist by providing support and funding of the Council in carrying out the responsibilities of the Council.

I. The Council shall form a subcommittee on health workforce whose purpose shall be to inform, coordinate, and facilitate statewide efforts to ensure that a well-trained, adequately distributed, and flexible health workforce is available to meet the needs of an efficient and effective health care system in Oklahoma. Duties of the Health Workforce Subcommittee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Conducting data analysis and preparing reports on health workforce supply and demand;

2. Research and analysis of state health professional education and training capacity;

3. Recommend recruitment and retention strategies for areas determined by the Oklahoma Primary Care Office or the Oklahoma Office of Rural Health to be areas of high need; and

4. Assessment of health workforce policy, evaluation of impact on Oklahoma's health system and health outcomes, and developing health workforce policy recommendations.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2015.

Nathan Dahm  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of April, 2015.

Scott C. Martin  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of April, 20 15, at 2:23 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Redwell

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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By: Ch. Benze



# H.B. 1268

RE: H.B. 1268

SUBJECT: Passport to Financial Literacy Act

House Bill 1268 becomes effective July 1, 2015. This bill amends the Passport to Financial Literacy Act relating to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities and English language learners.

- Current law requires students to complete a curriculum on personal financial literacy in order to graduate from a public high school in Oklahoma.
- Section 1(E): Amends the requirements for those students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (MSCD) who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) to allow for completion by (1) receiving substantive and substantial instruction in life-skills curriculum, and (2) demonstrating knowledge by alternate measures as required by their IEP.
- Section 1(G)(4): Requires the State Department of Education to provide online resources and materials to help English language learners understand and use the personal financial literacy information.
- Section 1(K): Suggests that school districts assign the responsibilities for personal financial literacy to the same teacher or teachers on a continuing basis in order to ensure high-quality consistent instruction.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Mr. Kelly Curtright, Director of Social Studies Education and Personal Financial Literacy Education, at (405) 522-3523 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 70 O.S. 11-103.6h

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1268

By: Casey, Cannaday and Denney  
of the House

and

Ford of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6h, which relates to the Passport to Financial Literacy Act; deleting obsolete language; adding an alternative method of demonstrating satisfactory knowledge for certain students; requiring the State Department of Education to provide certain resources and materials; encouraging school districts to make certain teaching assignments; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Passport to Financial Literacy Act

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6h,  
is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.6h A. Personal financial literacy education shall be taught in the public schools of this state. Personal financial literacy education shall include, but is not limited to, the following areas of instruction:

1. Understanding interest, credit card debt, and online commerce;
2. Rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home;
3. Savings and investing;
4. Planning for retirement;

5. Bankruptcy;
6. Banking and financial services;
7. Balancing a checkbook;
8. Understanding loans and borrowing money, including predatory lending and payday loans;
9. Understanding insurance;
10. Identity fraud and theft;
11. Charitable giving;
12. Understanding the financial impact and consequences of gambling;
13. Earning an income; and
14. Understanding state and federal taxes.

B. ~~Beginning with students entering the seventh grade in the 2008-2009 school year, in~~ In order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard diploma, students shall fulfill the requirements for a personal financial literacy passport. The requirements for a personal financial literacy passport shall be satisfactory completion in all areas of instruction in personal financial literacy as listed in subsection A of this section during grades seven through twelve or demonstration of satisfactory knowledge as provided for in subsection E of this section.

C. ~~Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, school~~ School districts shall provide instruction in personal financial literacy to students during grades seven through twelve. School districts shall have the option of determining when each area of instruction listed in subsection A of this section shall be presented to students.

D. Personal financial literacy instruction shall be integrated into one or more existing courses of study or provided in a separate personal financial literacy course. School districts shall have the option of determining into which course or courses each area of

instruction listed in subsection A of this section shall be integrated.

E. Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (MSCD) who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that directs that the student is to be assessed with alternate achievements standards through the Oklahoma Alternative Assessment Program may demonstrate satisfactory knowledge in each area of instruction listed in subsection A of this section upon a determination, supported by documentation, by the school district that the student has met the following criteria:

1. Receives substantive and substantial instruction in life-skills curriculum; and

2. Demonstrates the acquired knowledge of the student with MSCD by alternate measures as required by the IEP.

F. The State Board of Education shall identify and adopt curriculum standards for personal financial literacy instruction that reflect the areas of instruction listed in subsection A of this section. The standards shall be incorporated into the state academic content standards adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 11-103.6 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title and known as the Priority Academic Student Skills Curriculum.

~~F.~~ G. The State Department of Education shall:

1. Develop guidelines and material designed to enable schools to infuse personal financial literacy within any course of study currently offered by the school district or offer personal financial literacy as a separate course. The guidelines shall outline the areas of instruction to be taught based on the curriculum standards adopted by the Board;

2. Develop professional development programs that are designed to help teachers provide instruction in personal financial literacy and incorporate the curriculum into an existing course or courses or develop curriculum for a separate personal financial literacy course; ~~and~~

3. Provide resources, including on-line modules, for integrating the teaching of personal financial literacy into an existing course or courses of study or for developing a separate personal financial literacy course. The on-line modules shall

include an assessment component for each area of instruction listed in subsection A of this section; and

4. Provide resources, including on-line modules, and materials designed to enable students identified as English language learners to understand and use the personal financial literacy information presented.

G. H. The Department may work with one or more not-for-profit organizations that have proven expertise in the development of standards and curriculum and delivery of teacher professional development in personal financial literacy for the purpose of developing and providing guidelines, materials, resources, including on-line modules, and professional development.

H. I. 1. For students who transfer into an Oklahoma school district from out of state after the seventh grade, school districts shall assess the knowledge of the student in each of the areas of instruction listed in subsection A of this section. If the school district determines that the transferred student has successfully completed instruction in any or all of the areas of personal financial literacy instruction at a previous school in which the student was enrolled or if the student demonstrates satisfactory knowledge of any or all of the areas of personal financial literacy instruction through an assessment, the school district may exempt the student from completing instruction in that area of personal financial literacy instruction. School districts may use the assessment contained in the on-line modules provided by the State Department of Education pursuant to subsection F G of this section to determine the personal financial literacy knowledge level of the student. School districts may also use the on-line modules to present an area of instruction to transferred students who have not completed or who did not demonstrate satisfactory knowledge in one or more of the areas of personal financial literacy instruction.

2. For students who transfer into an Oklahoma school district from out of state after the junior year of high school, school districts may make an exception to the requirements for a personal financial literacy passport pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-103.6 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

I. J. The State Textbook Committee created in Section 16-101 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title may, when selecting textbooks for mathematics, economics, or similar courses, select

those textbooks which contain substantive provisions on personal finance.

K. In order to deliver high-quality consistent personal financial literacy instruction, school districts are encouraged to assign the responsibility for teaching personal financial literacy to the same teacher or teachers on a continuing basis.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2015.

Lee R. Jones  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 8th day of April, 2015.

Eveline Field  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 29<sup>th</sup>  
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By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 4<sup>th</sup>  
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By: Ch. Benne



## H.B. 1693

RE: H.B. 1693

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act

House Bill 1693 becomes effective January 1, 2016. This bill amends the tax credits that can be claimed under the Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act and expands the program to include additional special needs students and early childhood programs.

- Current law allows for taxpayers to make contributions to eligible scholarship-granting organizations and eligible educational improvement grant organizations to receive a tax credit of 50% of their contribution, up to \$1,000 for individuals, \$2,000 for married couples, and \$100,000 for corporations and partnerships. If a donor commits in writing to donate the same amount of money for two additional consecutive years, they will receive a tax credit of 75% of their contribution, not to exceed the established limits.
  - “Scholarship-granting organization” refers to nonprofit entities who distribute periodic scholarship payments to eligible students, spend 90% or more of their annual revenue on scholarships, make a portion of their grants to low-income students, ensure portability for their scholarships and are registered with the Oklahoma Tax Commission as such.
  - “Educational improvement grant organization” refers to nonprofit entities who give at least 90% of their annual receipts as grants to schools for innovative educational programs.
- Section 1(B)(2) and Section 1(C)(2): Changes the credit as described above to allow for any taxpayer who commits in writing to give the same amount for one additional year to receive a tax credit of 75% of their contribution, not to exceed the established limits.
- Section 1(G)(2): Amends the definition of “eligible special needs student” to include a child who is provided services through SoonerStart, and who during transition is determined to be eligible for school district services. A child diagnosed as having a significant learning disability who has been approved by the scholarship-granting organization may be considered as well.
  - Current law provides that eligible special needs students may receive an educational scholarship of up to \$25,000 to cover tuition, fees and transportation costs for a qualified school for special needs accredited by the State Board of Education.

- Section 1(G)(3)(b): Adds to the definition of “educational scholarships,” scholarships of up to \$5,000 or 80% of the average per-pupil expenditure, as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), to cover costs of a qualified school that does not charge tuition, enrolls special populations of students and is accredited by the State Board of Education.
- Section 1(G)(5) and Section 1(G)(6): Amends the definitions of “qualified school” and “qualified school for eligible special needs students” to include early childhood programs, including schools that provide educational programs for three-year-olds or prekindergarten educational programs for four-year-olds.
- Section 1(G)(11): Amends the definition of “early childhood education program” to include special education programs for eligible special needs students who are three years old or prekindergarten.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Dr. Rene Axtell, Assistant State Superintendent of Special Education Services, at (405) 521-3351 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 68 O.S. 2357.206

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE

BILL NO. 1693

By: Calvey of the House

and

Loveless of the Senate

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.206, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 349, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 2357.206), which relates to the Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act; modifying amount of credit made for consecutive years; modifying definitions; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.206, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 349, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 2357.206), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.206 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act".

B. 1. Except as provided in subsection F of this section, after August 26, 2011, there shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible scholarship-granting organization. The credit shall be equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of contributions made during a taxable year, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for single individuals, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for married individuals filing jointly, or One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for any taxpayer which is a legal business entity including limited and general partnerships, corporations, subchapter S corporations and limited liability companies; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the caps

established pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section, the credit shall be equal to the taxpayer's proportionate share of the cap for the taxable year, as determined pursuant to subsection H of this section.

2. For any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible scholarship-granting organization and makes a written commitment to contribute the same amount for ~~two (2)~~ an additional consecutive years year, the credit for the first year and the additional year shall be equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount of the contribution ~~established in paragraph 1 of this subsection~~ made during a taxable year, not to exceed the amounts established in paragraph 1 of this subsection for the taxable year in which the credit provided in this subsection is claimed. The taxpayer shall provide evidence of the written commitment to the Oklahoma Tax Commission at the time of filing the refund claim.

3. The credits authorized pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be allocable to the partners, shareholders, members or other equity owners of a taxpayer that is authorized to be treated as a partnership for purposes of federal income tax reporting for the taxable year for which the tax credits authorized by this subsection are claimed on the applicable return, together with required schedules, forms or reports of the partners, shareholders, members or other equity owners of the taxpayer. Tax credits which are allocated to such equity owners shall only be limited in amount for the income tax return of a natural person or persons based upon the limitation of the total credit amount to the entity from which the tax credits have been allocated and shall not be limited to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for single individuals or limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for married persons filing a joint return.

4. On or before December 31, 2017, and once every four (4) years thereafter, such scholarship-granting organization and educational improvement granting organization shall submit to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, an audited financial statement for the organization along with information detailing the benefits, successes or failures of the program.

C. 1. Except as provided in subsection F of this section, after August 26, 2011, there shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible educational improvement grant organization. The credit shall be equal to fifty

percent (50%) of the total amount of contributions made during a taxable year, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for single individuals, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for married individuals filing jointly, or One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for any taxpayer which is a legal business entity including limited and general partnerships, corporations, subchapter S corporations and limited liability companies; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap established pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection D of this section, the credit shall be equal to the taxpayer's proportionate share of the cap for the taxable year, as determined pursuant to subsection H of this section.

2. For any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible educational improvement grant organization and makes a written commitment to contribute the same amount for ~~two (2)~~ an ~~consecutive years~~ year, the credit for the first year and the additional year shall be equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount of the contribution ~~established in paragraph 1 of this subsection~~ made during a taxable year, not to exceed the amounts established in paragraph 1 of this subsection for the taxable year in which the credit provided in this subsection is claimed; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap established pursuant to paragraph 3 of this subsection, the credit shall be equal to the taxpayer's proportionate share of the cap for the taxable year, as determined pursuant to subsection H of this section. The taxpayer shall provide evidence of the written commitment to the Oklahoma Tax Commission at the time of filing the refund claim.

3. The credits authorized pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be allocable to the partners, shareholders, members or other equity owners of a taxpayer that is authorized to be treated as a partnership for purposes of federal income tax reporting for the taxable year for which the tax credits authorized by this subsection are claimed on the applicable return, together with required schedules, forms or reports of the partners, shareholders, members or other equity owners of the taxpayer. Tax credits which are allocated to such equity owners shall only be limited in amount for the income tax return of a natural person or persons based upon the limitation of the total credit amount to the entity from which the tax credits have been allocated and shall not be limited to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for single individuals or limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for married persons filing a joint return.

D. 1. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection B of this section for all taxpayers shall not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) annually.

2. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection C of this section for all taxpayers shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) annually.

3. The cap on total credits provided for in this subsection shall be allocated by the Tax Commission as provided in subsection H of this section.

E. For credits claimed for eligible contributions made during tax year 2014 and thereafter, a credit shall not be allowed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission for contributions made to a scholarship-granting organization or an educational improvement grant organization if that organization's percentage of funds actually awarded is less than ninety percent (90%). For purposes of this section, the "percentage of funds actually awarded" shall be determined by dividing the total amount of funds actually awarded as educational scholarships or educational improvement grants over the most recent twenty-four (24) months by the total amount available to award as educational scholarships or educational improvement grants over the most recent twenty-four (24) months.

F. Any tax credits which are earned by a taxpayer pursuant to this section during the time period beginning on the effective date of this act through December 31, 2012, may not be claimed for any period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2013. No credits which accrue during the time period beginning on the effective date of this act through December 31, 2012, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2013.

G. As used in this section:

1. "Eligible student" means a child of school age who is lawfully present in the United States and who is a member of a household in which the total annual income during the preceding tax year does not exceed an amount equal to three hundred percent (300%) of the income standard used to qualify for a free or reduced school lunch or who, during the immediately preceding school year, attended or, by virtue of the location of such student's place of residence, was eligible to attend a public school in this state which has been

identified for school improvement as determined by the State Board of Education pursuant to the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. No. 107-110. Once a student has received an educational scholarship, as defined in paragraph 3 of this subsection, the student and any siblings who are members of the same household shall remain eligible until they graduate from high school or reach twenty-one (21) years of age, whichever occurs first;

2. "Eligible special needs student" means a child who has been provided services under an Individual Family Service Plan through the SoonerStart program and during transition was evaluated and determined to be eligible for school district services, a child of school age who has attended public school in our state with an individualized education program pursuant to the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.A., Section 1400 et seq. or a child who has been diagnosed by a clinical professional as having a significant disability that will affect learning and who has been approved by the board of a scholarship-granting organization;

3. "Educational scholarships" means:

- a. scholarships to an eligible student of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or eighty percent (80%) of the statewide annual average per-pupil expenditure as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, whichever is greater, to cover all or part of the tuition, fees and transportation costs of a qualified school which is accredited by the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, ~~or~~
- b. scholarships to an eligible student of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or eighty percent (80%) of the statewide annual average per-pupil expenditure as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, whichever is greater, to cover the educational costs of a qualified school which does not charge tuition, which enrolls special populations of students and which is accredited by the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

c. scholarships to an eligible special needs student of up to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to cover all or part of the tuition, fees and transportation costs of a qualified school for eligible special needs students which is accredited by the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

4. "Low-income eligible student" means an eligible student or eligible special needs student who qualifies for a free or reduced-price lunch;

5. "Qualified school" means an early childhood, elementary or secondary private school in this state, including schools which provide special educational programs for three-year-olds or prekindergarten educational programs for four-year-olds, which:

- a. is accredited by the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- b. is in compliance with all applicable health and safety laws and codes,
- c. has a stated policy against discrimination in admissions on the basis of race, color, national origin or disability, and
- d. ensures academic accountability to parents and guardians of students through regular progress reports;

6. "Qualified school for eligible special needs students" means an early childhood, elementary or secondary private school in a county in this state, including schools which provide special educational programs for three-year-olds or prekindergarten educational programs for four-year-olds;

7. "Scholarship-granting organization" means an organization which:

- a. is a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3),
- b. distributes periodic scholarship payments as checks made out to an eligible student's or eligible special needs student's parent or guardian and mailed to the qualified school where the student is enrolled,
- c. spends no more than ten percent (10%) of its annual revenue on expenditures other than educational scholarships as defined in paragraph 3 of this subsection,
- d. spends each year a portion of its expenditures on educational scholarships for low-income eligible students, as defined in paragraph 4 of this subsection, in an amount equal to or greater than the percentage of low-income eligible students in the state,
- e. ensures that scholarships are portable during the school year and can be used at any qualified school that accepts the eligible student or at any qualified school for special needs students that accepts the eligible special needs student,
- f. registers with the Oklahoma Tax Commission as a scholarship-granting organization, and
- g. has policies in place to:
  - (1) carry out criminal background checks on all employees and board members to ensure that no individual is involved with the organization who might reasonably pose a risk to the appropriate use of contributed funds, and
  - (2) maintain full and accurate records with respect to the receipt of contributions and expenditures of those contributions and supply such records and any other documentation required by the Tax Commission to demonstrate financial accountability;

8. "Annual revenue" means the total amount or value of contributions received by an organization from taxpayers awarded credits during the organization's fiscal year and all amounts earned from interest or investments;

9. "Public school" means public schools as defined in Section 1-106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10. "Eligible school" means any public school that is not located within a ten-mile radius of a qualified school in this state, or any public school that is located within a ten-mile radius of a qualified school in this state but offers grade-level instruction different from the qualified school or any public school located within a public school district with fewer than four thousand five hundred (4,500) students;

11. "Early childhood education program" means a special educational program for eligible special needs students who are three (3) years of age or a prekindergarten educational program provided to children who are at least four (4) years of age but not more than five (5) years of age on or before September 1;

12. "Innovative educational program" means an advanced academic or academic improvement program that is not part of the regular coursework of a public school but that enhances the curriculum or academic program of the school or provides early childhood education programs to students;

13. "Educational improvement grant" means a grant to an eligible public school to implement an innovative educational program for students, including the ability for multiple public schools to make an application and be awarded a grant to jointly provide an innovative educational program; and

14. "Educational improvement grant organization" means an organization which:

- a. is a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and
- b. contributes at least ninety percent (90%) of its annual receipts as grants to eligible schools for innovative educational programs. For purposes of this subparagraph, an educational improvement grant

organization contributes its annual cash receipts when it expends or otherwise irrevocably encumbers those funds for expenditure during the then current fiscal year of the organization or during the next succeeding fiscal year of the organization.

H. Total credits authorized by this section shall be allocated as follows:

1. By January 10 of the year immediately following each calendar year, a scholarship-granting organization or an educational improvement grant organization which accepts contributions pursuant to this section shall provide electronically to the Tax Commission information on each contribution accepted during such taxable year. At least once each taxable year, the scholarship-granting organization or the educational improvement grant organization shall notify each contributor that Oklahoma law provides for a total, statewide cap on the amount of income tax credits allowed annually;

2. a. If the Tax Commission determines the total combined credits claimed for contributions made to scholarship-granting organizations during the most recently completed calendar year by all taxpayers are in excess of the statewide caps provided in paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section, the Tax Commission shall determine the percentage of the contribution which establishes the proportionate share of the credit which may be claimed by any taxpayer so that the maximum credits authorized by this section are not exceeded.

b. If the Tax Commission determines the total combined credits claimed for contributions made to educational improvement grant organizations during the most recently completed calendar year by all taxpayers are in excess of the statewide caps provided in paragraph 2 of subsection D of this section, the Tax Commission shall determine the percentage of the contribution which establishes the proportionate share of the credit which may be claimed by any taxpayer so that the maximum credits authorized by this section are not exceeded; and

3. The Tax Commission shall publish the percentage of the contribution which may be claimed as a credit by contributors for

the most recently completed calendar year on the Tax Commission website no later than February 15 of each calendar year for contributions made the previous year. Each scholarship-granting organization or educational improvement grant organization shall notify contributors of that amount annually.

I. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0).

J. Any credits allowed but not used in any tax year may be carried over, in order, to each of the three (3) years following the year of qualification.

K. 1. In order to qualify under this section, an educational improvement grant organization shall submit an application with information to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on a form prescribed by the Tax Commission that:

- a. enables the Tax Commission to confirm that the organization is a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and
- b. describes the proposed innovative educational program or programs supported by the organization.

2. The Tax Commission shall review and approve or disapprove the application, in consultation with the State Department of Education.

3. In order to maintain eligibility under this section, an educational improvement grant organization shall annually report the following information to the Tax Commission by September 1 of each year:

- a. the name of the innovative educational program or programs and the total amount of the grant or grants made to those programs during the immediately preceding school year,
- b. a description of how each grant was utilized during the immediately preceding school year and a description of any demonstrated or expected innovative educational improvements,

- c. the names of the public school and school districts where innovative educational programs that received grants during the immediately preceding school year were implemented,
- d. where the organization collects information on a county-by-county basis, and
- e. the total number and total amount of grants made during the immediately preceding school year for innovative educational programs at public school by each county in which the organization made grants.

4. The information required under paragraph 3 of this subsection shall be submitted on a form provided by the Tax Commission. No later than May 1 of each year, the Tax Commission shall annually distribute sample forms together with the forms on which the reports are required to be made to each approved organization.

5. The Tax Commission shall not require any other information be provided by an organization, except as expressly authorized in this section.

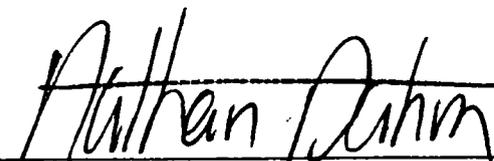
L. In consultation with the State Department of Education, the Tax Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this act. The rules shall include procedures for the registration of a scholarship-granting organization or an educational improvement grant organization for purposes of determining if the organization meets the requirements of this act or for the revocation of the registration of an organization, if applicable, and for notice as required in subsection H of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2016.

Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of May, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

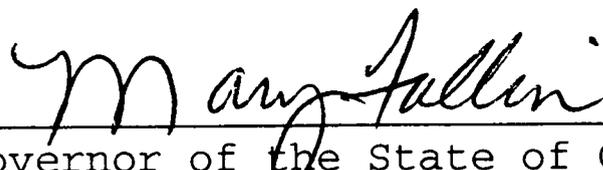
Passed the Senate the 22nd day of May, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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By: Audrey Rockwell

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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day of June, 20 15, at 4:05 o'clock P. M.  
By: C. Benze



# H.B. 2157

RE: H.B. 2157

SUBJECT: Family Support Accountability Act

House Bill 2157 becomes effective November 1, 2015. This bill adds additional requirements for any agency that is implementing a home-visiting program that is state-funded or administered.

- Section 2: Departments who provide home-visiting services must to include a framework for service delivery and accountability that promotes a continuum of care for those families at greatest risk for adverse childhood outcomes, face-to-face visits by specially trained parent educators, and works in partnership to maximize the opportunities for families to receive services that fit their needs.
- Home-visiting programs should achieve two or more specified outcomes: improve prenatal, maternal, infant or child health outcomes; reduce entry into the child welfare system; improve positive parenting and relationship skills; improve parental self-sufficiency, including increased employment and educational attainment; improve children's readiness to succeed in school; and improve children's social-emotional, cognitive and language and physical development.
  - Departments may adopt and promulgate rules by which programs will operate.
  - “Departments” are defined to include any state department or agency implementing a home-visiting program.
  - “Home-visiting program” is defined as a state-funded or administered program that provides services to families of young children that elect to participate, connects families to additional services, promotes child well-being, among other things.
  - The Oklahoma program of parent education (formerly Oklahoma Parents as Teachers per S.B. 285 of 2015) administered by the State Department of Education qualifies as a home-visiting program.
- Programs should collaborate with community partners, researchers, etc. to share best practices.

- Programs should collaborate with the Early Childhood Advisory Council to develop an outcomes measurement plan to monitor implementation and submit that plan by January 1, 2016 to the Governor, Legislature, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth and the Early Childhood Advisory Council. Plans are to be updated and submitted every five years.
- Beginning December 1, 2017, departments are to allocate resources to the Early Childhood Advisory Council to submit an annual outcomes report to the Governor and Legislature. The plan will include data regarding cost per family, number of families, demographic data, and number and type of programs that have been funded.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Dr. Rene Axtell, Asst State Superintendent for Special Education, at (405) 521-4873 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

New Law at: 10 O.S. 601.80, 601.81

Helpful Statutory References: 70 O.S. 3-162, 70 O.S. 10-105.3

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2157

By: Echols of the House

and

Griffin of the Senate

An Act relating to children; enacting the Family Support Accountability Act; defining terms; directing departments providing home-visiting services to promulgate rules; requiring home-visiting program to conduct visits by trained educators; prescribing programs to work in partnership; mandating program to achieve a minimum of specified outcomes; directing departments to work with listed groups for information sharing; requiring home-visiting program language for contracts and grants; mandating collaboration with the Early Childhood Advisory Council; prescribing development of outcomes measurement plan; providing for submission of plan; requiring collaboration to submit an annual outcomes report; listing contents of annual outcomes report; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Family Support Accountability Act

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 601.80 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Family Support Accountability Act".

B. As used in the Family Support Accountability Act:

1. "Departments" means any state department or agency implementing home-visiting programs; and

2. "Home-visiting program" means a state-funded or state-administered, standards-based program that:

- a. is grounded in relevant, empirically based best practices and knowledge that:
  - (1) has comprehensive home-visiting standards that ensure high quality service delivery and continuous quality improvement, and
  - (2) follows with fidelity a program manual or design that specifies the purpose, outcomes, duration and frequency of services that constitute the program,
- b. provides services to families of young children that elect to participate,
- c. utilizes a variety of culturally relevant, developmentally appropriate strategies,
- d. connects families to additional services that support parents,
- e. promotes child well-being and prevents adverse childhood outcomes,
- f. promotes parental competence, child health and development by building long-term relationships with families and optimizing the relationships between parents and children in their home environments,
- g. provides for the collection and analysis of data about program performance and outcomes at the state aggregate level, county aggregate level, provider level and participant level, and
- h. does not include:
  - (1) a one-time home visit or infrequent home visits with no intention of long-term services, such as

a program that provides one home visit for all newborn children,

- (2) services delivered through an individualized family service plan or an individualized education program under Part B or Part C of the federal government's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
- (3) services initiated by a report to the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Services or by court order, or
- (4) programs in which home visiting is supplemental to other services.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 601.81 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The departments that provide home-visiting services may adopt and promulgate rules by which the home-visiting program shall operate.

B. The departments shall provide a framework for service delivery and accountability across all home-visiting programs to promote a continuum of care that targets families at the greatest risk for experiencing adverse childhood outcomes.

C. A home-visiting program shall provide face-to-face visits by specially trained parent educators to provide home-based family support services.

D. The departments shall ensure home-visiting programs work in partnership to serve children, thereby maximizing the opportunities for families to receive services that best fit their needs.

E. A home-visiting program shall achieve two or more of the following:

1. Improve prenatal, maternal, infant or child health outcomes, including, but not limited to, indicators such as preterm birth rates, substance abuse and tobacco use;

2. Reduce entry into the child welfare system;

3. Improve positive parenting and relationship skills;
4. Improve parental self-sufficiency, including increased employment and educational attainment;
5. Improve children's readiness to succeed in school; and
6. Improve children's social-emotional, cognitive and language and physical development, including efforts at early identification of delays.

F. The departments shall work with community partners, researchers, model developers, program providers and interested private entities to develop processes that provide for a greater ability to collaborate, as well as share best practices and information as necessary and appropriate.

G. When the departments authorize funds through payments, contracts or grants that are used for home-visiting programs, they shall include language regarding home visiting in the funding agreement contract or grant that is consistent with the provisions of the Family Support Accountability Act.

H. State and local agencies administering home-visiting programs as defined in this act, providers of home-visiting services and experts in home-visiting program evaluation shall collaborate with the Early Childhood Advisory Council created in Section 640.1 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes to:

1. Jointly develop an outcomes measurement plan which includes indicators related to the objectives established in subsection E of this section in order to monitor outcomes for children and families receiving home-visiting programs and determine the efficiency of agency program implementation;

2. Complete and submit the outcomes measurement plan for state-funded home-visiting programs by January 1, 2016, to the Governor, the Legislature, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth and the Early Childhood Advisory Council and complete and submit an updated plan every subsequent five (5) years; and

3. Develop a process for collecting and reporting outcomes measures to maintain privacy and security.

I. Beginning December 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the departments shall allocate resources to collaborate with the Early Childhood Advisory Council to submit an annual outcomes report to the Governor and the Legislature.

J. The annual outcomes report shall include:

1. Achieved outcomes as agreed upon and described in the previously submitted outcomes measurement plan pursuant to subsection H of this section for all state-funded family support programs;

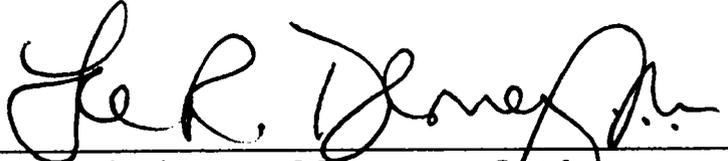
2. Combined program data regarding:

- a. the cost per family served,
- b. the number of families served,
- c. demographic data on families served, and
- d. the number and type of programs that the departments have funded; and

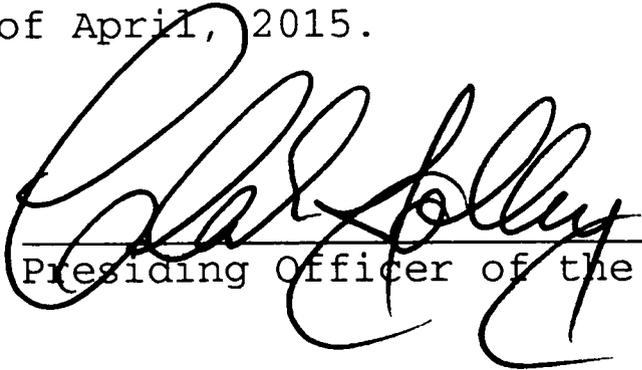
3. Recommendations for quality improvements and future program investments.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

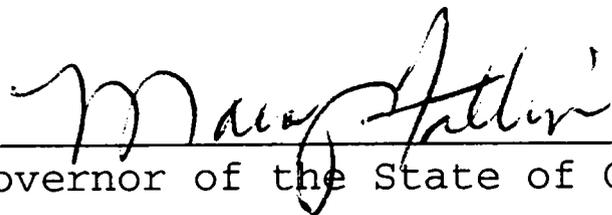
Passed the Senate the 21st day of April, 2015.

  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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## **S.B. 162**

RE: S.B. 162

SUBJECT: School Testing Procedures

Senate Bill 162 becomes effective July 1, 2015. This bill directs the State Board of Education to promulgate rules regarding assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

- Section 1: Directs the State Board of Education, in consultation with experts, to provide for exemptions from those tests mandated by the State of Oklahoma for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (MSCD) who are also on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and are assessed under the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP).
  - Requires the State Board of Education to promulgate rules.
  - Under Oklahoma's ESEA Flexibility Waiver, Oklahoma may not exempt any students from those tests that are federally mandated.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Dr. Rene Axtell, Asst State Superintendent for Special Education, at (405) 521-4873 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

New Law at: 70 O.S. 1210.508-3

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 162

By: Halligan, Mazzei, and  
Pittman of the Senate

and

Denney, McCullough,  
Johnson, McDaniel (Jeannie)  
and Sherrer of the House

An Act relating to testing; directing the State Board of Education, in certain consultation, to promulgate rules providing testing exemptions for certain students; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: School testing procedures

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 1210.508-3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Education, in consultation with experts in the education and assessment of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (MSCD), shall promulgate rules providing for exemptions from the mandated tests administered pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act for students with MSCD on an individualized education program (IEP) that directs that the student is to be assessed with alternate achievement standards through the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) who otherwise demonstrates satisfactory knowledge in that subject.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2015.

Arthur Dahn  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of April, 2015.

Scott C. Martin  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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By: Ch. Benge



## **S.B. 285**

RE: S.B. 285  
SUBJECT: Schools

Senate Bill 285 becomes effective November 1, 2015. This bill changes the name of the Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT) program to a program of parent education.

- Current law requires the State Department of Education to operate the Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT) program.
- Section 1(A)(3): Directs the State Department of Education to operate a program of parent education, and eliminates the name Oklahoma Parents as Teachers from statute.
  - Note: The SDE will continue to support a similar program, but changing the name will allow for greater flexibility in implementation.
- Section 2: Contains language to update the program as it is currently being operated, clarifying the authority of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education. It also eliminates the requirement for a contract with “a field operations center” to coordinate the program.
- Section 3(I): Directs the State Board of Education to ensure that the standards for early childhood education, defined as prekindergarten, are aligned with any newly adopted standards.

Should you have any questions related to this bill, please contact Dr. Rene Axtell, Asst State Superintendent for Special Education, at (405) 521-4873 or Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs, at (405) 522-3520.

Amendment to: 70 O.S. 3-162, 10-105.3, 11-103.7  
Helpful Statutory References: 70 O.S. 11-103.6a