

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2145

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and

CAIN of the SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING 74 O.S.  
1991, SECTION 85.12, WHICH RELATES TO ACQUISITIONS  
EXCLUDED FROM THE OKLAHOMA CENTRAL PURCHASING ACT;  
REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO  
PROMULGATE CERTAIN RULES; AMENDING 74 O.S. 1991,  
SECTION 61.2, WHICH RELATES TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS; CHANGING THE NAME OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 85.12, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 85.12 A. The provisions of this section shall not be  
construed to affect any law relating to fiscal or accounting  
procedure except such as may be directly in conflict herewith; and  
all claims, warrants and bonds shall be examined, inspected and  
approved as now provided by law.

B. The following acquisitions shall not be included within the  
purview of the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, Section 85.1 et seq.  
of this title:

1. Food and other products produced by state institutions and agencies;

2. Contracts for construction of new buildings and for the repair, maintenance or modernization of old buildings by state educational institutions included within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education;

3. The printing or duplication of publications or forms of whatsoever kind or character by state agencies, which service is performed upon their own equipment, by their own employees;

4. Acquisitions by The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education on any institution or entity comprising the same insofar as such acquisitions relate to textbooks, laboratory supplies, instructional materials and specialized laboratory equipment;

5. Department of Transportation and Transportation Commission contractual services or right-of-way purchases. Contracts awarded pursuant to bids let by the Transportation Commission for the maintenance or construction of streets, roads, highways, bridges, or underpasses, or any other transportation facilities under the control of the Department of Transportation, the acquisitions of equipment or materials accruing to the Department of Transportation required in Federal-Aid contracts, and contracts for public service type announcements initiated by the Department of Transportation. Contractual services as used herein shall not include advertising or public relations services;

6. Utility services where rates therefor are regulated by a state or federal regulatory commission, or by city ordinance or by an Indian Tribal Council for use by the Department of Corrections only;

7. Purchases of products by Oklahoma Medical Center. The Commission for Human Services shall develop standards for the purchase of products and may elect to utilize Central Purchasing when appropriate. Such standards shall foster economy, short

response time, and include appropriate safeguards to assure appropriate competition and economical and efficient purchasing;

8. Contracts for custom harvesting by the Department of Corrections for the Department or its institutions;

9. Contracts with private prison contractors which are subject to the contracting procedures of Section 561 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10. Acquisitions of aircraft by agencies authorized by the Legislature to purchase aircraft;

11. Purchases by the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority;

12. Grand River Dam Authority;

13. Purchases by rural water, sewer, gas or solid waste management districts created pursuant to Section 1324.1 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

14. Purchases by the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority or Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority, except that the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority and the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority shall remain subject to the provisions of Section 85.32 of this title;

15. Contracts entered into by the Oklahoma Industrial Finance Authority for the services of an appraiser or for acquisition of insurance when it is determined by its Board of Directors that an emergency exists and for the services of legal counsel when approved by the Attorney General;

16. Contracts entered into by the State Department of Education for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Section 6-156 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

17. Expenditure of monies appropriated to the State Board of Education for the purpose of Local, State-supported Programs and State-supported Programs except monies appropriated for the Administrative and Support Functions of the State Department of Education;

18. Contracts entered into by the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education for the development, revision or updating of vocational curriculum materials;

19. Contracts entered into by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology for professional services;

20. Contracts entered into by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce pursuant to the provisions of Sections 8 through 13 of this act;

21. Purchases made by the Oklahoma Historical Society from monies used to administer the White Hair Memorial;

22. Purchases of products available to an agency through a General Services Administration contract or other federal contract if the item is on current state contract and the terms of such contract are more favorable to the agency than the terms of a state contract for the same products as determined by the State Purchasing Director; and

23. Purchases amounting to less than that requiring competitive bid pursuant to Section ~~85.4~~ 85.7 of this title. The Director of Public Affairs shall promulgate rules related to such purchases in excess of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) and not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to ensure competitiveness and fairness in such purchases.

C. Notwithstanding the exclusions provided herein, any agency or common schools of Oklahoma, any municipality of the state, any rural fire protection district and county officers may, unless the contract with the state specifies otherwise, avail themselves of the provisions of the Oklahoma Central Purchasing contracts and the services of the Purchasing Director. Provided further, however, that any subdivision of government and any rural fire protection district of the state may designate the office of Oklahoma Central Purchasing as its agent for the purchase or procurement of any item or service contracted or available to the state.

D. Further, notwithstanding the exclusions provided herein, the purchasing policies and procedures of the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority and the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority shall be subject to approval by the Director of the Office of Public Affairs, and said Director shall make periodic audits of the purchasing policies and procedures of the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority and the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority to assure that said purchasing policies and procedures, as approved by him, are being followed.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 61.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 61.2 There is hereby created in the Executive Department, ~~an Office of Public Affairs~~ a Department of Central Services, under the administrative control of the Director of ~~Public Affairs~~ Central Services. Whenever the terms "Board of Affairs", "State Board of Public Affairs", ~~or~~ "Board" when used in reference to the Board Of Public Affairs or "Office of Public Affairs", appear in the Oklahoma Statutes they shall mean the ~~Office of Public Affairs or the Director of Public Affairs as may be appropriate to the context in which they appear~~ Department of Central Services. Whenever the term "Director of Public Affairs" appears in the Oklahoma Statutes it shall mean the Director of Central Services.

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 3rd day of March, 1992.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1992.

President                      of the Senate