

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2299

By: Settle of the House

and

Smith of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to duplicate sections; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1101, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1101), which relates to children's definitions; modifying certain definition; adding certain definition; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1107, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1107), which relates to children taken into custody; modifying certain procedures under certain circumstances; providing for certain orders, notices and hearings under certain circumstances; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1107.1, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1107.1), which relates to detention of children; adding further conditions for authority to detain a person in an adult facility; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1139, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1139), which relates to discharge or retained custody of children adjudicated delinquent; authorizing certain

contempt proceedings under certain circumstances; amending 11 O.S. 1991, Section 50-111.1, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1993 (11 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 50-111.1), which relates to retirement; modifying certain rights of a beneficiary; amending 18 O.S. 1991, Section 955, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1993 (18 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 955), which relates to limitations on ownership of certain land; clarifying certain language; providing for certain penalties on violations of limited liability companies; amending 19 O.S. 1991, Section 215.33, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1993 (19 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 215.33), which relates to victims and witnesses services; requiring notification of victims of certain hearings; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1289.8, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 264, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1289.8), which relates to the carrying of concealed weapons; excepting certain retired peace officers from prohibition under certain conditions; requiring the Commissioner of Public Safety to promulgate certain rules, regulations and procedures; amending 22 O.S. 1991, Section 991a, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 339, O.S.L. 1993 (22 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 991a), which relates to the sentencing power of the court; clarifying language related to the imposition of a service penalty; modifying the submission of certain impact statements; amending 22 O.S. 1991, Section 991c, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 1993 (22 O.S. Supp.

1993, Section 991c), which relates to deferred judgment procedure; authorizing ordered participation in certain alcohol and drug substance abuse evaluation programs; requiring certain reimbursement; requiring certain reports; prohibiting certain solicitations or referrals; defining term; amending Section 1 of House Joint Resolution No. 1056 of the 2nd Session of the 43rd Oklahoma Legislature, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 364, O.S.L. 1993 (43A O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3-250), which relates to membership on the Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons; adding a member; amending 45 O.S. 1991, Section 724, as last amended by Section 55, Chapter 278, O.S.L. 1993 (45 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 724), which relates to certain surface mining permits; modifying the contents of certain forms; modifying the entitlements of certain permits; authorizing certain actions against certain operators; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 2-300, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 277, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2-300), which relates to certain retirement definitions; modifying certain definition; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-105, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 314, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6-105), which relates to certain licenses and permits; authorizing certain persons to instruct driver education; requiring certain applications for a license for identification purposes only to be signed and verified under oath by certain persons; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section

6-205.1, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 314, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6-205.1), which relates to revocation of certain driver licenses and privileges; modifying certain license revocations; authorizing certain modifications; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1113, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1113), which relates to license plates; providing for the design and redesign of certain license plates; prohibiting certain acts; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1136, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1136), which relates to special license plates; correcting name of certain department; amending 51 O.S. 1991, Section 6, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 331, O.S.L. 1993 (51 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6), which relates to dual office holding; adding exemption; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 332.8, as last amended by Section 22, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 332.8), which relates to conditions for parole; requiring participation in certain education programs or attainment of a G.E.D.; providing for certain revocation of eligibility and return to certain confinement; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 521, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 521), which relates to commitment to the custody of the Department of Corrections; authorizing assignment to certain alternative programs; amending 62 O.S. 1991, Section 41.21, as last amended by Section 31,

Chapter 328, O.S.L. 1993 (62 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 41.21), which relates to payment of claims and payrolls; adding certain programs for eligibility for certain procedures; authorizing the Director of State Finance to process certain payments without claim forms; requiring the establishment of certain fund; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 1352, as last amended by Section 39, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1352), which relates to certain tax definitions; modifying certain definition; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 1357, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1357), which relates to exemptions from certain tax levies; adding certain exemptions; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2105, as last amended by Section 45, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2105), which relates to excise tax exemptions; adding certain exceptions; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2357.22, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 271, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2357.22), which relates to tax credits for certain investments; modifying certain definition; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3-104, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3-104), which relates to the powers and duties of the State Board of Education; clarifying certain language regarding superintendents; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 14-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 188, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 14-103), which relates to powers and duties of the State Board of

Vocational and Technical Education; modifying certain powers and duties; adding certain powers and duties; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 85.12, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 85.12), which relates to acquisitions excluded from the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act; modifying certain exemptions; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 250.6, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 250.6), which relates to salaries and expenditures of certain educational officials; modifying and adding certain reimbursement procedures and rights; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 840.8, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 840.8), which relates to the unclassified service; adding exemptions to the unclassified service; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 902, as last amended by Section 15, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 902), which relates to Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System definitions; modifying certain definition; amending Section 3, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1363), which relates to certain retirement definitions; adding certain definition; amending 85 O.S. 1991, Section 3, as last amended by Section 51, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1993 (85 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3), which relates to Workers' Compensation Act definitions; modifying certain definitions; repealing Section 1, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993,

Section 1101), which is a duplicate section relating to children's definitions, Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 1993 and Section 1, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1107), which are duplicate sections relating to children taken into custody, Section 2, Chapter 205, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1107.1), which is a duplicate section relating to the detention of children, Section 4, Chapter 306, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1139), which is a duplicate section relating to the discharge or retained custody of certain children, Section 6, Chapter 126, O.S.L. 1993 (11 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 50-111.1), which is a duplicate section relating to retirement, Section 33, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1993 (17 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 352), which is a duplicate section relating to Oklahoma Petroleum Storage Tank Release Indemnity Program definitions, Section 1, Chapter 37, O.S.L. 1993 (18 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 955), which is a duplicate section relating to limitations on ownership of certain land, Section 2, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 1993 (19 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 215.33), which is a duplicate section relating to victims and witnesses services, Section 1, Chapter 264, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1272), which is a duplicate section relating to the carrying of weapons, Section 2, Chapter 264, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1273), which is a duplicate section relating to the sale of weapons to minors, Section 1, Chapter 162, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1289.8), which is a

duplicate section relating to the carrying of concealed weapons, Section 19, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1993 (22 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 991a), which is a duplicate section relating to the sentencing powers of the court, Section 2, Chapter 339, O.S.L. 1993 (22 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 991c), which is a duplicate section relating to deferred judgments, Section 1, Chapter 47, O.S.L. 1993 (27A O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2-5-105), which is a duplicate section relating to powers and duties of the Department concerning the Oklahoma Clean Air Act, Section 160, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993 (27A O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2-10-701), which is a duplicate section relating to state closure plans, Section 1, Chapter 55, O.S.L. 1993 (43A O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3-250), which is a duplicate section relating to the Interagency Council for Service to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons, Section 3, Chapter 232, O.S.L. 1993 (45 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 724), which is a duplicate section relating to certain surface mining permits, Section 1, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2-300), which is a duplicate section relating to certain retirement definitions, Section 1, Chapter 70, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6-105), which is a duplicate section relating to certain license and permits, Section 3, Chapter 238, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6-205.1), which is a duplicate section relating to the revocation of certain licenses and permits, Section 1, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1113), which is a duplicate section relating to

license plates, Section 353, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1136), which is a duplicate section relating to special license plates, Section 22, Chapter 330, O.S.L. 1993 (51 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6), which is a duplicate section relating to dual office holding, Section 2, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 332.7), which is a duplicate section relating to parole, Section 6, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 332.8), which is a duplicate section relating to conditions for parole, Section 3, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 521), which is a duplicate section relating to commitment to custody of the Department of Corrections, Section 1, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 1993 (62 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 41.21), which is a duplicate section relating to payment of claims and payrolls, Section 20, Chapter 146, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1352), which is a duplicate section relating to certain tax definitions, Section 2, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1357), which is a duplicate section relating to exemptions from certain tax levies, Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2105), which is a duplicate section relating to excise tax exemptions, Section 9, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2357.22), which is a duplicate section relating to tax credits for certain investments, Section 21, Chapter 239, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3-104), which is a duplicate section relating to powers and

duties of the State Board of Education, Section 1, Chapter 144, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 14-103), which is a duplicate section relating to the powers and duties of the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, Section 28, Chapter 330, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 85.12), which is a duplicate section relating to acquisitions excluded from the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, Section 3, Chapter 129, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 250.6), which is a duplicate section relating to salaries and expenditures of certain education officials, Section 29, Chapter 330, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 840.8), which is a duplicate section relating to the unclassified service, Section 1, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 1993 and Section 1, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 902), which are duplicate sections relating to retirement definitions, Section 22, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1363), which is a duplicate section relating to certain retirement definitions and Section 2, Chapter 349, O.S.L. 1993 (85 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3), which is a duplicate section relating to Workers' Compensation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1101, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1101. When used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Child" means any person under eighteen (18) years of age, except for any person sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age who is charged with any crime specified in subsection A of Section 1104.2 of this title, or who has been certified as an adult pursuant to Section 1112 of this title; provided that any person under eighteen (18) years of age who is not convicted after being charged with a crime pursuant to Section 1104.2 of this title, or who is not convicted after certification as an adult pursuant to Section 1112 of this title, shall continue to be subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court;

2. "Delinquent child" means a child who:

- a. has violated any federal or state law or municipal ordinance, except a traffic statute or traffic ordinance, any provision of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, Section 1-101 et seq. of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or any lawful order of the court made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1101 through 1505 of this title, or
- b. has habitually violated traffic laws or traffic ordinances;

3. "Child in need of supervision" means a child who:

- a. has repeatedly disobeyed reasonable and lawful commands or directives of his parent, legal guardian, or other custodian, or
- b. is willfully and voluntarily absent from his home without the consent of his parent, legal guardian, or

other custodian for a substantial length of time or without intent to return, or

c. is willfully and voluntarily absent from school for fifteen (15) or more days or parts of days within a semester or four (4) or more days or parts of days within a four-week period without a valid excuse as defined by the local school boards, if said child is subject to compulsory school attendance;

4. a. "Deprived child" means a child:

~~a.~~ (1) who is for any reason destitute, homeless, or abandoned, or

~~b.~~ (2) who does not have the proper parental care or guardianship or whose home is an unfit place for the child by reason of neglect, cruelty, or depravity on the part of his parents, legal guardian, or other person in whose care the child may be, or

~~c.~~ (3) who is a child in need of special care and treatment because of his physical or mental condition including a child born in a condition of dependence on a controlled dangerous substance, and his parents, legal guardian, or other custodian is unable or willfully fails to provide said special care and treatment, or

~~d.~~ (4) who is a handicapped child deprived of the nutrition necessary to sustain life or of the medical treatment necessary to remedy or relieve a life-threatening medical condition in order to cause or allow the death of said child if such nutrition or medical treatment is generally provided to similarly situated nonhandicapped or handicapped children, provided that no medical

treatment is necessary if, in the reasonable medical judgment of the attending physician, such treatment would be futile in saving the life of the child, or

- e. (5) who is, due to improper parental care and guardianship, absent from school for fifteen (15) or more days or parts of days within a semester or four (4) or more days or parts of days within a four-week period without a valid excuse as defined by the local school boards if said child is subject to compulsory school attendance, or
- f. (6) whose parent or legal custodian for good cause desires to be relieved of his custody.

~~No child who, in good faith, is being provided with treatment and care by spiritual means alone in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner thereof shall be considered, for that reason alone, to be a deprived child pursuant to any provision of Sections 1101 through 1505 of this title.~~

- b. (1) nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to mean a child is deprived for the sole reason the parent, guardian or person having custody or control of a child, in good faith, selects and depends upon spiritual means alone through prayer, in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination, for the treatment or cure of disease or remedial care of such child.
- (2) nothing contained in this subparagraph shall prevent a court from immediately assuming custody of a child pursuant to Section 1107 of this title and ordering whatever action may be necessary, including medical treatment, to protect the child's health or welfare.

The phrase dependent and neglected shall be deemed to mean deprived;

5. "Child in need of mental health treatment" means a child in need of mental health treatment as defined by the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act, Section 5-501 et seq. of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes;

6. "Handicapped child" means any child who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the child or who is regarded as having such an impairment by a competent medical professional;

7. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

8. "Adjudicatory hearing" means a hearing to determine whether the allegations of a petition pursuant to the provisions of Section 1103 of this title are supported by the evidence and whether a child should be adjudged to be a ward of the court;

9. "Dispositional hearing" means a hearing to determine the order of disposition which should be made with respect to a child adjudged to be a ward of the court;

10. "Preliminary inquiry" or "intake" means a mandatory, preadjudicatory interview of the child and, if available, his parents, legal guardian, or other custodian, which is performed by a duly authorized individual to determine whether a child comes within the purview of this chapter, whether other nonadjudicatory alternatives are available and appropriate, and if the filing of a petition is necessary;

11. "Facility" means a place, an institution, a building or part thereof, a set of buildings, or an area whether or not enclosing a building or set of buildings which is used for the lawful custody and treatment of juveniles and may be owned or operated by a public or private agency;

12. "Secure facility" means a facility which is designed and operated to ensure that all entrances and exits from the facility are subject to the exclusive control of the staff of the facility,

whether or not the person being detained has freedom of movement within the perimeter of the facility, or a facility which relies on locked rooms and buildings, fences, or physical restraint in order to control behavior of its residents;

13. "Community-based" means a facility, program or service, or open group home or other suitable place located near the home or family of the child, and programs of community supervision and service which maintain community participation in their planning, operation, and evaluation. These programs may include but are not limited to medical, educational, vocational, social, and psychological guidance, training, counseling, alcoholism treatment, drug treatment, transitional living, independent living and other rehabilitative services;

14. "Day treatment" means a program which provides intensive services to children who reside in their own home, the home of a relative, or a foster home. Day treatment programs include educational services and may be operated as a part of a residential facility;

15. "Group home" means a residential facility housing no more than twelve children with a program which emphasizes family-style living in a homelike environment. Said group home may also offer a program within the community to meet the specialized treatment needs of its residents;

16. "Transitional living program" means a residential program that may be attached to an existing facility or operated solely for the purpose of assisting children to develop the skills and abilities necessary for successful adult living. Said program may include but shall not be limited to reduced staff supervision, vocational training, educational services, employment and employment training, and other appropriate independent living skills training as a part of the transitional living program;

17. "Independent living program" means a program designed to assist a child to enhance skills and abilities necessary for successful adult living and may include but shall not be limited to minimal direct staff supervision and supportive services in making the arrangements necessary for an appropriate place of residence, completing an education, vocational training, obtaining employment or other similar services;

18. "Community residential center" means a residential facility for no more than twenty children which offers a range of services including personal and social services, and emphasizes normal group living, school attendance, securing employment, and general participation in the community;

19. "Institution" means a residential facility offering care and treatment for more than twenty residents. Said institution may:

- a. have a program which includes community participation and community-based services, or
- b. be a secure facility with a program exclusively designed for a particular category of resident;

20. "Mental health facility" means a mental health facility as defined by the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act;

21. "Training school" means an institution maintained by the state exclusively for the care, education, training, treatment, and rehabilitation of delinquent children;

22. "Rehabilitative facility" means a facility maintained by the state exclusively for the care, education, training, treatment, and rehabilitation of children in need of supervision; ~~and~~

23. "Treatment center" means a facility maintained by the state for the care, education, training, treatment, and rehabilitation of children who are in the custody of the Department and who have been found by the court to be in need of treatment; and

24. "Commission" means the Commission for Human Services.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1107, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1107), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1107. A. A child may be taken into custody prior to the filing of a petition:

1. By a peace officer, or employee of the court without a court order if the child is found violating any law or ordinance, or if the child is willfully and voluntarily absent from the home of the child without the consent of the parent, guardian or legal custodian for a substantial length of time or without intent to return, or if the child's surroundings are such as to endanger the welfare of the child; ~~and~~

2. Pursuant to an order of the district court issued on the application of the office of the district attorney. The application presented by the district attorney may be supported by a sworn affidavit which may be based upon information and belief. The application shall state facts sufficient to demonstrate to the court that there is reasonable suspicion to believe the child is in need of protection due to abandonment, abuse or neglect, or is in surroundings that are such as to endanger the welfare of the child or there is probable cause to believe the child has committed a crime or is in violation of the terms of his probation, parole or order of the court; and

3. By order of the district court pursuant to subsection F of this section when the child is in need of medical treatment or other action in order to protect the child's health or welfare and the parent, guardian or person having custody or control of the child is unwilling or unavailable to consent to such medical treatment or other action.

B. Whenever a child is taken into custody as a delinquent child or a child in need of supervision, the child shall be detained or be released to the custody of his parent, guardian, attorney or

custodian, upon the written promise of such parent, guardian, attorney or custodian to bring the child to the court at the time fixed. If detained, such child shall be taken immediately before a judge of the district court in the county in which the child is sought to be detained, or to the place of detention or shelter designated by the court. If no judge be available locally, the person having the child in custody shall immediately report his detention of the child to the presiding judge of the judicial administrative district, provided that the child shall not be detained in custody beyond the next judicial day or for good cause shown due to problems of arranging for and transporting the child to and from a regional juvenile detention center, beyond the next two (2) judicial days unless the court shall so order after a detention hearing to determine if there exists probable cause to detain the child, as provided in Section 1107.1 of this title. If the latter judge cannot be reached, such detention shall be reported immediately to any judge regularly serving within the judicial administrative district. If detained, a reasonable bond for release shall be set. Pending further disposition of the case, a child whose custody has been assumed by the court may be released to the custody of a parent or other person appointed by the court, or be detained pursuant to the provisions of Section 1107.1 of this title in such place as shall be designated by the court, subject to further order.

C. Whenever a child is taken into custody as a deprived child, he shall be taken to a shelter, hospital, foster home or other appropriate place as designated by the court, or he shall be taken immediately before a judge of the district court for the purpose of obtaining an order for protective custody. When a child has been taken into custody as a deprived child without a court order, the peace officer or employee of the court taking the child into custody shall immediately report the fact of the detention of the child to a

judge of the district court in the county in which the child was taken into custody. If no judge is available locally, the detention shall be reported immediately to the presiding judge of the judicial administrative district, or if the presiding judge of the judicial administrative district cannot be reached, then to any judge regularly serving within the judicial administrative district. Within the next two (2) judicial days following the child being taken into custody, and thereafter at such intervals as may be determined by the court, the court shall conduct a hearing to determine whether the child should remain in protective custody or be released to the parent, guardian, legal custodian or another responsible person pending further proceedings pursuant to this chapter. The parent or legal guardian of the child shall be given immediate notice of the custody of the child whenever possible and prior adequate notice of the hearing by the peace officer or the court. At the hearing provided for in this subsection, the court shall advise the parent or legal guardian of the child in writing of:

1. The procedures which will be followed with regard to determining custody of the child;
2. The right of the parent or guardian to testify and present evidence at court hearings;
3. The right to be represented by an attorney at court hearings;
4. The consequences of failure to attend any hearings which may be held; and
5. The right and procedure for appealing the findings of a court on custody issues.

The court may release an alleged deprived child from protective custody upon such conditions as the court finds reasonably necessary for the protection of the child and the court shall determine whether the allegations regarding the child are such that additional

time for the filing of a petition pursuant to subsection B of Section 1104.1 of this title is warranted.

D. When any child is taken into custody pursuant to this title and it reasonably appears to the peace officer, employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order that the child is in need of medical treatment to preserve his health, any peace officer, any employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order shall have the authority to authorize medical examination and medical treatment for any child found to be in need of medical treatment as diagnosed by a competent medical authority in the absence of a parent or guardian who is competent to authorize medical treatment. The officer or the employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order shall authorize said medical treatment only after exercising due diligence to locate the parent, guardian or other person legally competent to authorize said medical treatment. The parent, guardian or custodian of the child shall be responsible for such medical expenses as ordered by the court. No peace officer, any employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order authorizing such treatment in accordance with the provisions of this section for any child found in need of such medical treatment shall have any liability, civil or criminal, for giving such authorization.

E. A child who has been taken into custody as otherwise provided by this title who appears to be a child in need of mental health treatment may be admitted to a mental health facility on an emergency psychiatric basis or for an inpatient mental health evaluation or inpatient mental health treatment only in accordance with the provisions of the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act, Section 5-501 et seq. of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. 1. A child may be taken into custody pursuant to an order of the court specifying that the child is in need of medical

treatment or other action to protect the child's health or welfare and the parent, guardian or person having custody or control of a child is unwilling or unavailable to consent to such medical treatment or other action.

2. If the child is in need of immediate medical treatment or other action to protect the child's health or welfare, the court may issue an emergency ex parte order upon application of the district attorney of the county in which the child is located. The application for an ex parte order may be verbal or in writing and shall be supported by facts sufficient to demonstrate to the court that there is reasonable cause to believe that the child is in need of immediate medical treatment or other action to protect the child's health or welfare. The emergency ex parte order shall be in effect until a full hearing is conducted. A copy of the application, notice for full hearing and a copy of any ex parte order issued by the court shall be served upon such parent, guardian or person having custody or control of the child. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the filing of the application the court shall schedule a full hearing on the application, regardless of whether an emergency ex parte order had been issued or denied.

3. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 2 of this section, whenever a child is in need of medical treatment to protect the child's health or welfare, or whenever any other action is necessary to protect the child's health or welfare, and the parent, guardian or person having custody or control is unwilling or unavailable to consent to such medical treatment or other action, the court, upon application of the district attorney of the county in which the child is located, shall hold a full hearing within five (5) days of filing the application. Notice of the hearing and a copy of the application shall be served upon the parent, guardian or person having custody or control of the child.

4. At any hearing held pursuant to this subsection, the court may grant any order or require such medical treatment or other action as is necessary to protect the health or welfare of the child.

5. a. The parent, guardian or person having custody or control of the child shall be responsible for such medical expenses as ordered by the court.

b. No peace officer, any employee of the court or person acting pursuant to court order authorizing such treatment in accordance with the provisions of this subsection for any child found in need of such medical treatment shall have any liability, civil or criminal.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1107.1, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1107.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1107.1 A. When a child is taken into custody pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1101 through 1505 of this title, the child shall be detained only if it is necessary to assure the appearance of the child in court or for the protection of the child or the public.

1. a. No pre-adjudicatory or predisposition detention or custody order shall remain in force and effect for more than thirty (30) days. The court, for good and sufficient cause shown, may extend the effective period of such an order for an additional period not to exceed sixty (60) days.

b. Whenever the court orders a child to be held in a juvenile detention facility, as that term is defined by Section 1108 of this title, an order for secure detention shall remain in force and effect for not more than ten (10) days after such order. Upon an application of the district attorney and after a

hearing on such application, the court, for good and sufficient cause shown, may extend the effective period of such an order for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) days after such hearing. The total period of pre-adjudicatory or predisposition shall not exceed the ninety-day limitation as specified in subparagraph a of this paragraph. The child shall be present at the hearing on the application for extension unless, as authorized and approved by the court, the attorney for the child is present at the hearing and the child is available to participate in the hearing via telephone conference communication. For the purpose of this paragraph, "telephone conference communication" means use of a telephone device that allows all parties, including the child, to hear and be heard by the other parties at the hearing. After the hearing, the court may order continued detention in a juvenile detention center, may order the child detained in an alternative to secure detention or may order the release of the child from detention.

2. No child alleged or adjudicated to be deprived or in need of supervision or who is or appears to be a child in need of mental health treatment as defined by the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act, Section 5-501 et seq. of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall be confined in any jail, adult lockup, or adult detention facility. No child shall be transported or detained in association with criminal, vicious, or dissolute persons.

3. Except as otherwise authorized by this section a child who has been taken into custody as a deprived child, a child in need of supervision, or who appears to be a child in need of mental health treatment, may not be placed in any detention facility pending court

proceedings, but must be placed in shelter care or foster care or, with regard to a child who appears to be a child in need of mental health treatment, a mental health facility in accordance with the provisions of the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act, or released to the custody of his parents or some other responsible party. When a child is taken into custody as a child in need of supervision as a result of being a runaway, the court may order the child placed in a juvenile detention facility pending court proceedings if it finds said detention to be essential for the safety of the child.

B. No child may be placed in secure detention unless:

1. The child is an escapee from any delinquent placement;
2. The child is a fugitive from another jurisdiction with a warrant on a delinquency charge or confirmation of delinquency charges by the home jurisdiction;
3. The child is seriously assaultive or destructive towards others or himself;
4. The child is detained for the commission of a crime that would constitute a serious act as defined by Section 1160.2 of this title;
5. The child is detained for the commission of a crime that would constitute a habitual criminal act as defined by Section 1160.2 of this title;
6. The child is currently charged with a felony act as defined by Section 1160.2 of this title or misdemeanor and:
 - a. is on probation or parole on a prior delinquent offense,
 - b. is on pre-adjudicatory community supervision,
 - c. is currently on release status on a prior delinquent offense, or

- d. has willfully failed or there is reason to believe that the child will willfully fail to appear for juvenile court proceedings.

C. On and after July 1, 1992, a child shall be detained in secure detention only in accordance with the guidelines adopted pursuant to Section 1160.3 of this title.

D. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no child may be placed in secure detention in a jail, adult lockup, or other adult detention facility unless:

- a. the child is detained for the commission of a crime that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult, and
- b. the child is awaiting an initial court appearance, and
- c. the child's initial court appearance is scheduled within twenty-four (24) hours after being taken into custody, excluding weekends and holidays, and
- d. the court of jurisdiction is outside of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the Bureau of Census, and
- e. there is no existing acceptable alternative placement for the child, and
- f. the jail, adult lockup or adult detention facility meets the requirements for licensure of juvenile detention facilities, as adopted by the Commission for Human Services, is appropriately licensed, and provides sight and sound separation for juveniles, which includes:
 - (1) total separation between juveniles and adult facility spatial areas such that there could be no haphazard or accidental contact between juvenile and adult residents in the respective facilities,

- (2) total separation in all juvenile and adult program activities within the facilities, including recreation, education, counseling, health care, dining, sleeping and general living activities, and
- (3) separate juvenile and adult staff, specifically direct care staff such as recreation, education and counseling.

Specialized services staff, such as cooks, bookkeepers, and medical professionals who are not normally in contact with detainees or whose infrequent contacts occur under conditions of separation of juvenile and adults can serve both.

2. Nothing in this section shall preclude a child who is detained for the commission of a crime that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult, or a child who is an escapee from a juvenile training school or from a Department of Human Services group home from being held in any jail certified by the State Department of Health, police station or similar law enforcement offices for up to six (6) hours for purposes of identification, processing or arranging for transfer to a secure detention or alternative to secure detention. Such holding shall be limited to the absolute minimum time necessary to complete these actions.

- a. The time limitations for holding a child in a jail for the purposes of identification, processing or arranging transfer established by this section shall not include the actual travel time required for transporting a child from a jail to a juvenile detention facility or alternative to secure detention.
- b. Whenever the time limitations established by this subsection are exceeded, this circumstance shall not

constitute a defense in a subsequent delinquency or criminal proceeding.

3. Nothing in this section shall preclude detaining in a county jail or other adult detention facility an eighteen-year old charged in a juvenile petition for whom certification to stand trial as an adult is prayed.

4. Nothing in this section shall preclude detaining in a county jail or other adult detention facility a person provided for in Section 1104.3 of this title if written or electronically transmitted confirmation is received from the state seeking return of the individual that the person is a person provided for in Section 1104.3 of this title and if, during the time of detention, the person is detained in a facility meeting the requirements of subsection D of Section 1108 of this title.

E. Nothing contained in this section shall in any way reduce or eliminate a county's liability as otherwise provided by law for injury or damages resulting from the placement of a child in a jail, adult lockup, or other adult detention facility.

F. Any juvenile detention facility shall be available for use by any eligible Indian child as that term is defined by the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act, Section 40 et seq. of this title, providing that the use of the juvenile detention facility meets the requirements of Section 1101 ~~et seq.~~ through 1505A of this title. The Indian tribe may contract with any juvenile detention facility for the providing of detention services.

G. Each member of the staff of a juvenile detention facility shall satisfactorily complete a training program provided or approved by the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1139, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1139), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1139. A. ~~All~~ Except as otherwise provided by law, all children adjudicated delinquent and committed to the Department of Human Services shall be discharged at such time as the Department determines there is a reasonable probability that it is no longer necessary, either for the rehabilitation and treatment of the child, or for the protection of the public, that the Department retain legal custody. Following a hearing, the court may also order that a child adjudged delinquent and committed to the Department shall be discharged by the Department provided the child is on parole status and the court deems the discharge in the best interest of the child and public. The Department shall give a fifteen-day notice to the court and the district attorney before discharging from legal custody any child committed and confined in a secure facility.

B. ~~All~~ Except as otherwise provided by law, all children adjudged delinquent and committed to the Department and not discharged under subsection A of this section shall be discharged when the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age, unless the Department is authorized by the court to retain custody of the child until nineteen (19) years of age. Upon the court's own motion or motion of the Department the court, after notice to the delinquent child and to the parents and attorney of said child, may authorize the Department to retain custody of the child until he reaches nineteen (19) years of age. If the court sustains the motion of the Department, the delinquent child during the extended period shall be considered as a child for purposes of receiving services from the Department. If a criminal offense is committed by the individual during the extended period, said offense shall be considered as having been committed by an adult. Except to the extent necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section, an individual after age eighteen (18) years is considered an adult for purposes of other applicable law.

C. The Department shall not place a child under ten (10) years of age in an institution maintained for delinquent children.

D. The court may retain jurisdiction over a child adjudged delinquent beyond the age of seventeen (17) years to the extent necessary for the child to complete payment of restitution or court costs. The court may institute contempt proceedings pursuant to Sections 565 through 567 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes against any person adjudged delinquent and ordered to pay restitution or court costs who neglects or refuses to pay such restitution or court costs.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 1991, Section 50-111.1, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1993 (11 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 50-111.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 50-111.1 A. A member who terminates his service before normal retirement date, other than by death or disability shall, upon application filed with the State Board, be refunded from the Fund an amount equal to the accumulated contributions the member has made to the Fund, but excluding any interest or any amount contributed by the municipality or state. If an officer withdraws his accumulated contributions, such officer shall not have any recourse against the System for any type of additional benefits including, but not limited to, disability benefits. If a member has completed ten (10) years of credited service at the date of termination, the member may elect a vested benefit in lieu of receiving the member's accumulated contributions.

If the member who has completed ten (10) or more years of credited service elects the vested benefit, the member shall be entitled to a monthly retirement annuity commencing on the date the member reaches fifty (50) years of age or the date the member would have had twenty (20) years of credited service had the member's employment continued uninterrupted, whichever is later. The annual amount of such retirement annuity shall be equal to two and one-half

percent (2 1/2%) of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of credited service.

B. If a member who terminates employment and elects a vested benefit dies prior to being eligible to receive benefits, the member's beneficiary shall be entitled to the member's normal monthly accrued retirement benefits on the date the deceased member would have been eligible to receive the benefit. ~~If the beneficiary is a surviving spouse and the beneficiary remarries, the benefits shall terminate.~~

C. Whenever a member has terminated or hereafter terminates covered employment and has withdrawn or hereafter withdraws the member's accumulated contributions and has rejoined or hereafter rejoins the System, the member, upon proper application and approval by the Board, may pay to the System the sum of the accumulated contributions the member has withdrawn or hereafter withdraws plus ten percent (10%) annual interest from the date of withdrawal and shall receive the same benefits as if the member had never withdrawn the contributions. Those members who at the time of termination of employment could not withdraw any of their accumulated contributions shall receive credited service for the time employed as an officer prior to any such termination upon proper application and approval by the Board. To receive credit for such service, all required contributions and interest shall be paid within ninety (90) days of Board approval of the application. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any member who is receiving benefits from the System as of July 1, 1987.

D. If an active member dies and does not leave a beneficiary, the accumulated contributions made to the System by the member shall be paid to the estate of the member.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 18 O.S. 1991, Section 955, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1993 (18 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 955), is amended to read as follows:

Section 955. A. No person, corporation, association or any other entity shall engage in farming or ranching, or own or lease any interest in land to be used in the business of farming or ranching, except the following:

1. Natural persons and the estates of such persons;

2. Trustees of trusts; provided that:

a. each beneficiary shall be a person or entity enumerated in paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection, and

b. there shall not be more than ten beneficiaries unless the beneficiaries in excess of ten are related as lineal descendants or are or have been related by marriage or adoption to lineal descendants, and

c. at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the trust's annual gross receipts shall be derived from farming or ranching, or from allowing others to extract minerals underlying lands held by the trust. If the trust cannot comply with the annual gross ~~receipt~~ receipts test, the trust may furnish records of its gross receipts for each of the previous five (5) years, or for each year that it has been in existence if less than five (5) years, and the average of such annual gross receipts may be used for purposes of complying with this section;

3. Corporations, as provided for in Sections 951 through 954 of ~~Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, or as otherwise permitted by law;

4. Partnerships and limited partnerships; provided that:

a. each partner shall be a person or entity enumerated in paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection, and

b. there shall not be more than ten partners unless said partners in excess of ten are related as lineal

descendants or are or have been related by marriage or adoption to lineal descendants, and

- c. at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the partnership's annual gross receipts shall be derived from farming or ranching, or from allowing others to extract minerals underlying lands held by the partnership. If the partnership cannot comply with the annual gross ~~receipt~~ receipts test, the partnership may furnish records of its gross receipts for each of the previous five (5) years, or for each year that it has been in existence if less than five (5) years, and the average of such annual gross receipts may be used for purposes of complying with this section;

5. Limited liability companies formed pursuant to the Oklahoma Limited Liability Company Act; provided that:

- a. each member shall be a person or entity enumerated in paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection, and
- b. there shall not be more than ten members unless said members in excess of ten are related as lineal descendants or are or have been related by marriage or adoption to lineal descendants, and
- c. at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the limited liability company's annual gross receipts shall be derived from farming or ranching, or from allowing others to extract minerals underlying lands held by the limited liability company. If the limited liability company cannot comply with the annual gross receipts test, the limited liability company may furnish records of its gross receipts for each of the previous five (5) years, or for each year that it has been in existence if less than five (5) years, and the

average of such annual gross receipts may be used for purposes of complying with this section.

B. Any farming or ranching corporation, trust, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or other entity which violates any provisions of this section shall be fined an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Any other person or entity who knowingly violates this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

C. The provisions of this act shall not apply to interests in land acquired prior to June 1, 1978.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 1991, Section 215.33, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1993 (19 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 215.33), is amended to read as follows:

Section 215.33 A. The district attorney's office shall inform the victims and witnesses of crimes of the following services:

1. To be notified that a court proceeding to which they have been subpoenaed will not go on as scheduled, in order to save the person an unnecessary trip to court;

2. To receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of their cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts, and to be provided with information as to the level of protection available;

3. To be informed of financial assistance and other social services available as a result of being a witness or a victim of a crime, including information on how to apply for the assistance and services;

4. To be informed of the procedure to be followed in order to apply for and receive any witness fee to which they are entitled;

5. To be provided, whenever possible, a secure waiting area during court proceedings that does not require them to be in close proximity to defendants and families and friends of defendants;

6. To have any stolen or other personal property expeditiously returned by law enforcement agencies when no longer needed as evidence. If feasible, all such property, except weapons, currency, contraband, property subject to evidentiary analysis and property the ownership of which is disputed, shall be returned to the person;

7. To be provided with appropriate employer intercession services to ensure that employers of victims and witnesses will cooperate with the criminal justice process in order to minimize an employee's loss of pay and other benefits resulting from court appearances;

8. To have the family members of all homicide victims afforded all of the services under this section, whether or not they are witnesses in any criminal proceedings;

9. To be informed of any plea bargain and to have victim impact statements filed with the judgment and sentence; and

10. To be informed if a sentence is overturned, remanded for a new trial or otherwise modified by the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals.

B. Victim-witness coordinators may inform the victim of a crime committed by a juvenile of the name and address of the juvenile found to have committed the crime, and shall notify the victim of a crime listed in Section 1104.2 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes of all court hearings involving that particular juvenile act. If the victim is not available, the victim-witness coordinator shall notify an adult relative of the victim of said hearings.

C. Victim-witness coordinators shall inform victims of violent crimes, as defined in Section 984 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and members of the immediate family of such victims of their rights under Sections 984.1 and 984.2 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes and Section 332.2 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. In any felony case involving a violent crime or a sex offense, the victim-witness coordinator shall inform the victim, as soon as practicable, or an adult member of the immediate family of the victim if the victim is deceased, incapacitated, or incompetent, of the progress of pretrial proceedings which could substantially delay the prosecution of the case.

E. All victim-witness coordinators appointed to perform the services specified in subsection A of this section shall complete a minimum of fifteen (15) hours in-service training annually. Said training shall be conducted pursuant to the direction of the District Attorneys Council and the Crime Victims Compensation Board.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1289.8, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 264, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1289.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.8 A. It shall be unlawful for any person, except a law enforcement officer, a retired state or federal peace officer as provided in subsection C of this section, a registered security officer or a person employed by an armored car firm licensed by the Corporation Commission, to carry a concealed weapon other than provided for in this act.

B. Subsection A of this section shall not apply to:

1. An unloaded firearm in a case designed for carrying firearms, which case is wholly or partially visible; or
2. An unloaded firearm in a locked container; or
3. An unloaded firearm, other than a rifle or shotgun, in the trunk of an automobile; or
4. A rifle or shotgun that is either unloaded or is clip or magazine loaded, but not chamber loaded, when carried in a locked compartment of a motor vehicle, such as the trunk of an automobile.

C. Any retiring state or federal peace officer may carry a concealed sidearm upon written approval from the Commissioner of

Public Safety, provided such officer has no physical or mental disability which would prevent the proper handling of the sidearm. Such persons must have been C.L.E.E.T.-certified or certified by a law enforcement training program recognized by C.L.E.E.T. Such persons must then qualify annually by a C.L.E.E.T.-approved firearms training program at their own expense. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules, regulations and procedures relating to application and approval to carry a sidearm upon retirement.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 1991, Section 991a, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 339, O.S.L. 1993 (22 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 991a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 991a. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Elderly and Incapacitated Victims Protection Program, Section 991a-5 et seq. of this title, when a defendant is convicted of a crime and no death sentence is imposed, the court shall either:

1. Suspend the execution of sentence in whole or in part, with or without probation. The court, in addition, may order the convicted defendant at the time of sentencing or at any time during the suspended sentence to do one or more of the following:

- a. to provide restitution to the victim according to a schedule of payments established by the sentencing court, together with interest upon any pecuniary sum at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, if the defendant agrees to pay such restitution or, in the opinion of the court, if he is able to pay such restitution without imposing manifest hardship on the defendant or his immediate family and if the extent of the damage to the victim is determinable with reasonable certainty,
- b. to reimburse any state agency for amounts paid by the state agency for hospital and medical expenses incurred by the victim or victims, as a result of the

criminal act for which such person was convicted,
which reimbursement shall be made directly to the
state agency, with interest accruing thereon at the
rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum,

- c. to engage in a term of community service without
compensation, according to a schedule consistent with
the employment and family responsibilities of the
person convicted,
- d. to pay a reasonable sum into any trust fund,
established pursuant to the provisions of Sections 176
through 180.4 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
and which provides restitution payments by convicted
defendants to victims of crimes committed within the
State of Oklahoma wherein such victim has incurred a
financial loss,
- e. to confinement in the county jail for a period not to
exceed six (6) months,
- f. to reimburse the court fund for amounts paid to
court-appointed attorneys for representing the
defendant in the case in which he is being sentenced,
or
- g. to repay the reward or part of the reward paid by a
certified local crimestoppers program and the Oklahoma
Reward System. In determining whether the defendant
shall repay the reward or part of the reward, the
court shall consider the ability of the defendant to
make the payment, the financial hardship on the
defendant to make the required payment, and the
importance of the information to the prosecution of
the defendant as provided by the arresting officer or
the district attorney with due regard for the
confidentiality of the records of the certified local

crimestoppers program and the Oklahoma Reward System. The court shall assess this repayment against the defendant as a cost of prosecution. "Certified local crimestoppers program" means a crimestoppers program certified by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Section 991g of this title. The "Oklahoma General Reward System" means the reward program established by Section 150.18 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

However, any such order for restitution, community service, payment to a certified local crimestoppers program, payment to the Oklahoma Reward System, or confinement in the county jail, or a combination thereof, shall be made in conjunction with probation and shall be made a condition of the suspended sentence;

2. Impose a fine prescribed by law for the offense, with or without probation or commitment and with or without restitution or service as provided for in this section, Section 991a-4 of this title or Section 227 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. Commit such person for confinement provided for by law with or without restitution as provided for in this section;

4. In the case of nonviolent felony offenses, sentence such person to the Community Service Sentencing Program created pursuant to Section 991a-4 of this title;

5. In addition to the other sentencing powers of the court, in the case of a person convicted of operating or being in control of a motor vehicle while the person was under the influence of alcohol, other intoxicating substance, or a combination of alcohol or another intoxicating substance, or convicted of operating a motor vehicle while the ability of the person to operate such vehicle was impaired due to the consumption of alcohol, require such person:

- a. to participate in an alcohol and drug substance abuse course or treatment program, pursuant to Sections 3-452 and 3-453 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- b. to attend a victims impact panel program, if such a program is offered in the county where the judgment is rendered, and to pay a fee, not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) as set by the governing authority of the program and approved by the court, to the program to offset the cost of participation by the defendant, if in the opinion of the court the defendant has the ability to pay such fee,
- c. to both participate in the alcohol and drug substance abuse course or treatment program, pursuant to subparagraph a of this paragraph and attend a victims impact panel program, pursuant to subparagraph b of this paragraph,
- d. to install an ignition interlock device, at the person's own expense, approved by the Department of Public Safety, upon every motor vehicle operated by such person and to require that a notation of this restriction be affixed to the person's driver's license at the time of reinstatement of the license. Said restriction shall remain on the driver's license for such period as the court shall determine. The restriction may be modified or removed by order of the court and notice of said order shall be given to the Department of Public Safety. Upon the expiration of the period for the restriction, the Department of Public Safety shall remove the restriction without further court order. Failure to comply with the order to install an ignition interlock device or operating

any vehicle without such device during the period of restriction shall be a violation of the sentence and may be punished as deemed proper by the sentencing court, or

- e. beginning January 1, 1993, to submit to electronically monitored home detention administered and supervised by the Department of Corrections, and to pay to the Department a monitoring fee, not to exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) a month, to the Department of Corrections, if in the opinion of the court the defendant has the ability to pay such fee. Any fees collected pursuant to this subparagraph shall be deposited in the Department of Corrections Revolving Fund. Any order by the court for the payment of the monitoring fee, if willfully disobeyed, may be enforced as an indirect contempt of court;

6. In addition to the other sentencing powers of the court, in the case of a person convicted of prostitution pursuant to Section 1029 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, require such person to receive counseling for the behavior which may have caused such person to engage in prostitution activities. Such person may be required to receive counseling in areas including but not limited to alcohol and substance abuse, sexual behavior problems, or domestic abuse or child abuse problems;

7. In addition to the other sentencing powers of the court, in the case of a person convicted of any crime related to domestic abuse, as defined in Section 60.1 of this title, the court may require the defendant to undergo the treatment or participate in the counseling services necessary to bring about the cessation of domestic abuse against the victim. The defendant may be required to pay all or part of the cost of the treatment or counseling services; or

8. In addition to the other sentencing powers of the court, the court, in the case of a sex offender, shall require the person to participate in a treatment program designed specifically for the treatment of sex offenders, if available. The treatment program must be approved by the probation officer who has supervisory authority over the defendant if the defendant is placed on probation, or the court if the court retains supervisory authority over the defendant. Such treatment shall be at the expense of the defendant based on the defendant's ability to pay.

Provided, for the purposes of this section, the term "sex offense" shall not include a violation of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 1021 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who is found guilty of a violation of any provision of Section 761 or 11-902 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes and any person pleading guilty or nolo contendere for a violation of any provision of such sections shall be referred, prior to sentencing, to an alcohol and drug substance abuse evaluation program offered by a facility or qualified practitioner certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the purpose of evaluating the receptivity to treatment and prognosis of the person. The court shall order the person, based upon the person's ability to pay, to reimburse the facility or qualified practitioner for the evaluation in an amount not to exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00). The facility or qualified practitioner shall, within seventy-two (72) hours from the time the person is assessed, submit a written report to the court for the purpose of assisting the court in its final sentencing determination. No person, agency or facility operating an alcohol and drug substance abuse evaluation program certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall solicit or refer any person evaluated pursuant to this subsection for any treatment program or alcohol and drug substance abuse

service in which such person, agency or facility has a vested interest; however, this provision shall not be construed to prohibit the court from ordering participation in or any person from voluntarily utilizing a treatment program or alcohol and drug substance abuse service offered by such person, agency or facility. If a person is sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections and the court has received a written evaluation report pursuant to this subsection, the report shall be furnished to the Department of Corrections with the judgment and sentence. Any evaluation report submitted to the court pursuant to this subsection shall be handled in a manner which will keep such report confidential from the general public's review.

As used in this subsection, "qualified practitioner" means a person with at least a bachelor's degree in substance abuse treatment, mental health or a related health care field and at least two (2) years' experience in providing alcohol treatment, other drug abuse treatment, or both alcohol and other drug abuse treatment who is certified each year by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to provide these assessments.

C. When sentencing a person convicted of a crime, the court shall first consider a program of restitution for the victim, as well as imposition of a fine or incarceration of the offender. The provisions of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section shall not apply to defendants being sentenced upon their third or subsequent to their third conviction of a felony or, beginning January 1, 1993, to defendants being sentenced for their second or subsequent felony conviction for violation of Section 11-902 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. In the case of a person being sentenced for their second or subsequent felony conviction for violation of Section 11-902 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the court may sentence the person pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this

section if the court orders the person to submit to electronically monitored home detention administered and supervised by the Department of Corrections pursuant to subparagraph e of paragraph 5 of subsection A of this section.

D. When sentencing a person convicted of a crime, the ~~court~~ judge shall consider any victim impact ~~statement~~ statements if submitted to the ~~court~~ jury, or the judge in the event a jury is waived.

E. Probation, for purposes of subsection A of this section, is a procedure by which a defendant found guilty of a crime, whether upon a verdict or plea of guilty or upon a plea of nolo contendere, is released by the court subject to conditions imposed by the court and subject to the supervision of the Department of Corrections. Such supervision shall be initiated upon an order of probation from the court, and shall not exceed two (2) years, except as otherwise provided by law. In the case of a person convicted of a sex offense, supervision shall not be limited to two (2) years. Provided further any supervision provided for in this section may be extended for a period not to exceed the expiration of the maximum term or terms of the sentence upon a determination by the Division of Probation and Parole of the Department of Corrections that the best interests of the public and the releasee will be served by an extended period of supervision.

F. The Department of Corrections, or such other agency as the court may designate, shall be responsible for the monitoring and administration of the restitution and service programs provided for by subparagraphs a, c, and d of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, and shall ensure that restitution payments are forwarded to the victim and that service assignments are properly performed.

G. 1. The Division of Probation and Parole of the Department of Corrections is hereby authorized, subject to funds available through appropriation by the Legislature, to contract with counties

for the administration of county Community Service Sentencing Programs.

2. Any offender eligible to participate in the Program pursuant to this act shall be eligible to participate in a county Program; provided, participation in county-funded Programs shall not be limited to offenders who would otherwise be sentenced to confinement with the Department of Corrections.

3. The Division shall establish criteria and specifications for contracts with counties for such Programs. A county may apply to the Division for a contract for a county-funded Program for a specific period of time. The Department shall be responsible for ensuring that any contracting county complies in full with specifications and requirements of the contract. The contract shall set appropriate compensation to the county for services to the Division.

4. The Division is hereby authorized to provide technical assistance to any county in establishing a Program, regardless of whether the county enters into a contract pursuant to this subsection. Technical assistance shall include appropriate staffing, development of community resources, sponsorship, supervision and any other requirements set forth in this act.

5. The Department shall annually make a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House on the number of such Programs, the number of participating offenders, the success rates of each Program according to criteria established by the Department and the costs of each Program.

H. As used in this section:

1. "Ignition interlock device" means a device that, without tampering or intervention by another person, would prevent the defendant from operating a motor vehicle if the defendant has a blood or breath alcohol concentration of five-hundredths (0.05) or greater; and

2. "Electronically monitored home detention" means incarceration of the defendant within a specified location or locations with monitoring by means of a device approved by the Department of Corrections that detects if the person leaves the confines of any specified location.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 1991, Section 991c, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 1993 (22 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 991c), is amended to read as follows:

Section 991c. A. Upon a verdict or plea of guilty or upon a plea of nolo contendere, but before a judgment of guilt, the court may, without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the defendant, defer further proceedings and place the defendant on probation under the supervision of the State Department of Corrections upon the conditions of probation prescribed by the court. The court shall first consider restitution, administered in accordance with the provisions pertaining thereto, among the various conditions of probation it may prescribe. The court may also consider ordering the defendant to engage in a term of community service without compensation, according to a schedule consistent with the employment and family responsibilities of the defendant. Further, the court may order the defendant confined to the county jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days to be served in conjunction with probation. Further, the court may order the defendant to pay a sum into the court fund not to exceed the amount of fine authorized for the offense alleged against the defendant or authorized under Section 9 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes and an amount for reasonable attorney fee, to be paid into the court fund, if a court-appointed attorney has been provided to defendant.

B. In addition to any conditions of probation provided for in subsection A of this section, the court ~~may~~ shall, in the case of a person before the court for the offense of operating or being in control of a motor vehicle while the person was under the influence

of alcohol, other intoxicating substance, or a combination of alcohol and another intoxicating substance, before the court for the offense of operating a motor vehicle while the ability of the person to operate such vehicle was impaired due to the consumption of alcohol, require such person to participate in an alcohol and drug substance abuse evaluation program offered by a facility or qualified practitioner certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the purpose of evaluating the receptivity to treatment and prognosis of the person. The court shall order the person, based upon the person's ability to pay, to reimburse the facility or qualified practitioner for the evaluation in an amount not to exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00). The facility or qualified practitioner shall, within seventy-two (72) hours from the time the person is assessed, submit a written report to the court for the purpose of assisting the court in its determination of conditions for deferred sentence. No person, agency or facility operating an alcohol and drug substance abuse evaluation program certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall solicit or refer any person evaluated pursuant to this subsection for any treatment program or alcohol and drug substance abuse service in which such person, agency or facility has a vested interest; however, this provision shall not be construed to prohibit the court from ordering participation in or any person from voluntarily utilizing a treatment program or alcohol and drug substance abuse service offered by such person, agency or facility. Any evaluation report submitted to the court pursuant to this subsection shall be handled in a manner which will keep such report confidential from the general public's review. As used in this subsection, "qualified practitioner" means a person with at least a bachelor's degree in substance abuse treatment, mental health or a related health care field and at least two (2) years' experience in providing alcohol abuse treatment, other drug abuse

treatment, or both alcohol and other drug abuse treatment who is certified each year by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to provide these assessments. The court may also require such person to participate in one or both of the following:

1. An alcohol and drug substance abuse course, pursuant to Sections 3-452 and 3-453 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes; and
2. A victims impact panel program, if such a program is offered in the county where the judgment is rendered, and to pay a fee, not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) as set by the governing authority of the program and approved by the court, to the victims impact panel program to offset the cost of participation by the defendant, if in the opinion of the court the defendant has the ability to pay such fee.

C. Upon completion of the probation term, which probation term under this procedure shall not exceed five (5) years, the defendant shall be discharged without a court judgment of guilt, and the verdict or plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere shall be expunged from the record and said charge shall be dismissed with prejudice to any further action. The procedure to expunge the defendant's record shall be as follows:

1. All references to the defendant's name shall be deleted from the docket sheet;
2. The public index of the filing of the charge shall be expunged by deletion, mark-out or obliteration;
3. Upon expungement, the court clerk shall keep a separate confidential index of case numbers and names of defendants which have been obliterated pursuant to the provisions of this section;
4. No information concerning the confidential file shall be revealed or released, except upon written order of a judge of the district court; and
5. Defendants qualifying under Section 18 of this title may petition the court to have the filing of the indictment and the

dismissal expunged from the public index and docket sheet. This section shall not be mutually exclusive of Section 18 of this title.

D. Upon order of the court, the provisions of subsection C of this section shall be retroactive ~~to September 1, 1987.~~

E. Upon violation of the conditions of probation, the court may enter a judgment of guilt and proceed as provided in Section 991a of this title. Further, if the probation is for a felony offense, and the defendant violates the conditions of probation by committing another felony offense, the defendant shall not be allowed bail pending appeal.

F. The deferred judgment procedure described in this section shall only apply to defendants not having been previously convicted of a felony.

G. The deferred judgement procedure described in this section shall not apply to defendants who plead guilty or nolo contendere to a sex offense.

Provided, for the purposes of this section, the term "sex offense" shall not include a violation of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 1021 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY Section 1 of House Joint Resolution No. 1056 of the 2nd Session of the 43rd Oklahoma Legislature, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 364, O.S.L. 1993 (43A O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3-250), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-250. A. There is hereby created until February 1, 1996, the Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons.

B. The Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall be composed of ~~thirteen (13)~~ fourteen (14) members as follows:

1. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or his designee;

2. The Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services, or his designee;

3. Two persons representing the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, one of whom shall be the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or his designee, and one of whom shall be a person designated by the Commissioner to represent individuals having knowledge of and experience in services for homeless mentally ill persons;

4. The Director of the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, or his designee;

5. The Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, or his designee;

6. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, or his designee;

7. The Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, or his designee;

8. Two persons appointed by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education; and

~~8.~~ 9. Four persons representing private agencies or organizations providing services to homeless mentally ill persons, appointed by the Governor from a list of not less than eight persons submitted by the Oklahoma Homeless Network.

C. The chairperson and any other officers of the Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall be elected by the membership of the council during its first meeting and upon a vacancy of any office. The Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall meet at least monthly, and may meet more often as necessary. Members of the Council shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. Administrative support for the Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons, including but not limited to personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Council, shall be provided by the Department of Human Services. The Department may provide for such administrative support through interagency agreements with other state agencies represented on the Council, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Section 1001 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. The Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall:

1. Develop and implement a plan for the cooperative and coordinated delivery of services by the public and private agencies responsible for services to mentally ill and homeless persons. Such plan shall specify the respective roles, duties and responsibilities of said public and private agencies, the policies and procedures to be implemented, and methods to ensure the accountability of the respective agencies for the proper implementation of the plan. The policies and procedures included in the plan shall be designed to reduce or eliminate barriers to services. The provisions of the plan shall be implemented through interagency agreements pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or by contract, as appropriate;

2. Establish a central grants clearinghouse for:

- a. the distribution of information regarding available public and private grants for services to mentally ill and homeless persons,
- b. the provision of technical assistance to public and private agencies making applications for such grants, and
- c. coordination of the preparation of grant applications to ensure the maximum effectiveness of such grants as may be awarded to a public or private agency; and

3. Investigate and make recommendations regarding methods of ensuring the equitable distribution of state and federal funds for services to mentally ill and homeless persons.

F. The Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall make regular, but not less than quarterly, reports to each agency affected by the report, and annual reports to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to appropriate committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 45 O.S. 1991, Section 724, as last amended by Section 55, Chapter 278, O.S.L. 1993 (45 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 724), is amended to read as follows:

Section 724. A. It shall be unlawful for any operator to engage in any mining operations in this state without first obtaining from the Department a permit to do so for each separate mining operation. The Department shall determine what constitutes a separate mining operation by rules and regulations promulgated under the Mining Lands Reclamation Act.

B. Any operator desiring to engage in surface mining shall make written application to the Department for a permit. Application for such permit shall be made upon a form furnished by the Department. The form shall contain a description of the tract or tracts of land and the estimated number of acres to be affected by surface mining by the operator ~~for each year of the proposed mining plan, for a period of not more than five (5) years.~~ The description shall include the section, township, range and county in which the land is located and shall otherwise describe the land with sufficient certainty so that it may be located and distinguished from other lands. Transmission lines shall be plotted on a location map submitted with the application. A statement that the operator has the right and power by legal estate owned to mine by surface mining the land so described shall be included with the application.

C. Any operator desiring to engage in underground mining shall make written application to the Department for a permit. Application for such permit shall be made upon a form furnished by the Department. The form shall contain a description of the tract or tracts of land to be used as refuse disposal areas ~~for each year of the proposed mining plan, for a period of not more than five (5) years.~~ The description shall include the section, township, range and county in which the land is located and shall otherwise describe the land with sufficient certainty so that it may be located and distinguished from other lands. A statement that the applicant has the right and power by legal estate owned to use the land so described as a refuse disposal area shall be included with the application.

D. Each application for a permit under subsections B and C of this section shall be accompanied by a plan of reclamation of the affected land that meets the requirements of the Mining Lands Reclamation Act. The application shall set forth the proposed use to be made of the affected land, the grading to be accomplished, the type of revegetation, and shall include the approximate time of grading and initial revegetation effort.

E. Each application for a permit under subsections B and C of this section shall be accompanied by the bond or security meeting the requirements of Section 728 of this title, or proof that such bond or security is still in effect, and a fee of One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) for each permit year, payable at the rate of One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) per year on the anniversary date of the year in which the permit or permit renewal was issued. All application fees shall be submitted to the State Treasurer, who shall deposit them in the Department of Mines Revolving Fund.

F. Upon the receipt of such application, bond or security and fee due from the operator, the Department may issue a permit to the

applicant which shall entitle him to engage in mining on the land therein described in accordance with the rules ~~and regulations~~ promulgated by the Department, for ~~a period of not more than five~~ ~~(5) years, in accordance with the permit application submitted under subsection B or C of this section~~ the life expectancy of the operation unless such operator is in violation of any state statute or rule of the Department in which case the Department shall take appropriate action against the operator. All applications for renewal of existing permits shall be filed a minimum of forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the existing permit. No permit shall be issued except upon proper application and public hearing, if requested. Upon filing the application with the Department, the applicant shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the mining operation, containing such information as is required by the Department. Any property owner or resident of an occupied dwelling who may be adversely affected located within one (1) mile of the mining operation shall have the right to protest the issuance of a permit and request a public hearing. The Department shall notify the surface owners of any hearings in connection with applications or permits in the same manner as the operator is notified. Such protests must be received by the Department within fourteen (14) days after the date of publication of the newspaper advertisement. If a public hearing is requested, the Department shall then hold an informal hearing in the vicinity of the proposed mining. Upon completion of findings after the hearing, the Department shall determine whether to issue or deny the permit, and shall notify all parties of its decision. Any decision regarding the issuance of a permit under this section shall be appealable when entered, as provided in the Administrative Procedures Act, Sections 250 et seq. and 301 et seq. of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. An operator desiring to have his permit amended to cover additional land may file an amended application with the Department. Upon receipt of the amended application, and such additional bond as may be required under the provisions of the Mining Lands Reclamation Act, the Department shall issue an amendment to the original permit covering the additional land described in the amended application, without the payment of any additional fee.

H. An operator may withdraw any land covered by a permit, deleting affected land therefrom, by notifying the Department, in which case the penalty of the bond or security filed by such operator pursuant to the provisions of the Mining Lands Reclamation Act shall be reduced proportionately.

I. Permits issued to an operator shall not be transferable to another operator.

J. The perimeter of the permit area shall be clearly marked by durable and recognizable markers or by other means approved by the Department.

K. The Department shall determine the blasting distance to transmission lines by rule and regulation.

L. Within a reasonable time, as established by the Department, written comments or objections on permit or bond release applications may be submitted to the Department by public entities including but not limited to the local soil conservation district, with respect to the effects of the proposed mining operations on the environment.

M. Any person having an interest in or who is or may be adversely affected by the decision on a permit or bond release application, or any federal, state or local agency, shall have the right to request in writing that the Department hold an informal conference on the application. The Department shall hold the informal conference within a reasonable time following the receipt

of the written request at a location in the vicinity of the proposed or active surface mining or reclamation operation.

SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 2-300, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 277, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2-300), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-300. As used in this act:

1. "System" means the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System;
2. "Act" means Sections 2-300 through 2-313 of this title;
3. "Board" means the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Board of the System;
4. "Fund" means the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Fund;
5. "Member" means all law enforcement officers of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and the State Capitol Division of the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control and the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Board designated to perform duties in the investigation and prevention of crime and the enforcement of the criminal laws of this state, and members of the Communications Division to include radio technicians, tower technicians and commissioned officers of the Lake Patrol Division of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, park rangers of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and inspectors of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, provided that all persons who shall be offered a position of a law enforcement officer shall participate in the System upon the person meeting the requisite post offer - pre-employment physical examination standards which shall be subject to the following requirements:
 - a. all such persons shall be of good moral character, free from deformities, mental or physical conditions, or disease and alcohol or drug addiction which would

prohibit the person from performing the duties of a law enforcement officer,

- b. said physical-medical examination shall pertain to age, sight, hearing, agility and other conditions the requirements of which shall be established by the Board,
- c. the person shall be required to meet the conditions of this subsection prior to the beginning of actual employment but after an offer of employment has been tendered by a participating employer,
- d. the Board shall have authority to deny or revoke membership of any person submitting false information in such person's membership application,
- e. the Board shall have final authority in determining eligibility for membership in the System, pursuant to the provisions of this subsection;

6. "Normal retirement date" means the date at which the member is eligible to receive the unreduced payments of the member's accrued retirement benefit. Such date shall be the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date the member:

- a. completes twenty (20) years of vesting service; or
- b. attains sixty-two (62) years of age with ten (10) years of vesting service; or

c. attains sixty-two (62) years of age, if:

(1) the member has been transferred to this System from the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System on or after July 1, 1981; and

(2) the member would have been vested had the member continued to be a member of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System;

A member who was required to join the System effective July 1, 1980, because of the transfer of the employing agency from the Oklahoma

Public Employees Retirement System to the System, and was not a member of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System on the date of such transfer shall be allowed to receive credit for prior law enforcement service rendered to this state, if the member is not receiving or eligible to receive retirement credit or benefits for such service in any other public retirement system, upon payment to the System of the employee contribution the member would have been subject to had the member been a member of the System at the time, plus five percent (5%) interest. Service credit received pursuant to this paragraph shall be used in determining the member's retirement benefit, and shall be used in determining years of service for retirement or vesting purposes;

7. "Actual paid base salary" means the salary received by a member, excluding payment for any accumulated leave or uniform allowance. Salary shall include any amount of nonelective salary reduction under Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

8. "Final average salary" means the average of the highest thirty (30) consecutive complete months of actual paid gross salary. Gross salary shall include any amount of elective salary reduction under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any amount of nonelective salary reduction under Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Only salary on which required contributions have been made may be used in computing the final average salary;

9. "Credited service" means the period of service used to determine the amount of benefits payable to a member. Credited service shall consist of the period during which the member participated in the System or the predecessor Plan as an active employee in an eligible membership classification, plus any service prior to the establishment of the predecessor Plan which was credited under the predecessor Plan and for officers of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and the Oklahoma State Bureau of

Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control who became members of the System on July 1, 1980, any service credited under the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 1980, and for members of the Communications and Lake Patrol Divisions of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, who became members of the System on July 1, 1981, any service credited under the predecessor Plan or the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 1981, and for law enforcement officers of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Board who become members of the System on July 1, 1982, any service credited under the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 1982, and for park rangers of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department who became members of the System on July 1, 1985, any service credited under the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 1985, and for inspectors of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy who became members of the System on July 1, 1986, any service credited under the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 1986, and for law enforcement officers of the State Capitol Division of the Department of Public Safety who became members of the System effective July 1, 1993, any service credited under the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 1993;

10. "Disability" means a physical or mental condition which, in the judgment of the Board, totally and presumably permanently prevents the member from engaging in the usual and customary duties of the occupation of the member and thereafter prevents the member from performing the duties of any occupation or service for which the member is qualified by reason of training, education or experience. A person is not under a disability when capable of performing a service to the employer, regardless of occupation, providing the salary of the employee is not diminished thereby; and

11. "Limitation year" means the year used in applying the limitations of Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which year shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-105, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 314, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6-105), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-105. A. Any person under the age of sixteen (16) years may be permitted to operate a motor vehicle as follows: Any secondary school student who is at least fifteen and one-half (15 1/2) years of age and is regularly enrolled and receiving instruction in or has satisfactorily completed a prescribed secondary school driver education course, as defined by Section 19-113 et seq. of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a driver education course, certified by the Department of Public Safety, from a parochial, private, or other nonpublic secondary school, or a commercial driver training course, as defined by Sections 801 through 808 of this title may apply for a restricted Class D license. The Department of Public Safety, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the examination other than the driving test, may issue to the applicant a restricted Class D license which shall entitle the applicant having such license in his immediate possession to operate a Class D motor vehicle upon the public highways while accompanied by a licensed driver who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver. This restricted driver's license shall be issued for the same period as all other driver's licenses; provided, such restricted license may be suspended or canceled at the discretion of the Department for violation of restrictions, for failing to give the required or correct information on the application or for violation of any traffic laws of this state pertaining to the operation of a motor vehicle. The holder of such restricted license who is at least sixteen (16) years of age who has

been issued such restricted license for a minimum of thirty (30) days may have the restriction requiring an accompanying driver removed by satisfactorily completing a driver's examination. The Department shall cause such examination to be conducted not more than three times during the first six (6) months after date of eligibility of the holder of said restricted license to have the restriction removed and not more than one time every three (3) months thereafter upon request of the holder thereof.

B. The Department may issue a Class D license with a motorcycle restriction to any person fourteen (14) years of age or older, who has met all the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Department except the driving test on the motor-driven cycle to enable the person to gain knowledge and experience in handling and operation of such vehicle. The Department may issue such license restricting the person while having the license in his immediate possession to operate a motor-driven cycle with a piston displacement not to exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) cubic centimeters, between the hours of 4:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. only, while wearing approved protective headgear, while accompanied by and receiving instruction from a parent, legal guardian or any person twenty-one (21) years of age or older who is properly licensed to operate a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle with a motorcycle endorsement or a Class D motor vehicle with a motorcycle endorsement, and who has visual contact with the operator.

The holder of any such restricted license may apply on or after thirty (30) days from date of issuance to have the restriction of being accompanied by a licensed driver removed by successfully completing the driving portion of a test.

C. The Department may in its discretion issue a special permit to any person who has attained the age of fourteen (14) years, authorizing such person to operate farm vehicles between the farm and the market to haul commodities grown on such farm. Provided

that such special permit shall be temporary and shall expire not more than thirty (30) days after the issuance thereof. Special permits shall be issued only to farm residents and shall be issued only during the time of the harvest of the principal crops grown on said farm. Provided that the Department shall not issue a special permit pursuant to this subsection until the Department is fully satisfied after the examination of said application and other evidence furnished in support thereof that said person is physically and mentally developed to such a degree that the operation of a motor vehicle by said person would not be inimical to public safety.

D. The Department may issue an instructor's permit to any qualified secondary school driver education instructor as defined by the Oklahoma State Board of Education Rules and Regulations for Oklahoma High School Driver and Traffic Safety Education, any driver education instructor, certified by the Department of Public Safety, of a parochial, private, or other nonpublic secondary school upon a proper application to the State Board of Education or the Department of Public Safety in the case of secondary schools that are not regulated by the State Board of Education or a commercial driver training course instructor as provided for in Sections 801 through 808 of this title. The Department shall promulgate rules for the issuance of such permits. ~~Such~~ Any instructor as defined in this subsection who has been issued a permit may ~~authorize~~ instruct any person:

1. Who is at least fifteen and one-half (15 1/2) years of age;

or

2. Who is at least fifteen (15) years of age and of secondary school sophomore or higher educational standing:

while regularly enrolled and certified by said instructor as a student taking a prescribed course of secondary school driver education, a driver education course, certified by the Department of Public Safety, from a parochial, private, or other nonpublic

secondary school or a commercial driver training course as defined by Sections 801 through 808 of this title to operate a motor vehicle while accompanied by and receiving instruction from said instructor who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver.

E. In addition to the licenses to operate motor vehicles, the Department may issue cards for purposes of identification only. Said identification cards shall be issued and renewed in the same manner as driver's licenses in this state and for a fee of Seven Dollars (\$7.00) to any Oklahoma resident ~~twelve (12) years of age or older.~~ The application for an identification card by any person under the age of sixteen (16) shall be signed and verified by the parent or legal guardian before a person authorized to administer oaths. Such cards shall be valid for a period of four (4) years from the month of issuance. Provided, however, such identification cards issued to persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall be valid indefinitely from the month of issuance, and no person sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall be charged any type of fee to obtain an identification card. The fees derived pursuant to this section shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to reimburse, from funds available to that agency, each motor license agent issuing an identification card to a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older, an amount not to exceed One Dollar (\$1.00) for each card so issued. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall develop procedures for claims for such reimbursement.

F. The Department may issue a temporary photo license bearing appropriate restrictions to any person who has been authorized a limited or modified license for a specified period of time. The Department shall collect a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for such temporary photo license, in addition to any other fee, which shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund. The Department or a

motor license agent, upon receipt of authorization from the Department, upon issuance of a temporary photo license, shall additionally collect a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00), to be allocated in the same manner as for a ~~duplicate~~ replacement license.

SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-205.1, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 314, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6-205.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-205.1 A. The ~~driver's~~ driver license or driving privilege of a person who is convicted of any offense as provided in paragraph 2 or 6 of subsection A of Section 6-205 of this title, or a person who has refused to submit to a test or tests as provided in Section 753 of this title, or a person whose alcohol concentration is ten-hundredths (0.10) or more as provided in Section 754 of this title, shall be revoked or denied by the Department of Public Safety for the following period, as applicable:

1. The first license revocation under Section 753 of this title shall be for one hundred eighty (180) days, of which the first ninety (90) days shall not be modified;

2. The first license revocation under paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 6-205 of this title or under Section 754 of this title shall be for ~~ninety (90)~~ one hundred eighty (180) days, ~~of which the first thirty (30) days shall not~~ may be modified;

3. The first license revocation under paragraph 6 of subsection A of Section 6-205 of this title shall be for one hundred eighty (180) days, which may be modified; provided, for license revocations for a misdemeanor charge of possessing a controlled dangerous substance, the provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any such revocations by the Department on or after January 1, 1993;

4. A revocation pursuant to paragraph 2 or 6 of subsection A of Section 6-205, 753 or 754 of this title shall be for a period of one (1) year if within five (5) years preceding the date of arrest relating thereto, a prior revocation commenced under paragraph 2 or

6 of subsection A of Section 6-205, 753 or 754 of this title as shown by the Department's records. Such period shall not be modified; or

~~4.~~ 5. A revocation pursuant to paragraph 2 or 6 of subsection A of Section 6-205, 753 or 754 of this title shall be for a period of three (3) years if within five (5) years preceding the date of arrest relating thereto, two or more prior revocations commenced under paragraph 2 or 6 of subsection A of Section 6-205, 753 or 754 of this title as shown by the Department's records. The first eighteen (18) months shall not be modified.

B. The term "revocation" as used in this section includes a denial by the Department to issue a driver's license.

C. Each period of license revocation not subject to modification shall be mandatory and neither the Department nor any court shall grant a license or permit to drive a motor vehicle based upon hardship or otherwise for the duration of such period. The balance of the revocation period, if any, may be modified as provided for in Section 754.1 or 755 of this title.

D. Any appeal shall be governed by Section 6-211 of this title.

SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1113, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1113), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1113. A. Upon the filing of a registration application and the payment of the fees provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall assign to the vehicle described in the application a distinctive number, and issue the owner of the vehicle a certificate of registration and one license plate or a yearly decal for the year that a license plate is not issued. Such yearly decal shall have an identification number and the last two numbers of the registration year for which it shall expire. Except as provided by Section 1113A of this title, the license plate shall

remain with the vehicle until a replacement license plate is applied for. The yearly decal will validate said license plate for each registration period other than the year the license plate is issued. The license plate and decal shall be of such size, color, design and numbering as the Commission may direct. However, yearly decals issued to the owner of a vehicle who has filed an affidavit with the appropriate motor license agent in accordance with Section 7-607 of this title shall be a separate and distinct color from all other decals issued under this section. The license plate shall be securely attached to the rear of the vehicle, except truck-tractor plates which shall be attached to the front of the vehicle. The Commission may, with the concurrence of the Department of Public Safety, by Joint Rule, change and direct the manner, place and location of display of any vehicle license plate when such action is deemed in the public interest. The license plate, decal and all letters and numbers must be clearly visible at all times. Upon payment of the annual registration fee provided in Section 1133 of this title, the Oklahoma Tax Commission may issue a permanent nonexpiring license plate to an owner of ten or more motor vehicles and for vehicles registered under the provisions of Section 1120 of this title. Upon payment of the annual registration fee, the Commission shall issue a certificate of registration that shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued. The permanent nonexpiring license plate shall be returned to the Commission upon the sale of a vehicle by the owner to whom the permanent nonexpiring license plate is issued.

B. The license plates required under the provisions of this act shall conform to the requirements and specifications listed hereinafter:

1. Each license plate shall have a space for the placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the initial issue;

2. The provisions of this act regarding the issuance of yearly decals shall not apply to the issuance of apportioned license plates, including license plates for state vehicles, and exempt plates for governmental entities;

3. Within the limits herein prescribed the Commission shall ~~design~~ redesign the official vehicle license plates ~~with which~~ currently bear the legend "Oklahoma OK" or "Oklahoma is OK!" and substitute therefor the legend "Oklahoma Native America" as further described in this paragraph. Except for personalized license plates and license plates issued for motorcycles and mopeds, the emblem on the state flag of Oklahoma as provided for in Section 91 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be a part of all license plates issued after December 31, 1988. The Commission may continue to issue license plates with the legend "Oklahoma is OK!" or "Oklahoma OK" until any inventory of such license plates is depleted but the Commission shall not produce or cause to be produced any additional license plates with these legends. Except for personalized license plates, license plates issued for commercial vehicles, and license plates issued for motorcycles and mopeds, the "Oklahoma Native America" emblem shall be a part of all license plates issued after December 31, 1993. The specifications for lettering style and appearance for the legend "Oklahoma Native America" shall be provided to the Commission by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. The license plates shall be issued with the letters and numerals in the colors of green and white. All license plates and decals shall be made with reflectorized material as a background to the letters, numbers and characters impressed thereon. The reflectorized material shall be of such a nature as to provide effective and dependable brightness during the service period for which the license plate or decal is issued; ~~and~~

4. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for all

state vehicles. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature and designed in such manner as to remain with the vehicle for the duration of the vehicle's life span or until the title is transferred to a nongovernmental owner; and

5. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for vehicles of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Such license plates shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain the letters "OHP" followed by the state seal and the badge number of the Highway Patrol officer to whom the vehicle is assigned. The words "Oklahoma Highway Patrol" shall also be included on such license plates.

C. Where the applicant has satisfactorily shown that he owns the vehicle sought to be registered but is unable to produce documentary evidence of his ownership a license plate may be issued upon approval by the Commission. In such instances the reason for not issuing a certificate of title shall be indicated on the receipt given to the applicant. It shall still be the duty of the applicant to immediately take all necessary steps to obtain his Oklahoma certificate of title and it shall be unlawful for him to sell said vehicle until such certificate has been obtained in his name.

D. The certificate of registration provided for in this section shall be in convenient form, and the certificate of registration, or a certified copy or photostatic copy thereof, duly authenticated by the Commission, shall be carried at all times in or upon commercial vehicles so registered, in such manner as to permit a ready examination thereof upon demand by any peace officer of the state or duly authorized employee of the Department of Public Safety. Any such officer or agent may seize and hold such commercial vehicle when the operator of the same does not have the registration certificate in his possession or when any such officer or agent determines that the registration certificate has been obtained by misrepresentation of any essential or material fact or when any

number or identifying information appearing on such certificate has been changed, altered, obliterated or concealed in any way, until the proper registration or identification of such vehicle has been made or produced by the owner thereof.

E. For the first year that any manufactured home is registered in this state, the Commission shall issue a metal license plate which shall be affixed to the manufactured home. Manufactured homes previously registered and subject to ad valorem taxation as provided by law shall have the metal license plate affixed at the time ad valorem taxes are paid for such manufactured home. The owner of the home shall be required to affix such plate to the home. The Commission shall make sufficient plates available to the various motor license agents of the state in order for an owner of a manufactured home to acquire the plate. A One Dollar (\$1.00) fee shall be charged for issuance of any plate. Such fee shall be apportioned each month to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury.

F. The manufactured home license plate shall be designed so that it is easily visible for purposes of verification by a county assessor that the manufactured home is properly assessed for ad valorem taxation. The plate shall be designed for a yearly decal. In the first year of registration a decal shall be issued for placement on the license plate indicating payment of applicable registration fees and excise taxes. In the second and all subsequent years for which the manufactured home is subject to ad valorem taxation, an annual decal shall be affixed to the license plate as evidence of ad valorem tax payment. The Commission shall issue decals to the various county treasurers of the state in order for a manufactured home owner to obtain such decal each year. Upon presentation of a valid ad valorem tax receipt, the manufactured home owner shall be issued the annual decal.

G. Upon the registration of a manufactured home in this state for the first time or upon discovery of a manufactured home previously registered within this state for which the information required by this subsection is not known, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall obtain:

1. The name of the owner of the manufactured home;
2. The serial number or identification number of the manufactured home;
3. A legal description or address of the location for the home;
4. The actual retail selling price of the manufactured home excluding Oklahoma taxes;
5. The certificate of title number for the home; and
6. Any other information which the Commission deems to be necessary.

The application for registration shall also include the school district in which the manufactured home is located or is to be located. Such information shall be entered into a computer data system which shall be used by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to provide information to county assessors upon request by the assessor. The assessor may request any information from the system in order to properly assess a manufactured home for ad valorem taxation.

SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1136, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1136), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1136. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license plates as provided by this section.

Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been registered for the current year with a motor license agent.

The Commission shall take applications by October 1 of each year for the following calendar year for special license plates and shall issue such plates to each applicant.

Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Commission or a motor license agent. The Commission shall annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates. Such notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or the Commission.

Special license plates shall be designed in such a manner as to identify the use and ownership of the vehicle. The special license plates provided by this section are as follows:

1. Political Subdivision Plates - such plates shall be designed for any vehicle owned by any political subdivision of this state and shall be registered for Five Dollars (\$5.00), after having obtained proper Oklahoma certificate of title. Such political subdivisions shall file an annual report with the Commission stating the agency where such vehicle is located. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature and designed in such a manner as to remain with the vehicle for the duration of the life span of the vehicle or until the title is transferred to an owner who is not a political subdivision;

2. Legislative License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons elected to the Oklahoma Legislature and shall designate the house of the Legislature in which the legislator serves and his district number.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to the regular plate issued to the member and the fees charged therefor;

3. Tax-Exempt or Nonprofit License Plates - such plates shall be designed for:

- a. any motor bus, manufactured home, or mobile chapel and power unit owned and operated by a religious corporation or society of this state holding a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(a), and listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c) (3), and that is used by the corporation or society solely for the furtherance of its religious functions,
- b. any vehicle owned and operated only by nonprofit organizations devoted exclusively to youth programs including, but not limited to, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America,
- c. any vehicle, except passenger automobiles, owned or operated by nonprofit organizations actually involved in programs for the employment of the handicapped and used exclusively in the transportation of goods or materials for such organization,
- d. any vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit organization that provides older persons transportation to and from medical, dental and religious services and relief from business and social isolation,
- e. any vehicle owned and operated by a private nonprofit organization that:
 - (1) warehouses and distributes surplus foods to other nonprofit agencies and organizations, and
 - (2) holds a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c), and listed as an exempt organization in

Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
as amended, and

- (3) uses such vehicle exclusively for the
transportation of such surplus foods, or
- f. any vehicle owned and operated by a fire department
organized pursuant to Section 592 of Title 18 of the
Oklahoma Statutes.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00).

Any person claiming to be eligible for a tax-exempt or nonprofit license plate under the provisions of this paragraph must have the name of the tax-exempt or nonprofit organization prominently displayed upon the outside of the vehicle, except those vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, unless such display is prohibited by federal or state law or by state agency rules and regulations. No vehicle shall be licensed as a tax-exempt or nonprofit vehicle unless the vehicle has affixed on each side thereof, in letters not less than two (2) inches high and two (2) inches wide, the name of the tax-exempt or nonprofit organization or the insignia or other symbol of such organization which shall be of sufficient size, shape and color as to be readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of fifty (50) feet while the vehicle is not in motion;

4. Prisoner of War License Plates - such plates shall be designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United States Armed Forces and civilians who were former prisoners of war held by a foreign country and who can provide proper certification of that status. Such persons may apply for a prisoner of war license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving spouse of any deceased former prisoner of war, if said spouse has not since remarried, may apply for a prisoner of war license plate

for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

5. National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma National Guard.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by this act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title;

6. United States Armed Forces - such plates shall be designed for active, retired, former or reserve members of the United States Armed Forces, and shall identify which branch of service, and carry the emblem and name of either the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, according to the branch of service to which the member belongs or did belong. Former members who have been dishonorably discharged shall not be eligible for such plates. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of present or past military service by presenting a valid Uniformed Services Identity Card or the United States Department of Defense Form (DD)214.

The fee for such plates shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by this act;

7. Physically Disabled License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons who are eligible for an insignia as a physically disabled person under the provisions of Section 15-112 of this title. It shall prominently display the international accessibility symbol, which is a stylized human figure in a wheelchair. Upon the death of such physically disabled person, said special license plate shall be returned to the Commission.

There shall be no fee for such plate in addition to the rate provided by this act for the registration of the vehicle.

Any person who is eligible for a physically disabled license plate and whose vehicle has had modifications because of the

physical disability of the owner, may register the vehicle for a flat fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). This fee shall be in lieu of all other registration fees provided by this act;

8. Disabled Veterans License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons presenting proper certification from the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States certifying such veteran has a service-connected disability rating of fifty percent (50%) or more or that such veteran has been awarded a vehicle by the United States government or receives a grant from the United States Veteran's Administration for the purchase of an automobile due to a service-connected disability rating or due to the loss of use of a limb or an eye. Such persons may apply to the Commission for a disabled veterans license plate or to a motor license agent for a regular license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving spouse of any deceased disabled veteran, if said spouse has not since remarried, may apply for a disabled veterans license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

9. Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Such persons may apply for a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

10. Missing In Action License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who are missing in action. The spouse of such missing person, if said spouse has not since remarried, and each parent of such missing person may apply for a missing in action license plate upon presenting proper certification that such person is missing in

action and that the person making said application is the unremarried spouse or the parent of such missing person. The spouse and each parent of such missing person may each apply for the missing in action license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to the regular plate issued and the fees charged therefor;

11. Indian Tribal License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any vehicle of a native American Indian Tribal Association exempted in Sections 201 through 204 of Public Law 97-473 and used by the tribal association exclusively for the furtherance of its tribal functions.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

12. Personalized License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person in any combination of numbers or letters from one to a maximum of seven. Such plates may be issued for motorcycles in any combination of numbers or letters from one to a maximum of six. The personalized license plates shall be issued on a staggered system except for motorcycles.

On and after January 1, 1987, persons owning vehicles which are twenty-one (21) years and older are qualified to submit for approval by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or a motor license agent a vintage but expired official Oklahoma license plate which is twenty-one (21) years and older. Upon approval of such personalized plate, the owner shall be issued the annual registration decal which the Commission or agent shall direct to be affixed in close proximity to the mandatory vehicle inspection decal. The Tax Commission shall promulgate a rule which establishes appropriate criteria to be used in the implementation of this act.

The fee for such plate shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by this

act. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of the personalized tag fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration of this act;

13. Antique or Classic Vehicle Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued for any vehicle twenty-five (25) years of age or older, based upon the date of manufacture thereof and which travels on the highways of this state primarily incidental to historical or exhibition purposes only.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and, except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by this act. Vehicles issued an antique vehicle license plate pursuant to the provisions of this subparagraph shall be exempt from the registration fee levied by paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 1132 of this title;

14. Purple Heart Recipient License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the Purple Heart military decoration. Such persons may apply for a Purple Heart recipient license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title;

15. Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States as being:

- a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7, 1941,
- b. stationed on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor,

the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance not to exceed three (3) miles, and

- c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

Such person may apply for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall design and make available to any person who is issued a Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plate a commemorative Pearl Harbor decal to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Such decal shall include the language "Pearl Harbor 1941-1991" and shall be designed to be easily attached to a license plate. This decal shall be free of charge to those persons issued a Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plate;

16. Iwo Jima License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States as being:

- a. a member of the United States Armed Forces in February of 1945,
- b. stationed in February of 1945 on or in the immediate vicinity of the island of Iwo Jima, and
- c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

Such person may apply for an Iwo Jima license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

Such license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain three letters and three numbers. Between the letters and numbers shall be a logo of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima. Below the letters, logo and numbers, the plate shall contain the words "FEB."

at the left, "Iwo Jima" in the center and "1945" at the right. Such plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other license plates prescribed by law other than the space for the placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the initial issue.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

17. D-Day Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States as being:

- a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on June 6, 1944,
- b. a participant in the Allied invasion of the coast of Normandy on June 6, 1944; provided, if such participation cannot be verified by the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States, the Tax Commission may, in its discretion, accept evidence of such participation from the person applying for the license plate, and
- c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

Such person may apply for a D-Day Survivor license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

18. Killed in Action License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed in action. The spouse of such deceased person, if said spouse has not remarried, may apply for a killed in action license

plate upon presenting proper certification that such person was killed in action and that said person making the application is the unremarried spouse of such deceased person. The spouse may apply for a killed in action license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The registration fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

19. University or College Supporter License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support to any state-supported university or college. The fee for such plate shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title. The twenty-five-dollar fee shall be apportioned pursuant to Section 1104.1 of this title;

20. Environmental Awareness License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Oklahoma Tax Commission by the ~~State Department of Pollution Control~~ Environmental Quality in consultation with the State Arts Council, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support to implement the statewide general public environmental education program created pursuant to the provisions of ~~Section 934.2 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the Oklahoma Environmental Quality Code. The fee for such plate shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, ~~Section 1101 et seq. of this title~~. The twenty-five-dollar fee shall be apportioned pursuant to Section 1104.2 of this title;

21. Military Decoration License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award, the Distinguished Flying Cross or the Silver Star military decoration. Such persons may apply for a

military decoration license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

22. Vietnam Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam Conflict. Such persons may apply for a Vietnam veteran license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act; and

23. Round and Square Dance License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for round and square dancing.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title, Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each special tag fee shall be deposited to the OTC Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration of this act.

Use of any vehicle possessing a special license plate for any purpose not specified in this section shall be grounds for revocation of the special license plate and registration certificate.

SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 1991, Section 6, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 331, O.S.L. 1993 (51 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6. A. Except as may be otherwise provided, no person holding an office under the laws of the state and no deputy of any

officer so holding any office shall, during his term of office, hold any other office or be the deputy of any officer holding any office, under the laws of the state. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. Notaries public;

2. Members of the State Textbook Committee;

3. County free fair board members;

4. Municipal and county law enforcement officers serving in positions as law enforcement officers of both such governmental entities upon such terms and conditions as are mutually approved by resolutions adopted by the board of county commissioners and governing body of the municipality employing such officers;

5. Any person holding a county or municipal office or position, or membership on any public trust authority, who is a member of a board or commission that relates to federal, state, county or municipal government and is created by the United States Government, the State of Oklahoma or a political subdivision of the state, except where the duties of the offices or positions conflict;

6. Any elected municipal officers and school board members who are appointed to a state board, commission, or similar entity if there is no compensation for such services other than reimbursement for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

7. Any trustee of a public trust, who is appointed as a trustee of a different public trust or any trustee of the Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority who may also be employed by the Department of Transportation;

8. Law enforcement officers employed by municipal or county law enforcement departments or agencies, other than those law enforcement officers elected or appointed as sheriff, chief of police or some similar position in which they are the head of a

county or municipal law enforcement agency, who are elected to local boards of education; provided, the provisions of this paragraph shall not prohibit any law enforcement officer employed by a municipality having a population of ten thousand (10,000) or fewer people from serving as a member of a local board of education;

9. Any member of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety who is elected to a local board of education;

10. Any District Supervisor, Assistant District Supervisor, Team Supervisor, Parole Officer 1 or Parole Officer 2 of the Department of Corrections who is elected or appointed to a city council;

11. Any trustee or director of a rural electric cooperative, or port authority who is appointed or elected to a state, county or municipal board, commission or similar entity;

12. Deputy county treasurers who are elected as members of town or city councils;

13. Municipal, county, state or tribal law enforcement or peace officers operating under cross-deputization agreements with an Indian tribe or branch of the federal government;

14. Municipal or county law enforcement or peace officers serving in positions as campus police officers or campus public safety officers pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Campus Security Act, upon such terms and conditions as are mutually approved by resolution adopted by the governing body of the municipality or county and the governing board of the institution of higher education;

15. State law enforcement or peace officers serving in positions as campus police officers or campus public safety officers pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Campus Security Act, upon such terms and conditions as are mutually approved by written

agreement between the Commissioner of Public Safety and the governing board of the institution of higher education;

16. Municipal and county law enforcement officers serving in positions as part-time rangers under the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; ~~and~~

17. The Administrator of a Scenic Rivers Commission serving in the position of a park ranger under the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; and

18. Members of the University Hospitals Authority.

The provisions of this section shall not prohibit any person holding an office under the laws of the state or any deputy of any officer so holding any office from serving upon the board of Oklahoma Futures or upon the board of directors of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit a member of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology from serving upon the board of Oklahoma Futures.

B. Any salaries, emoluments or benefits that would otherwise be paid by the agency or political subdivision to a loaned employee or officer shall instead be paid to the regular employer of such employee who shall in turn be paid his regular salary and benefits the same as if he were continuing his regular employment with his permanent employer.

SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 332.8, as last amended by Section 22, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 332.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 332.8 No recommendations to the Governor for parole shall be made in relation to any inmate in a penal institution in the State of Oklahoma unless the Pardon and Parole Board considers the victim impact statements if presented to the jury, or the judge in the event a jury was waived, at the time of sentencing and, in every appropriate case, as a condition of parole, monetary

restitution of economic loss as defined by Section 991f of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, incurred by a victim of the crime for which the inmate was imprisoned. In every case, the Pardon and Parole Board shall first consider the number of previous felony convictions and the type of criminal violations leading to any such felony convictions, ~~and~~ then shall consider either suitable employment or a suitable residence, and finally shall mandate participation in education programs to achieve the proficiency level established in Section 510.7 of this title or, at the discretion of the Board require the attainment of a general education diploma, as a condition for release on parole. The probation and parole officer shall render every reasonable assistance to any person making application for parole, in helping to obtain suitable employment or enrollment in an education program or a suitable residence. Any inmate who fails to satisfactorily attend and make satisfactory progress in the educational program in which the inmate has been required to participate as a condition of eligibility for parole, shall have his or her eligibility for parole revoked. Any such inmate shall be returned to confinement in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 521, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 521), is amended to read as follows:

Section 521. Whenever a person is convicted of a felony and is sentenced to imprisonment that is not to be served in a county jail, he shall be committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections and shall be classified and assigned to a correctional facility, the Electronic Monitoring Program pursuant to Section ~~5~~ 510.5 of this ~~act~~ title, the Specialized Supervision Program pursuant to Sections 610 and 611 of this title, or to another facility or program designated by the Department and authorized by law.

SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 1991, Section 41.21, as last amended by Section 31, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 1993 (62 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 41.21), is amended to read as follows:

Section 41.21 A. Except as otherwise provided by subsections B, C and D of this section, procedures for effecting payment of claims or payrolls shall include the following:

1. All claims and payrolls which are to be used to authorize the payment of money from the State Treasury, shall be filed with the Director of State Finance for audit and settlement prior to being filed for payment with the State Treasurer. The Director of State Finance may, at his discretion, establish a procedure to permit consolidated payment to vendors for claims involving more than one agency of the state when audit and settlement of such claims, as hereinafter provided, can in all respects be accomplished;

2. The Division of Central Accounting and Reporting shall preaudit all claims against contracts, purchase orders and other commitments before entering such claims against the appropriation allotment accounts; and

3. After claims and/or payrolls have been properly audited and recorded against the respective appropriation allotment accounts, the Division of Central Accounting and Reporting shall certify such claims and/or payrolls to the State Treasurer for payment. It shall be the responsibility of the Division of Central Accounting and Reporting to determine:

- a. that all legal requirements concerning the expenditure of monies involved in each claim or payroll have been complied with,
- b. that funds have been properly and legally allotted for the payment of the claim or payroll and that a sufficient balance exists for the payment of same.

Sufficient space shall be provided on each claim and/or payroll for the Director of State Finance to indicate that the claim or payroll has been approved for payment by the Division of Central Accounting and Reporting. The Director of State Finance shall authorize bonded employees in the Division of Central Accounting and Reporting to execute the signed approval of each claim or payroll which shall be certified to the State Treasurer for payment.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, the Department of Human Services is authorized to establish an encumbrance and preaudit system for settlement of claims relating to public assistance, social service benefits and medical benefits to or for persons eligible under applicable federal laws and regulations, Oklahoma Statutes, and policies established by the Oklahoma Commission for Human Services. The following programs shall be eligible for this procedure:

1. Aid to Families with Dependent Children;
2. Aid to Aged, Blind and Disabled;
3. Medical Assistance;
4. Day Care;
5. Refugee Resettlement;
6. Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance;
7. General Assistance;
8. Crippled Children;
9. Social Services under Title XX of the U.S. Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 301 et seq.;
10. Adoption Subsidies;
11. Foster Care;
12. Medical Examination;
13. Area Agencies on Aging; ~~and~~
14. Any contract for service for which the Department of Central Services has approved as qualifying for a fixed and uniform rate pursuant to Section 85.7 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

15. Sheltered Workshops;

16. Contracted Group Homes;

17. Rehabilitative Client Interpreters; and

18. Rehabilitative Client Drivers.

The Department of Human Services shall provide to the Director of State Finance, for approval prior to inclusion in this procedure, detailed listings of the type of payments to be made for each of these programs. The Department of Human Services shall provide the Director of State Finance a daily report of the dollar amount of claims settled and checks or warrants written, the dollar amount of checks or warrants canceled, and the dollar amount of checks or warrants canceled by statutes.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, the State Department of Rehabilitation Services is authorized to establish an encumbrance and preaudit system for settlement of claims relating to social service benefits and medical benefits to or for persons eligible under applicable federal laws and regulations, Oklahoma Statutes, and policies established by the Commission for Rehabilitation Services for the following programs:

1. Vocational and other rehabilitation;
2. Educational services; and
3. Disability Determination Services.

The State Department of Rehabilitation Services shall provide to the Director of State Finance, for approval prior to inclusion in this procedure, detailed listings of the type of payments to be made for each of these programs. The State Department of Rehabilitation Services shall provide the Director of State Finance a daily report of the dollar amount of claims settled and checks or warrants written, the dollar amount of checks or warrants canceled, and the dollar amount of checks or warrants canceled by statutes.

D. Provisions of subsection A of this section notwithstanding, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Director of

State Finance shall jointly establish a system for the settlement of claims, excepting payroll, by entities of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The settlement system shall include policy, procedures, and performance criteria for participation. The State Regents are authorized to approve or disapprove the participation of any institution or other entity of the State System in the claims settlement system.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, agencies administering certain major federal assistance programs are authorized to establish a preaudit and settlement system for claims and/or payments relating to the purposes of the stated federal assistance programs. The State Treasurer shall promulgate rules and regulations for the state in accordance with Federal Banking and National Automated Clearing House Association standards and agencies shall be required to utilize automated clearing house procedures and regulations established by the State Treasurer provided that no individual or entity shall be required to have a bank account unless required by federal law or federal regulation. Agencies shall be further required to present these transactions to the Office of State Finance in a summarized format and shall include any accounting information necessary as determined by the Director of State Finance including, but not limited to, information related to Public Law 101-453 the Cash Management Improvement Act, 31 U.S.C., Sections 3335, 6501 and 6503. Expenditures for administration of the stated federal assistance programs shall not be eligible for these procedures.

The following programs shall be eligible for this procedure:

1. National School Lunch Program;
2. Job Training Partnership Act, 29 U.S.C., Section 1501 et seq.;
3. Chapter 1 Programs - Local Education Agencies;
4. Pell Grant Program;

5. School Breakfast Program;
6. Federal, State and Local Partnerships for Educational Improvement;
7. Unemployment Trust Fund;
8. Special Education State Grants;
9. Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services Block Grant;
10. Child and Adult Care Food Program; ~~and~~
11. Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children;
12. Community Development Block Grant;
13. Community Services Block Grant;
14. Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States;
15. Capitalization Grants for State Revolving Funds;
16. Highway Planning and Construction (contractor estimates and right-of-way payments);
17. Special Milk Program;
18. Summer Food Service;
19. U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Education, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs grant awards administered by the Oklahoma Department of Education and ultimately received by eligible subrecipients;
20. Home Investment Partnership Program;
21. Emergency Shelter Grant Program;
22. Rental Rehabilitation;
23. Emergency Homeless Program; and
24. Weatherization.

The Director of State Finance shall establish a disbursing fund which shall receive all federal, state matching and other funds which make up the total funding sources for each of the above federal programs.

F. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, the Director of State Finance shall be authorized to process payments for federal tax withholding without claim forms. The Director of State Finance shall establish a separate fund for the purpose of accumulating federal income tax withholding from payrolls and remitting same to the United States Treasury.

G. The State Treasurer shall write checks or warrants in payment of claims and payrolls certified to him for payment by the Division of Central Accounting and Reporting or the Department of Human Services. The State Treasurer, at his discretion and within such limitations as he may prescribe, may authorize the Director of State Finance or the Department of Human Services to write the checks or warrants for payment of claims and payrolls that have been certified by the respective agency. The Director of State Finance and the Department of Human Services shall provide the State Treasurer a register of each payment for each check or warrant written. Provided, in lieu of checks or warrants:

1. The Director of State Finance may, with the concurrence of the State Treasurer, establish a procedure to effect the settlement of interagency claims by transfer entry; and

2. At the discretion of the State Treasurer, payment of claims and payrolls may be made by the electronic transfer of funds.

Such optional settlement modes may be implemented when the authorized officer or officers of the state are satisfied such modes will substantially operate to the benefit of the state and without sacrifice to the security and integrity of the monies and records of the state.

~~G.~~ H. The Director of State Finance is authorized to use a numeric or alphanumeric designation to cross-reference claims or payrolls to check warrant numbers, transfer entry or optional settlement mode used in the payment thereof.

SECTION 22. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 1352, as last amended by Section 39, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1352), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1352. Definitions.

As used in this article:

(A) "Business" means any activity engaged in or caused to be engaged in by any person with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect.

(B) "Commission" or "Tax Commission" means the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

(C) "Consumer" or "user" means a person to whom a taxable sale of tangible personal property is made or to whom a taxable service is furnished. "Consumer" or "user" includes all contractors to whom a taxable sale of materials, supplies, equipment, or other tangible personal property is made or to whom a taxable service is furnished to be used or consumed in the performance of any contract.

(D) "Contractor" means any person who performs any improvement upon real property and who, as a necessary and incidental part of performing such improvement, incorporates tangible personal property belonging to or purchased by said person into the real property being improved.

(E) "Established place of business" means the location at which any person regularly engages in, conducts, or operates a business in a continuous manner for any length of time, that is open to the public during the hours customary to such business, in which a stock of merchandise for resale is maintained, and which is not exempted by law from attachment, execution, or other species of forced sale barring any satisfaction of any delinquent tax liability accrued under this article.

(F) "Fair authority" means:

(1) Any county, municipality, school district, public trust or any other political subdivision of this state, or

(2) Any not-for-profit corporation acting pursuant to an agency, operating or management agreement which has been approved or authorized by the governing body of any of the entities specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection which conduct, operate or produce a fair commonly understood to be a county, district or state fair.

(G) "Gross receipts" or "gross proceeds" means the total amount of consideration for the sale of any tangible personal property or service taxable under this article, whether the consideration is in money or otherwise. "Gross receipts" or "gross proceeds" shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Cash paid, and

(2) Any amount for which payment is charged, deferred, or otherwise to be made in the future, regardless of the time or manner of payment, and

(3) Any amount for which credit or a discount is allowed by the vendor, and

(4) Any amount of deposit paid for transfer of possession, and

(5) Any value of a trade-in or other property accepted by the vendor as consideration, except for used or trade-in parts excluding tires or batteries for a motor vehicle, bus, motorcycle, truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer or implement of husbandry, as defined in Sections 1-105, 1-125, 1-134, 1-135, 1-162, 1-180 and 1-183 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, if the used or trade-in parts are taken in trade as exchange on the sale of new or rebuilt parts.

There shall not be any deduction from the gross receipts or gross proceeds on account of cost of the property sold, labor service performed, interest paid, or losses, or of any expenses whatsoever, whether or not the tangible personal property sold was produced, constructed, fabricated, processed, or otherwise assembled for or at the request of the consumer as part of the sale.

(H) "Maintaining a place of business in this state" means and includes having or maintaining in this state, directly or by

subsidiary, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse, or other physical place of business, or having agents operating in this state, whether the place of business or agent is within this state temporarily or permanently or whether the person or subsidiary is authorized to do business within this state.

(I) "Manufacturing" means and includes every operation commencing with the first production stage of any article of tangible personal property and ending with the completion of tangible personal property having the physical properties which it has when transferred by the manufacturer to another.

(J) "Person" means any individual, company, partnership, joint venture, joint agreement, association, mutual or otherwise, limited liability company, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver or trustee appointed by any state or federal court or otherwise, syndicate, this state, any county, city, municipality, school district, any other political subdivision of the state, or any group or combination acting as a unit, in the plural or singular number.

(K) "Point of sale" means, for purposes of administration of any municipal or county sales tax levied in this state, the physical location at which a sale of tangible personal property or services taxable under this article is made in the course of the vendor's business, to be determined by one of the following:

(1) If the consumer identifies tangible personal property or services and pays the sale price, in cash or otherwise, at a place of business maintained by the vendor, the point of sale shall be the location of such place of business, regardless of the place of delivery;

(2) If a consumer, from a location outside the jurisdiction in which the vendor is engaged in business, orders or requests, by mail or telephonic or telegraphic device, to buy tangible personal

property or services, the point of sale shall be the place of delivery, regardless of the manner of transportation;

(3) If the sale is made through solicitation at a place other than the place of business of the vendor, either by an employee, representative, or any other agent of the vendor, the point of sale shall be the place where the solicited offer to buy was accepted or approved by the vendor if the consumer does not have a right to accept or reject delivery;

(4) If the sale is made through solicitation at a place other than the place of business of the vendor, either by an employee, representative, or any other agent of the vendor, and the consumer has a right to accept or reject delivery, the point of sale shall be the place of delivery; or

(5) If the sale is of motor fuel or diesel fuel by a Group Five vendor, the point of sale shall be the location in the state at which the Group Five vendor withdrew the motor fuel or diesel fuel from the primary fuel storage facility of such vendor.

(L) "Repairman" means any person who performs any repair service upon tangible personal property of the consumer, whether or not said repairman, as a necessary and incidental part of performing the service, incorporates tangible personal property belonging to or purchased by said repairman into the tangible personal property being repaired.

(M) "Sale" means the transfer of either title or possession of tangible personal property for a valuable consideration regardless of the manner, method, instrumentality, or device by which the transfer is accomplished in this state, or other transactions as provided by this subsection, including but not limited to:

(1) The exchange, barter, lease, or rental of tangible personal property resulting in the transfer of the title to or possession of the property;

(2) The disposition for consumption or use in any business or by any person of all goods, wares, merchandise, or property which has been purchased for resale, manufacturing, or further processing;

(3) The sale, gift, exchange, or other disposition of admission, dues, or fees to clubs, places of amusement, or recreational or athletic events or for the privilege of having access to or the use of amusement, recreational, athletic or entertainment facilities;

(4) The furnishing or rendering of services taxable under this article; and

(5) Any use of motor fuel or diesel fuel by a licensed distributor, as defined in Section 501 of this title, upon which sales tax has not previously been paid, for purposes other than to propel motor vehicles over the public highways of this state. Motor fuel or diesel fuel purchased outside the state and used for purposes other than to propel motor vehicles over the public highways of this state shall not constitute a sale within the meaning of this paragraph.

(N) "Sale for resale" means:

(1) A sale of tangible personal property to any purchaser who is purchasing said tangible personal property for the purpose of reselling it within the geographical limits of the United States of America or its territories or possessions, in the normal course of business either in the form or condition in which it is purchased or as an attachment to or integral part of other tangible personal property; or

(2) A sale of tangible personal property to a purchaser for the sole purpose of the renting or leasing, within the geographical limits of the United States of America or its territories or possessions, of the tangible personal property to another person by the purchaser, but not if incidental to the renting or leasing of real estate; or

(3) A sale of tangible goods and products within this state if, simultaneously with the sale, the vendor issues an export bill of lading, or other documentation that the point of delivery of such goods for use and consumption is in a foreign country and not within the territorial confines of the United States.

(O) "Tangible personal property" means personal property which may be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched or which is in any other manner perceptible to the senses.

(P) "Taxpayer" means any person liable to pay a tax imposed by this article.

(Q) "Tax period" or "taxable period" means the calendar period or the taxpayer's fiscal period for which a taxpayer has obtained a permit from the Tax Commission to use a fiscal period in lieu of a calendar period.

(R) "Tax remitter" means any person required to collect, report, or remit the tax imposed by this article. A tax remitter who fails, for any reason, to collect, report, or remit said tax shall be considered a taxpayer for purposes of assessment, collection, and enforcement of the tax imposed by this article.

(S) "Vendor" means:

(1) Any person making sales of tangible personal property or services in this state, the gross receipts or gross proceeds from which are taxed by this article; ~~or~~

(2) Any person maintaining a place of business in this state and making sales of tangible personal property or services, whether at the place of business or elsewhere, to persons within this state, the gross receipts or gross proceeds from which are taxed by this article; ~~or~~

(3) Any person who solicits business by employees, independent contractors, agents, or other representatives or by distribution of catalogs or other advertising matter, and thereby makes sales to persons within this state of tangible personal property or services,

the gross receipts or gross proceeds from which are taxed by this article; or

(4) Any person, pursuant to an agreement with the person with an ownership interest in or title to tangible personal property, who has been entrusted with the possession of any such property and has the power to designate who is to obtain title, to physically transfer possession of, or otherwise make sales of said property.

SECTION 23. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 1357, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1357), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1357. Exemption - General.

There are hereby specifically exempted from the tax levied by this article:

1. Transportation of school pupils to and from elementary schools or high schools in motor or other vehicles;
2. Transportation of persons where the fare of each person does not exceed One Dollar (\$1.00), or local transportation of persons within the corporate limits of a municipality except by taxicabs;
3. Sales for resale to persons engaged in the business of reselling the articles purchased, whether within or without the state, provided that such sales to residents of this state are made to persons to whom sales tax permits have been issued as provided in this article. This exemption shall not apply to the sales of articles made to persons holding permits when such persons purchase items for their use and which they are not regularly engaged in the business of reselling; neither shall this exemption apply to sales of tangible personal property to peddlers, solicitors and other salesmen who do not have an established place of business and a sales tax permit. The exemption provided by this paragraph shall apply to sales of motor fuel or diesel fuel to a Group Five vendor, but the use of such motor fuel or diesel fuel by the Group Five vendor shall not be exempt from the tax levied by this article. The

purchase of motor fuel or diesel fuel is exempt from sales tax when the motor fuel is for shipment outside this state and consumed by a common carrier by rail in the conduct of its business. The sales tax shall apply to the purchase of motor fuel or diesel fuel in Oklahoma by a common carrier by rail when such motor fuel is purchased for fueling, within this state, of any locomotive or other motorized flanged wheel equipment;

4. Sales of advertising space in newspapers and periodicals and billboard advertising service, and any advertising through the electronic media, including radio, television and cable television;

5. Eggs, feed, supplies, machinery and equipment purchased by persons regularly engaged in the business of raising worms, fish, any insect or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic animal life and used for the purpose of raising same for marketing. This exemption shall only be granted and extended to the purchaser when the items are to be used and in fact are used in the raising of animal life as set out above. Each purchaser shall certify, in writing, on the invoice or sales ticket retained by the vendor that he is regularly engaged in the business of raising such animal life and that the items purchased will be used only in such business. The vendor shall certify to the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the price of the items has been reduced to grant the full benefit of the exemption. Violation hereof by the purchaser or vendor shall be a misdemeanor;

6. Sale of natural or artificial gas and electricity when sold exclusively for residential use after December 31, 1980. Provided, nothing herein shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting cities and towns, and counties levying a tax pursuant to the provisions of Section 1370.2 of this title, from levying and collecting taxes on the sale of natural or artificial gas and electricity. Provided further, any sales tax levied by a city or town, or a county levying a tax pursuant to the provisions of Section 1370.2 of this title, on

natural or artificial gas and electricity shall be in effect regardless of ordinance or contractual provisions referring to previously imposed state sales tax on such items;

7. In addition to the exemptions authorized by Section 1357.6 of this title, sales of medicines or drugs prescribed for the treatment of human beings by a person licensed to prescribe the medicines or drugs. Provided, this exemption shall not apply to proprietary or patent medicines as defined by Section 353.1 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

8. Transfers of title or possession of empty, partially filled, or filled returnable oil and chemical drums to any person who is not regularly engaged in the business of selling, reselling or otherwise transferring empty, partially filled, or filled returnable oil drums;

9. Sales of one-way utensils, paper napkins, paper cups, disposable hot containers and other one-way carry out materials to a vendor of meals or beverages;

10. Sales of food or food products for home consumption which are purchased in whole or in part with coupons issued pursuant to the federal food stamp program as authorized by Sections 2011 through 2029 of Title 7 of the United States Code, as to that portion purchased with such coupons. The exemption provided for such sales shall be inapplicable to such sales upon the effective date of any federal law that removes the requirement of the exemption as a condition for participation by the State of Oklahoma in the federal food stamp program;

11. Sales of food or food products to or by an organization which:

- a. 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), and which provides and delivers prepared meals for home consumption to

elderly or homebound persons as part of a program commonly known as "Meals on Wheels" or "Mobile Meals", or

b. 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), and which receives federal funding pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, for the purpose of providing nutrition programs for the care and benefit of elderly persons;

12. Sales of tangible personal property or services to or by organizations which are 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), and which are primarily involved in the collection and distribution of food and other household products to other organizations which are 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), which facilitate the distribution of such products to the needy, except sales made in the course of business for profit or savings, competing with other persons engaged in the same or similar business;

13. Sales of computers, data processing equipment, related peripherals and telephone, telegraph or telecommunications service and equipment for use in a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility. For purposes of this paragraph, "qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility" means a new or expanding facility primarily engaged in aircraft repair, building or rebuilding whether or not on a factory basis, whose total cost of construction exceeds the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) and which employs at least two hundred fifty (250) new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, upon completion of the facility. In order to qualify for the exemption provided for by this paragraph, the cost

of said items purchased by the qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility shall equal or exceed the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00);

~~12.~~ 14. Sales of tangible personal property consumed or incorporated in the construction or expansion of a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility as defined in paragraph ~~11~~ 13 of this section. For purposes of this paragraph, sales made to a contractor or subcontractor that has previously entered into a contractual relationship with a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility for construction or expansion of such a facility shall be considered sales made to a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility;

~~13.~~ 15. Sales of any interstate telecommunications services which:

- a. entitle the subscriber to inward or outward calling respectively between a station associated with an access line in the local telephone system area or a station directly connected to any interexchange carrier's facilities and telephone or radiotelephone stations in diverse geographical locations specified by the subscriber, or
- b. entitle the subscriber to private communications services which allow exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group of channels between exchanges; and

~~14.~~ 16. Sales of railroad track spikes manufactured and sold for use in this state in the construction or repair of railroad tracks, switches, sidings and turnouts.

SECTION 24. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2105, as last amended by Section 45, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2105), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2105. An original or a transfer certificate of title shall be issued without the payment of the excise tax levied by Section 2101 et seq. of this title for:

1. Any vehicle owned by a nonresident person who operates principally in some other state but who is in Oklahoma only occasionally;

2. Any vehicle brought into this state by a person formerly living in another state, who has owned and registered said vehicle in such other state of his residence at least sixty (60) days prior to the time it is required to be registered in this state, provided however this paragraph shall not apply to businesses engaged in renting cars without a driver;

3. Any vehicle registered by the State of Oklahoma, or by any of the political subdivisions thereof, or a vehicle which is the subject of a lease or lease-purchase agreement executed between the person seeking an original or transfer certificate of title for the vehicle and a county. The person seeking an original or transfer certificate of title shall provide adequate proof that the vehicle is subject to a lease or lease-purchase agreement with a county at the time the excise tax levied would otherwise be payable. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall have the authority to determine what constitutes adequate proof as required by this section;

4. Any vehicle, the legal ownership of which is obtained by the applicant for a certificate of title by inheritance;

5. Any used motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer which is owned and being offered for sale by a person licensed as a dealer to sell the same, under the provisions of Section 1101 et seq. of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

- a. if such vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer has been registered in Oklahoma and the excise tax paid thereon, or

- b. when such vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer has been registered in some other state but is not the latest manufactured model.

Provided, the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed as allowing an exemption to any person not licensed as a dealer of used motor vehicles, travel trailers or commercial trailers or as an automotive dismantler and parts recycler in this state;

6. Any vehicle which was purchased by a person licensed to sell new or used motor vehicles in another state:

- a. if such vehicle is not purchased for operation or resale in this state, and
- b. the state from which the dealer is licensed offers reciprocal privileges to a dealer licensed in this state, pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between the duly authorized agent of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the licensing state;

7. Any vehicle, the ownership of which was obtained by the lienholder or mortgagee under or by foreclosure of a lien or mortgage in the manner provided by law or to the insurer under subrogated rights arising by reason of loss under an insurance contract;

8. Any vehicle which is taxed on an ad valorem basis;

9. Any vehicle or motor vehicle, the legal ownership of which is obtained by transfers:

- a. from one corporation to another corporation pursuant to a reorganization. As used in this subsection the term "reorganization" means:
 - (1) a statutory merger or consolidation, or
 - (2) the acquisition by a corporation of substantially all of the properties of another corporation when the consideration is solely all or a part of the

- voting stock of the acquiring corporation, or of its parent or subsidiary corporation,
- b. in connection with the winding up, dissolution or liquidation of a corporation only when there is a distribution in kind to the shareholders of the property of such corporation,
 - c. to a corporation where the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, in control of the corporation, and the stock or securities received by each is substantially in proportion to his interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer,
 - d. to a partnership if the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, members of such partnership and the interest in the partnership received by each is substantially in proportion to his interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer,
 - e. from a partnership to the members thereof when made in the dissolution of such partnership,
 - f. to a limited liability company if the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, members of the limited liability company and the interest in the limited liability company received by each is substantially in proportion to the interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer, or
 - g. from a limited liability company to the members thereof when made in the dissolution of such partnership;

10. Any vehicle which is purchased by a person to be used by a business engaged in renting motor vehicles without a driver, provided:

- a. the vehicle shall not be rented to the same person for a period exceeding ninety (90) days,
- b. any such vehicle exempted from the excise tax by these provisions shall not be placed under any type of lease agreement,
- c. on any such vehicle exempted from the excise tax by this subsection that is reregistered in this state, without a prior sale or transfer to the persons specified in divisions (1) and (2) of this subparagraph, at any time prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance of the original title, the seller shall pay immediately the amount of excise tax which would have been due had this exemption not been granted plus a penalty of twenty percent (20%). No such excise tax or penalty shall become due and payable if the vehicle is sold or transferred in a condition either physical or mechanical which would render it eligible for a salvage title pursuant to law or if the vehicle is sold and transferred in this state at any time prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months:
 - (1) to the manufacturer of the vehicle or its controlled financing arm, or
 - (2) to a factory authorized franchised new motor vehicle dealer which holds a franchise of the same line-make of the vehicle being purchased, or
- d. when this exemption is claimed, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall issue a special title which shall restrict the transfer of the title only within this

state prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months unless:

- (1) payment of the excise tax plus penalty as provided in this section is made,
- (2) the sale is made to a person specified in division (1) or (2) of subparagraph c of this paragraph, or
- (3) the vehicle is eligible for a salvage title.

For all other tax purposes vehicles herein exempted shall be treated as though the excise tax has been paid;

11. Any vehicle of the latest manufactured model, registered from a title in the name of the original manufacturer or assigned to the original manufacturer and issued by any state and transferred to a licensed, franchised Oklahoma motor vehicle dealer, as defined by Section 1102 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which holds a franchise of the same line-make as the vehicle being registered;

12. Any new motor vehicle, registered in the name of a manufacturer or dealer of new motor vehicles, for which a license plate has been issued pursuant to Section 1116.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, if such vehicle is authorized by the manufacturer or dealer for personal use by an individual. The authorization for such use shall not exceed four (4) months which shall not be renewed or the exemption provided by this subsection shall not be applicable. The exemption provided by this subsection shall not be applicable to a transfer of ownership or registration subsequent to the first registration of the vehicle by a manufacturer or dealer;

~~or~~

13. Any vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer of the latest manufacturer model purchased by a franchised Oklahoma dealer licensed to sell the same which holds a franchise of the same line-make as the vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer being registered; or

14. Any vehicle which is the subject of a lease or lease-purchase agreement and which the ownership of such vehicle is being obtained by the lessee, if the vehicle excise tax was paid at the time of the initial lease or lease-purchase agreement.

SECTION 25. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2357.22, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 271, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2357.22), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.22 A. There shall be allowed a one-time credit against the income tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property placed in service after December 31, 1990.

B. As used in this section, "qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property" means:

1. Equipment installed to modify a motor vehicle which is propelled by gasoline or diesel fuel so that the vehicle may be propelled by methanol, "M-85" which is a mixture of methanol and gasoline containing at least eighty-five percent (85%) methanol, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas or a combination of at least fifty percent (50%) natural gas;

2. A motor vehicle originally equipped to be propelled only by compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas, or to be propelled only by methanol or "M-85" but only to the extent of the portion of the basis of such motor vehicle which is attributable to the storage of such fuel, the delivery to the engine of such motor vehicle of such fuel, and the exhaust of gases from combustion of such fuel; or

3. Property which is directly related to the delivery of methanol, "M-85", compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by such fuel including compression equipment and storage tanks for such fuel at the point where such fuel is so delivered but only if such property is not used to deliver such fuel into any

other type of storage tank or receptacle and such fuel is not used for any purpose other than to propel a motor vehicle. However, property which is directly related to the delivery of methanol or "M-85" into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by such fuel as provided in this paragraph shall be used solely for the purpose of delivering methanol or "M-85" and no other purpose in order to claim the tax credit pursuant to this section. If the property is used for any other purpose than the delivery of methanol or "M-85", the tax credit shall immediately be refunded to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall inspect the property to determine whether the property is being used for the delivery of methanol or "M-85".

C. The credit provided for in subsection A of this section shall be fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property, except that for qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property placed in service on or after January 1, 1995, the credit provided for in subsection A of this section shall be twenty percent (20%) of the cost of the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property.

D. In cases where no credit has been claimed pursuant to subsection C of this section and in which a motor vehicle is purchased by a taxpayer with qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property installed by the manufacturer of such motor vehicle and the taxpayer is unable or elects not to determine the exact basis which is attributable to such property, the taxpayer may claim a credit in an amount not exceeding the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the cost of the motor vehicle or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

E. If the tax credit allowed pursuant to subsection A of this section exceeds the amount of income taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer, the amount of the credit not used as an offset against the income taxes of a

taxable year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent income tax liability for a period not to exceed three (3) years.

F. A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half (1/2) of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.

SECTION 26. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3-104, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3-104), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-104. The control of the State Department of Education and the supervision of the public school system of Oklahoma shall be vested in the State Board of Education and, subject to limitations otherwise provided by law, the State Board of Education shall:

1. Establish and prescribe the duties of an executive officer who shall be the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and whose duties shall include the responsibility to give advice and make recommendations to the Board on all matters pertaining to the policies and administration of the State Department of Education and the public school system;

2. Adopt policies and make rules for the operation of the State Department of Education and the public school system of the state;

3. Organize and have control of the administrative and supervisory agencies, divisions, personnel and their appointment and salaries and other operations necessary to carry out the powers, duties and functions of the Board and its executive officer;

4. Have authority to require the coordination of all divisions of the State Department of Education through its executive officer, delegate general supervision of all employees to its executive officer, require all recommendations to be presented through its executive officer, require its executive officer to be responsible for interpretation of the Board's policy, require any employee of the Board to present any specific matter directly to the Board;

5. Appoint, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of a secretary, an attorney and all other personnel necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the State Board of Education. The secretary shall not be a member of the Board;

6. Submit to the Governor a departmental budget based upon major functions of the Department supported by detailed data on needs and proposed operations as partially determined by the budgetary needs of local school districts filed with the State Board of Education for the ensuing fiscal year. Appropriations therefor shall be made in lump-sum form for each major item in the budget as follows:

- a. state aid to schools,
- b. the supervision of all other functions of general and special education including general control, free textbooks, school lunch, Indian education and all other functions of the Board and an amount sufficient to adequately staff and administer these services, and
- c. the Board shall determine the details by which the budget and the appropriations are administered.

Annually, the Board shall make preparations to consolidate all of the functions of the Department in such a way that the budget can be based on two items, administration and aid to schools. A maximum amount for administration shall be designated as a part of the total appropriation;

7. On the first day of December preceding each regular session of the Legislature, prepare and deliver to the Governor and the Legislature a report for the year ending June 30 immediately preceding said regular session of the Legislature. Said report shall contain:

- a. detailed statistical and other information concerning enrollment, attendance, expenditures including State

Aid, and other pertinent data for all public schools in this state,

- b. reports from each and every division, department, institution or other agency under the supervision of the Board,
- c. recommendations for the improvement of the public school system of the state,
- d. a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the State Board of Education for the past year, and
- e. a statement of plans and recommendations for the management and improvement of public schools and such other information relating to the educational interests of the state as may be deemed necessary and desirable;

8. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula, courses of study and other instructional aids necessary for the adequate instruction of pupils in the public schools;

9. Have full and exclusive authority in all matters pertaining to standards of qualifications and the certification of persons for instructional, supervisory and administrative positions and services in the public schools of the state, and shall formulate rules governing the issuance and revocation of certificates for ~~district~~ superintendents of schools, principals, supervisors, librarians, clerical employees, school nurses, school bus drivers, visiting teachers, classroom teachers and for other personnel performing instructional, administrative and supervisory services, but not including members of boards of education and other employees who do not work directly with pupils, and may charge and collect reasonable fees for the issuance of such certificates. All funds collected by the State Department of Education for the issuance of certificates to instructional, supervisory and administrative personnel in the public schools of the state shall be deposited in the "Teachers'

Certificate Fund" in the State Treasury and may be expended by the State Board of Education to reimburse the activities of the Educational Professional Standards Board for actual and necessary travel expenses as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act in attending meetings of the Board, its committees and subcommittees, for consultative services, publication costs, actual and necessary travel expenses as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act incurred by persons performing research work, and other expenses found necessary by the State Board of Education for the improvement of the preparation and certification of teachers in Oklahoma. Provided, that the requirements for a certificate for ~~district~~ superintendent of schools and principal shall include not less than a standard master's degree, such other professional education and requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education and a minimum of two (2) years' successful teaching, supervisory or administrative experience in public schools. Provided, further, that certificates may be revoked by the State Board of Education for willful violation of any rule of the State Board of Education or of any federal or state law or other proper cause but only after sufficient hearing has been given before the State Board of Education, provided that teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be used for renewal of a standard teaching certificate;

10. Promulgate rules governing the classification, inspection, supervision and accrediting of all public nursery, kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools in the state. However, no school shall be denied accreditation solely on the basis of average daily attendance.

Any school district which maintains an elementary school and faces the necessity of relocating its school facilities because of construction of a lake, either by state or federal authority, which will inundate the school facilities, shall be entitled to receive

probationary accreditation from the State Board of Education for a period of five (5) years after the effective date of this act and any school district, otherwise qualified, shall be entitled to receive probationary accreditation from the State Board of Education for a period of two (2) consecutive years to attain the minimum average daily attendance. The Head Start and public nurseries or kindergartens operated from Community Action Program funds shall not be subjected to the accrediting rules of the State Board of Education. Neither will the State Board of Education make rules affecting the operation of the public nurseries and kindergartens operated from federal funds secured through Community Action Programs even though they may be operating in the public schools of the state. However, any of the Head Start or public nurseries or kindergartens operated under federal regulations may make application for accrediting from the State Board of Education but will be accredited only if application for the approval of the programs is made. The status of no school district shall be changed which will reduce it to a lower classification until due notice has been given to the proper authorities thereof and an opportunity given to correct the conditions which otherwise would be the cause of such reduction.

Private and parochial schools may be accredited and classified in like manner as public schools, if application is made to the State Board of Education for such accrediting. No private, parochial or other nonpublic school may be accredited unless the members of the faculty hold state certificates as required of teachers in public schools and unless the standards of said schools comply in every respect with those prescribed for public schools;

11. Be the legal agent of the State of Oklahoma to accept, in its discretion, the provisions of any Act of Congress appropriating or apportioning funds which are now, or may hereafter be, provided for use in connection with any phase of the system of public

education in Oklahoma. It shall prescribe such rules as it finds necessary to provide for the proper distribution of such funds in accordance with the state and federal laws;

12. Be and is specifically hereby designated as the agency of this state to cooperate and deal with any officer, board or authority of the United States Government under any law of the United States which may require or recommend cooperation with any state board having charge of the administration of public schools unless otherwise provided by law;

13. Be and is hereby designated as the "State Educational Agency" referred to in Public Law 396 of the 79th Congress of the United States, which law states that said act may be cited as the "National School Lunch Act", and said State Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to accept the terms and provisions of said act and to enter into such agreements, not in conflict with the Constitution of Oklahoma or the Constitution and Statutes of the United States, as may be necessary or appropriate to secure for the State of Oklahoma the benefits of the school lunch program established and referred to in said act;

14. Have authority to secure and administer the benefits of the National School Lunch Act, Public Law 396 of the 79th Congress of the United States, in the State of Oklahoma and is hereby authorized to employ or appoint and fix the compensation of such additional officers or employees and to incur such expenses as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the above purpose, administer the distribution of any state funds appropriated by the Legislature required as federal matching to reimburse on children's meals;

15. Accept and provide for the administration of any land, money, buildings, gifts, donation or other things of value which may be offered or bequeathed to the schools under the supervision or control of said Board;

16. Have authority to require persons having administrative control of all school districts in Oklahoma to make such regular and special reports regarding the activities of the schools in said districts as the Board may deem needful for the proper exercise of its duties and functions. Such authority shall include the right of the State Board of Education to withhold all state funds under its control, to withhold official recognition, including accrediting, until such required reports have been filed and accepted in the office of said Board and to revoke the certificates of persons failing or refusing to make such reports;

17. Have general supervision of the school lunch program. The State Board of Education may sponsor workshops for personnel and participants in the school lunch program and may develop, print and distribute free of charge or sell any materials, books and bulletins to be used in such school lunch programs. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Board, to be designated the School Lunch Workshop Revolving Fund. The fund shall consist of all fees derived from or on behalf of any participant in any such workshop sponsored by the State Board of Education, or from the sale of any materials, books and bulletins, and such funds shall be disbursed for expenses of such workshops and for developing, printing and distributing of such materials, books and bulletins relating to the school lunch program. The fund shall be administered in accordance with the Revolving Fund Procedures Act;

18. Prescribe all forms for school district and county officers to report to the State Board of Education where required. The State Board of Education shall also prescribe a list of appropriation accounts by which the funds of school districts shall be budgeted, accounted for and expended; and it shall be the duty of the State Auditor and Inspector in prescribing all budgeting, accounting and reporting forms for school funds to conform to such lists;

19. Provide for the establishment of a uniform system of pupil and personnel accounting, records and reports;

20. Have authority to provide for the health and safety of school children and school personnel while under the jurisdiction of school authorities;

21. Provide for the supervision of the transportation of pupils;

22. Have authority, upon request of the local school board, to act in behalf of the public schools of the state in the purchase of transportation equipment;

23. Have authority and is hereby required to perform all duties necessary to the administration of the public school system in Oklahoma as specified in the Oklahoma School Code; and, in addition thereto, those duties not specifically mentioned herein if not delegated by law to any other agency or official;

24. Administer the State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund established by Section 32 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution. Any royalties, bonuses, rentals or other monies derived from oil and gas and all other mineral leases on lands that have been or may be granted by the United States to the state for the use and benefit of the common schools, or lands that are or may be held by the Commissioners of the Land Office for the use and benefit of the common schools, the proceeds of the sale of easements, improvements and sand and gravel on any such lands, the proceeds of all property that shall fall to the state by escheat, penalties for unlawful holding of real estate by corporations, and capital gains on assets of the permanent school funds, shall be deposited in such State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund, which shall be used to aid school districts in acquiring buildings under rules prescribed by the State Board of Education, as the administering agency, subject to the limitations fixed by Section 32 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution. The State

Board of Education shall prescribe rules for making grants of aid from, and for otherwise administering, such fund, and may employ and fix the duties and compensation of technicians, aides, clerks, stenographers, attorneys and other personnel deemed necessary to perform its duties; and the cost of administering such fund shall be paid from funds currently available for the operation of the State Department of Education. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Education, the Commissioners of the Land Office and all other public agencies, officers and employees to observe and comply with the provisions of this paragraph, in all respects; and they shall not be held liable for any amount, penalty or punishment for having done so, unless and until they are directed to do otherwise by a court of competent jurisdiction;

25. Recognize that the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall be the administrative authority for the schools which are maintained in the state reformatories and shall appoint the principals and teachers in such schools. Provided, that rules of the State Board of Education for the classification, inspection and accreditation of public schools shall be applicable to such schools; and such schools shall comply with standards set by the State Board of Education;

26. Have authority to administer a revolving fund which is hereby created in the State Treasury, to be designated the Statistical Services Revolving Fund. The fund shall consist of all monies received from the various school districts of the state, the United States Government, and other sources for the purpose of furnishing or financing statistical services and for any other purpose as designated by the Legislature. The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with school districts, municipalities, the United States Government, foundations and other agencies or individuals for services, programs or research projects. The Statistical Services Revolving Fund shall be

administered in accordance with the Revolving Fund Procedures Act, Section 155 et seq. of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

27. Have authority to review preliminary plans for new construction and major alteration of public school buildings where structural changes are proposed. No bids shall be let for the construction or major alteration of any public school building until preliminary plans and specifications for such construction or alteration have been submitted to and reviewed by the State Department of Education. The period of time during which such review is conducted by the State Department of Education shall not exceed thirty (30) days. The State Department of Education shall advise each local school district regarding said review of preliminary plans and specifications. Provided, nothing in this subsection shall be construed as repealing any ordinance or building code of any city, town or county.

SECTION 27. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 14-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 188, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 14-103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-103. The State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Have the supervision of the Department of Vocational and Technical Education of the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, which department shall keep its principal offices at Stillwater, and appoint and fix the compensation and duties of the Director and other personnel of such Department.

2. Have the supervision of the vocational and technical schools and colleges of Oklahoma, except Oklahoma State University of Technical Training at Okmulgee and the Oklahoma State University Technical Institutes at Oklahoma City and Stillwater, which, however, shall be eligible to participate in federal programs administered by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education as hereinafter provided.

3. Cooperate with, and enter into agreements with, and administer programs of, and receive federal funds from, the United States Department of Education and other federal agencies in matters relating to vocational and technical education, youth apprenticeship programs, and manpower training, and be the sole state agency for such purposes. Provided that, programs and funds made available through the Job Training Partnership Act, or its successor programs, shall be excluded.

4. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula, courses of study, and other instructional aids necessary for the adequate instruction of students in the vocational and technical schools and colleges of this state. It is the intent of the Legislature that instructional models for vocational students should include higher standards of academic work with increased emphasis on communication, computation and applied science.

5. Develop a plan to provide adequate vocational offerings accessible to all students having the ability to benefit.

6. Purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, materials, supplies and other property, real or personal, as may be necessary for the operation of the vocational and technical schools of this state, and provide for the maximum utilization of such property through a coordinated and cooperative use thereof, including transfer of title to real and personal property to an area vocational and technical school district for a reasonable cash consideration if said property is to be utilized in a vocational-technical program administered by the area vocational and technical district board of education. Any conveyance of real property for a reasonable consideration shall contain a reversionary clause by which the real property shall revert to the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education if the property ceases to be used in a vocational-technical program administered by the area vocational and technical district board of education.

7. Enter into such agreements and contracts with the State Board of Education, boards of trustees of community junior colleges, boards of education of independent and elementary school districts, boards of education of area school districts for vocational and/or technical schools, private educational or training institutions, public or private industry, and boards of directors of community action programs, as may be necessary or feasible for the furtherance of vocational and technical training within this state.

8. Cooperate and enter into agreements with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

9. Cooperate with the State Department of Education in developing hands-on career exploration activities for students in grades 6 through 10, integrating academic competencies into vocational instruction, and ensuring counseling of all students in order to minimize the number of students graduating from high school without having completed either a vocational-technical program or college preparation.

10. Develop and periodically update a plan to allow teacher training and the purchase and installation of technological equipment necessary to modernize vocational educational programs.

11. Accept and provide for the administration of any land, money, buildings, gifts, funds, donations or other things of value which may be offered or bequeathed to the schools or colleges under the supervision or control of said Board.

12. Enter into cooperative arrangements with one or more other states for the conduct and administration of programs, services and activities.

13. Cooperate whenever possible, to avoid any duplication of training programs with any established training program registered by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor.

SECTION 28. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 85.12, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, 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:

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~~ Acquisition of products and services by ~~Oklahoma Medical Center~~ the University Hospitals and the University Hospitals Authority. The ~~Commission for Human Services~~ Authority shall develop standards for the ~~purchase~~ acquisition of products and services and may elect to utilize Central Purchasing when appropriate. Such standards shall foster economy, short response time, and shall include appropriate safeguards and written records to assure appropriate competition and economical and efficient purchasing and shall be approved by the Director of Central 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 Section 5009.1 et seq. of this title and Section 5066.4 of this title;

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;

23. Contracts for managed health care services entered into by the state entity designated by law or the Department of Human Services, as specified in paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 3 of the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options Act;

24. Purchases of products by the Forestry Service of the State Department of Agriculture as authorized by the federal General Services Administration through a General Services Administration contract or other federal contract if the item is not on current state contract or the terms of such federal contract are more favorable to the agency than the terms of a state contract for the same products;

25. Purchases amounting to less than that requiring competitive bid pursuant to Section 85.7 of this title. The Director of Central Services 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; and

26. Purchases or acquisitions of clothing for clients of the Department of Human Services and purchases and acquisitions of food for group homes operated by the Department of Human Services.

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, the University Hospitals Authority and the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority shall be subject to approval by the Director of the Department of Central Services, and said Director shall make periodic audits of the purchasing policies and procedures of the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority, the University Hospitals Authority and the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority to ~~assure~~ ensure that said purchasing policies and procedures, as approved ~~by him~~, are being followed.

SECTION 29. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 250.6, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 250.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 250.6 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education establish a maximum annual salary for the Chancellor for Higher Education and presidents of universities and colleges. The maximum salary and expense allowance should not exceed the salary and maintenance of Governor's Mansion established for the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

(b) State officers and employees shall not be paid any salary, fee, wage, remuneration, expense allowance, or other compensation on warrants issued by the State Treasurer except when claim for payment is made on the prescribed payroll form of the agency for which services are performed, except ~~reimbursement~~:

1. Reimbursement for travel expenses incurred on official state business shall be made as provided by statute on approved travel claims; and

2. Reimbursement for officials and employees of the state, for miscellaneous emergency purchases or other purchases not available through their agency's normal purchasing process, shall be on approved miscellaneous claims. Provided, such reimbursements shall be subject to the agency head's approval; must be accompanied by evidence of payments; and the purchases must not otherwise be restricted by state statutes. Reimbursements which exceed One

Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per claim shall include a written statement of justification for the purchase as support documentation for the claim.

Nothing in this section is intended to keep a state agency from being reimbursed for services performed by employees of one agency for another.

Nothing in this section shall affect the method of payment of any expense allowance to any state officer or employee specifically authorized by statute, or the payment to uniformed employees for maintenance and cleaning of uniforms, ~~or the payment of specified statutory amounts to board or commission members~~ where the payment is made under an accountable plan as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 30. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 840.8, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 840.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 840.8 The following offices, positions, and personnel comprise the exempt unclassified service:

1. Persons chosen by popular vote or appointment to fill an elective office, and their employees, except the employees of the Corporation Commission, the State Department of Education and the Department of Labor;

2. Members of boards and commissions, and heads of agencies; also one principal assistant or deputy and one executive secretary for each state agency;

3. All judges, elected or appointed, and their employees;

4. Federally funded time-limited employees hired for the specific purpose of providing public service employment or one-time special or research project services for a limited period of time and shall not exceed the period of time for which that specific federal funding is provided;

5. All officers and employees of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, State Board of Education and State Department of Vocational and Technical Education;

6. Persons employed in a professional or scientific capacity to make or conduct a temporary and special inquiry, investigation, or examination on behalf of the Legislature or a committee thereof or by authority of the Governor;

7. Election officials and employees;

8. Temporary employees employed to work less than one thousand (1,000) hours in any twelve-month period. This category of employees shall include persons employed on an intermittent, provisional, seasonal, temporary or emergency basis;

9. Temporary lake patrol officers, regardless of the number of hours worked, who are employed by the Department of Public Safety during the period March 16 through October 31 in any calendar year; provided, the hours worked shall be considered in determining the temporary employee's eligibility for subsequent employment in any other unclassified temporary employment category;

10. Professional trainees only during the prescribed length of their course of training or extension study;

11. Students who are employed on a part-time basis, which shall be seventy-five percent (75%) of a normal forty-hour work week or thirty (30) hours per week, or less, or on a full-time basis if the employment is pursuant to a cooperative education program such as that provided for under Title I IV-D of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a-1087c), as amended, and who are regularly enrolled in:

- a. an institution of higher learning within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,
- b. an institution of higher learning qualified to become coordinated with said State System of Higher Education. For purposes of this act a student shall

be considered a regularly enrolled student if he or she is enrolled in a minimum of five (5) hours of accredited graduate courses or a minimum of ten (10) hours of accredited undergraduate courses, provided, however, the student shall only be required to be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) hours of accredited undergraduate courses during the summer, and such student is regularly attending classes during that semester of employment, or

- c. high school students regularly enrolled in a high school in Oklahoma and regularly attending classes during such time of enrollment;

12. The spouses of personnel who are employed on a part-time basis to assist or work as a relief for their spouses in the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department;

13. Service substitute attendants who are needed to replace museum and site attendants who are unavoidably absent. Service substitutes may work as part-time or full-time relief for absentees for a period of not more than four (4) weeks per year in the Oklahoma Historical Society sites and museums; such substitutes will not count towards the agency's Full-Time-Equivalent Employee Limit;

14. Employees of State Capitol cafeterias;

15. Employees of either the House of Representatives or the State Senate;

16. Grand River Dam Authority personnel occupying the following offices and positions:

- a. the general manager, assistant general managers, secretaries to the general manager, and assistant general managers,
- b. the chief engineer and the engineers, superintendents, and assistant superintendents,

- c. the general counsel and the attorneys on the general counsel's staff,
- d. the secretary,
- e. the treasurer,
- f. rate analysts, and
- g. unclassified employees hired prior to May 1, 1989, who hold engineering job titles but who are not registered engineers, provided said persons are reassigned nonengineering job titles. At such time as the positions occupied by said unclassified employees are vacated, the positions shall revert to the classified service;

17. Oklahoma Tax Commission personnel occupying the following offices and positions:

- a. all revenue administrators, the budget officer and the comptroller of the Tax Commission,
- b. all administrators and unit managers in the Management Information Services Division,
- c. all Computer Programming Systems Specialist positions,
- d. all Data Processing Programmer Analyst Supervisor and Data Processing Programmer Analyst III positions,
- e. all Public Affairs Officer and Assistant Public Affairs Officer positions,
- f. Public Information Officer, and
- g. all Tax Economist positions;

18. Corporation Commission personnel occupying the following offices and positions:

- a. administrative assistant, administrative aides, and executive secretaries to the Commissioners,
- b. Directors of all the divisions, and
- c. General Counsel;

19. State Department of Education personnel occupying the following offices and positions:

- a. Administrative Assistants,
- b. Informational Representatives III,
- c. Driver Educational Electronics Technician,
- d. Media Technical Assistants,
- e. Executive Secretaries,
- f. Accounting Supervisor,
- g. Supervisor of Records,
- h. Supervisor of Printing Services,
- i. Migrant Records Transfer System Representative,
- j. Financial Managers, and
- k. in addition to the State Department of Education offices and positions listed in this paragraph, any and all offices and positions within the State Department of Education for which the annual salary is Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$21,943.00) or more shall also be in the unclassified service of this state.

Nothing in this paragraph is intended to change the status, whether classified or unclassified, of any person employed by the Department of Education prior to May 1, 1989. No position shall become unclassified while it is occupied by a classified employee because of any change in salary or grade. Hereafter, any position paid an annual salary of Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$21,943.00) or more shall be in the unclassified service upon being vacated;

20. At the option of the employing agency, the Supervisor, Director, or Educational Coordinator in any other state agency having a primary responsibility to coordinate educational programs operated for children in state institutions;

21. Bill Willis Community Mental Health Center personnel occupying the following offices and positions:

- a. Director of Facility,
- b. Deputy Director for Administration,
- c. Clinical Services Director, and
- d. Executive Secretary to Director;

22. The State Comptroller, Office of the Director of State Finance;

23. Employees of the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority;

24. Those positions so specified in the annual business plan of the Department of Commerce;

25. Those positions so specified in the annual business plan of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology;

26. The following positions and employees of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics:

- a. positions for which the annual salary is Twenty-four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$24,193.00) or more, as determined by the Office of Personnel Management, provided no position shall become unclassified because of any change in salary or grade while it is occupied by a classified employee,
- b. positions requiring certification by the State Department of Education, and
- c. positions and employees authorized to be in the unclassified service of the state elsewhere in this section or in Section 840.10 of this title;

27. State Insurance Fund personnel occupying the following offices and positions:

- a. Commissioner,
- b. Deputy Commissioner,
- c. Administrative Assistants to the Commissioner,

- d. Executive Secretaries to the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner,
- e. Law Clerks and Legal Assistants,
- f. Special Counsel,
- g. General Counsel,
- h. Medical Analysts Supervisor,
- i. Medical Analysts,
- j. Field Adjusters,
- k. Investment Officer, and
- l. Collections Attorneys;

28. The Carl Albert Internship Program Coordinator within the Office of Personnel Management;

29. Department of Corrections personnel occupying the following offices and positions:

- a. Associate Director,
- b. Executive Secretary,
- c. General Counsel,
- d. Assistant General Counsel,
- e. Deputy Director,
- f. Public Information Officer,
- g. Personnel Manager,
- h. Administrator of Planning and Research,
- i. Administrator of Finance and Accounting,
- j. Executive Assistant,
- k. Administrator of Information Services,
- l. Affirmative Action Officer,
- m. System Development Manager,
- n. Computer Operations Manager,
- o. Training Director,
- p. Assistant Training Director,
- q. Administrator of Construction and Maintenance,
- r. Administrative Assistant,

- s. Secretary,
- t. Administrator of Classification and Programs,
- u. Coordinator of Facility Classification,
- v. Mediation Coordinator,
- w. Inspector General,
- x. Medical Director,
- y. Psychiatrist,
- z. Physician,
- aa. Optometrist,
- ab. Dental Services Supervisor,
- ac. Dentist,
- ad. Psychologist,
- ae. Administrator of Dietary Services,
- af. Warden I,
- ag. Warden II,
- ah. Warden III,
- ai. Deputy Warden I,
- aj. Deputy Warden II,
- ak. Deputy Warden III,
- al. Community Treatment Center Superintendent,
- am. Community Treatment Center Assistant Superintendent,
- an. Probation and Parole District Supervisor,
- ao. Probation and Parole Assistant District Supervisor,
- ap. Administrator of Human Resources,
- aq. Facility Staffing Pattern Analyst,
- ar. Correctional School Superintendent,
- as. Regional Director,
- at. Assistant Regional Director,
- au. Chief of Operations, and
- av. Chief Psychologist;

30. Department of Corrections personnel occupying the following offices and positions as representatives of the Oklahoma State Industries:

- a. Administrator of Industrial Production,
- b. Administrator of Agriculture Production,
- c. OSI Sales Representative,
- d. OSI Sales Manager, and
- e. Marketing Manager.

The positions listed in this paragraph shall be funded from the Department of Corrections Industries' Revolving Fund only. In addition to the regular salary, any unclassified sales representative of the Oklahoma State Industries of the Department of Corrections who is responsible for obtaining a contract for products manufactured or services provided by prison industries may, at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Corrections, be awarded additional compensation of not more than five percent (5%) of the total amount of said contracts but not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year. This compensation may be in addition to the salary of the employee and may be paid in one lump sum from any funds available to the Department of Corrections. No such compensation shall be made unless funds are available. Funds for payment of any compensation awards shall be encumbered to the extent of the awards.

Incumbents in positions listed in paragraph 29 of this section and in this paragraph that are classified under the Merit System of Personnel Administration on the effective date of this act shall have the option of remaining in their classified status under the Merit System of Personnel Administration. Incumbents that choose to accept unclassified appointments shall so signify in writing. All future appointees to these positions shall be unclassified.

Incumbents that choose to remain in the classified service under the Merit System of Personnel Administration shall be subject to all

rules and procedures of the Merit System of Personnel Administration. By the end of the first full work week of each month, the Director of the Department of Corrections shall submit to the Director of State Finance a report listing the total number of part-time employees employed during the preceding month, the positions for which they were employed, and the number of hours worked for each part-time position;

31. Department of Labor personnel occupying the following offices and positions:

- a. Deputy Commissioner,
- b. Executive Secretary to the Commissioner,
- c. Chief of Staff, and
- d. Administrative Assistant, Legal;

32. The State Bond Advisor and his employees;

33. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission employees occupying the following positions:

- a. Associate Director,
- b. Secretary to the Associate Director, and
- c. Assistant to the Executive Director;

34. Oklahoma Human Rights Commission personnel occupying the position of Administrative Assistant; ~~and~~

35. The officers and employees of the State Banking Department; and

36. Officers and employees of the University Hospitals Authority except personnel in the state classified service pursuant to Section 3211 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 31. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 902, as last amended by Section 15, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 902), is amended to read as follows:

Section 902. As used in this act:

(1) "System" means the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System as established by this act and as it may hereafter be amended;

(2) "Accumulated contributions" means the sum of all contributions by a member to the System which shall be credited to the member's account;

(3) "Act" means Sections 901 to 932, inclusive, of this title;

(4) "Actuarial equivalent" means a deferred income benefit of equal value to the accumulated deposits or benefits when computed upon the basis of the actuarial tables in use by the System;

(5) "Actuarial tables" means the actuarial tables approved and in use by the Board at any given time;

(6) "Actuary" means the actuary or firm of actuaries employed by the Board at any given time;

(7) "Agent" means the individual designated by each participating employer through whom System transactions and communication shall be directed;

(8) "Beneficiary" means any person named by a member to receive any benefits as provided for by this act. If there is no beneficiary living at time of member employee's death, his estate shall be the beneficiary;

(9) "Board" means the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees;

(10) "Compensation" means all salary and wages, including amounts deferred under deferred compensation agreements entered into between a member and a participating employer, but exclusive of payment for overtime, payable to a member of the System for personal services performed for a participating employer, including maintenance, or any allowance in lieu thereof provided a member as a part of compensation but shall not include compensation or reimbursement for traveling, or moving expenses, or except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, any compensation in excess of

Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per annum which shall be the maximum compensation level. An active member of the System may elect to have a maximum compensation level of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) per annum. Such an election shall be made in writing and filed with the System. Any member, who at the time the member was eligible to make an election to increase the member's maximum compensation level failed to make an election or chose not to increase the maximum compensation level of the member to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), may elect to increase the member's maximum compensation level if the election is made within three (3) years of the member's initial opportunity to make the election. Any such member making the election shall pay to the System the amount of contribution the member would have paid had the member made the election on January 1, 1988. Any member, who at the time the member was eligible to make an election to increase the member's maximum compensation level chose to increase the compensation level of the member to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), may elect to decrease the member's maximum compensation level to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) if the election is made within three (3) years of the initial election to increase the maximum compensation level. Upon the receipt of the election to reduce the maximum compensation level, the Board shall pay to the member the contribution made by the member in excess of the contribution required on a maximum compensation level of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) within sixty (60) days of said election. Members whose salaries exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) after the effective date of this act shall file the election when the salary exceeds Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). Any such election by a member shall be irrevocable. Salary shall include any amount of elective salary reduction under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any amount of non-elective salary reduction under Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. A member who

has voluntarily elected to contribute at the maximum compensation level, upon retirement, shall be refunded, pursuant to procedures established by the Board, the employee contributions made on compensation which is in excess of the final average compensation of the member and was not used to determine the member's final average compensation;

(11) "Credited service" means the sum of participating service, prior service and elected service;

(12) "Dependent" means a parent, child, or spouse of a member who is dependent upon the member for at least one-half (1/2) of his support;

(13) "Effective date" means the date upon which the System becomes effective by operation of law;

(14) "Eligible employer" means the state and any county, county hospital, city or town, conservation districts, and any public or private trust in which a county, city or town participates and is the primary beneficiary is to be an eligible employer for the purpose of this act only, whose employees are covered by Social Security and are not covered by or eligible for another retirement plan authorized under the laws of this state which is in operation on the initial entry date. Emergency medical service districts may join the System upon proper application to the Board. Provided affiliation by a county hospital shall be in the form of a resolution adopted by the board of control.

(a) If a class or several classes of employees of any above-defined employers are covered by Social Security and are not covered by or eligible for and will not become eligible for another retirement plan authorized under the laws of this state, which is in operation on the effective date, such employer shall be deemed an eligible employer, but only with respect to that class

or those classes of employees as defined in this section.

- (b) A class or several classes of employees who are covered by Social Security and are not covered by or eligible for and will not become eligible for another retirement plan authorized under the laws of this state, which is in operation on the effective date, and when the qualifications for employment in such class or classes are set by state law; and when such class or classes of employees are employed by county or municipal government pursuant to such qualifications; and when the services provided by such employees are of such nature that they qualify for matching by or contributions from state or federal funds administered by an agency of state government which qualifies as a participating employer, then the agency of state government administering the state or federal funds shall be deemed an eligible employer, but only with respect to that class or those classes of employees as defined in this subsection; provided, that the required contributions to the retirement plan may be withheld from the contributions of state or federal funds administered by the state agency and transmitted to the System on the same basis as the employee and employer contributions are transmitted for the direct employees of the state agency. The retirement or eligibility for retirement under the provisions of law providing pensions for service as a volunteer fire fighter shall not render any person ineligible for participation in the benefits provided for in this act. An employee of any public or private trust in which a county, city or town participates and

is the primary beneficiary shall be deemed to be an eligible employee for the purpose of this act only;

(15) "Employee" means any officer or employee of a participating employer, whose employment is not seasonal or temporary and whose employment requires at least one thousand (1,000) hours of work per year and whose salary or wage is equal to the hourly rate of the monthly minimum wage for state employees as provided in Section 284 of this title. For those eligible employers outlined in Section 910 of this title, the rate shall be equal to the hourly rate of the monthly minimum wage for that employer. Each employer, whose minimum wage is less than the state's minimum wage, shall inform the System of the minimum wage for that employer. This notification shall be by resolution of the governing body.

(a) Any employee of the county extension agents who is not currently participating in the Teachers' Retirement System shall be a member of this System.

(b) Eligibility shall not include any employee who is a contributing member of the United States Civil Service Retirement System.

(c) It shall be mandatory for an officer, appointee or employee of the office of district attorney to become a member of this System if he is not currently participating in a county retirement system. Provided further, that if an officer, appointee or employee of the office of district attorney is currently participating in such county retirement system, he is ineligible for this System as long as he is eligible for such county retirement system. Any eligible officer, appointee or employee of the office of district attorney shall be given credit for prior service as defined in this section. The provisions outlined in Section 917 of this title shall apply to

those employees who have previously withdrawn their contributions.

- (d) Eligibility shall also not include any officer or employee of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, except for those officers and employees of the Commission electing to transfer to this System pursuant to the provisions of Section 910.1 of this title or any other class of officers or employees specifically exempted by the laws of this state, unless there be a consolidation as provided by Section 912 of this title. Employees of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission who are ineligible for enrollment in the Employment Security Commission Retirement Plan, that was in effect on January 1, 1964, shall become members of this System.
- (e) Any employee employed by the Legislative Service Bureau, State Senate or House of Representatives for the full duration of a regular legislative session shall be eligible for membership in the System regardless of classification as a temporary employee and may participate in the System during the regular legislative session at the option of the employee. For purposes of this subsection, the determination of whether an employee is employed for the full duration of a regular legislative session shall be made by the Legislative Service Bureau if such employee is employed by the Legislative Service Bureau, the State Senate if such employee is employed by the State Senate, or by the House of Representatives if such employee is employed by the House of Representatives. Once such an employee makes a choice to participate or not, the choice shall be binding for all future

legislative sessions during which the employee is employed. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, any employee, who is eligible for membership in the System because of the provisions of this subsection and who was employed by the State Senate or House of Representatives after January 1, 1989, may file an election, in a manner specified by the Board, to participate as a member of the System prior to September 1, 1989. Each regular legislative session during which a legislative employee or an employee of the Legislative Service Bureau participates full time shall be counted as six (6) months of full-time participating service. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, a temporary legislative session employee who elected to become a member of the System may withdraw from the System effective the day said employee elected to participate in the System upon written request to the Board. Any such request must be received by the Board prior to October 1, 1990. All employee contributions made by the temporary legislative session employee shall be returned to the employee without interest within four (4) months of receipt of the written request;

(16) "Entry date" means the date as of which an eligible employer joins the System. The first entry date pursuant to this act shall be January 1, 1964;

(17) "Executive Director" means the managing officer of the System employed by the Board under this act;

(18) "Final average compensation" means the average annual salary, including amounts deferred under deferred compensation agreements entered into between a member and a participating employer, up to, but not exceeding the allowable amounts defined in

subsection (10) of this section received during any three (3) of the last ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) years of participating service immediately preceding retirement or termination of employment, or, if participating service is less than three (3) years, the average annual compensation up to but not exceeding the allowable amounts defined in subsection (10) of this section paid to the member during the full period of participating service. Provided, no member shall retire with a final average salary in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) unless the member has made the required election and has paid the required contributions on such salary in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00);

(19) "Fiscal year" means the period commencing July 1 of any year and ending June 30 of the next year;

(20) "Fund" means the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement Fund as created by this act;

(21) "Leave of absence" means a period of absence from employment without pay, authorized and approved by the employer and acknowledged to the Board, and which after the effective date does not exceed two (2) years;

(22) "Member" means an eligible employee or elected official who is in the System and is making the required employee or elected official contributions, or any former employee or elected official who shall have made the required contributions to the System and shall have not received a refund or withdrawal;

(23) "Military service" means service in the Armed Forces of the United States in time of war or national emergency, as defined in Section 67.13a of Title 72, from which the member was honorably discharged;

(24) "Normal retirement date" means the date on which a member may retire with full retirement benefits as provided in this act, such date being whichever occurs first:

- (a) the first day of the month coinciding with or following a member's sixty-second birthday;
- (b) for any person who became a member prior to July 1, 1992, the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date at which the sum of a member's age and number of years of credited service total eighty (80);
- (c) for any person who became a member after June 30, 1992, the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date at which the sum of a member's age and number of years of credited service total ninety (90); or
- (d) in addition to subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this paragraph, the first day of the month coinciding with or following a member's fiftieth birthday if the member has at least twenty (20) years of full-time-equivalent employment as a correctional or probation and parole officer with the Department of Corrections and at the time of retirement, the member was a correctional or probation and parole officer with the Department of Corrections;

(25) "Participating employer" means an eligible employer who has agreed to make contributions to the System on behalf of its employees;

(26) "Participating service" means the period of employment after the entry date for which credit is granted a member;

(27) "Prior service" means the period of employment of a member by an eligible employer prior to his entry date for which credit is granted a member under this act;

(28) "Retirant" means a member who has retired under the System;

(29) "Retirement benefit" means a monthly income with benefits accruing from the first day of the month coinciding with or following retirement and ending on the last day of the month in which death occurs or the actuarial equivalent thereof paid in such manner as specified by the member pursuant to this act or as otherwise allowed to be paid at the discretion of the Board;

(30) "Social Security" means the old-age survivors and disability section of the Federal Social Security Act;

(31) "Total disability" means a physical or mental disability accepted for disability benefits by the Federal Social Security System;

(32) "Service-connected disability benefits" means military service benefits which are for a service-connected disability rated at twenty percent (20%) or more by the Veterans Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States;

(33) "Elected official" means a person elected to a state office in the legislative or executive branch of state government or a person elected to a county office for a definite number of years and shall include an individual who is appointed to fill the unexpired term of an elected state official;

(34) "Elected service" means the period of service as an elected official; and

(35) "Limitation year" means the year used in applying the limitations of Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which year shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 32. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1363), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1363. The following words and phrases as used in this act, unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

1. "Authority" means the Oklahoma Health Care Authority;

~~2.~~ 2. "Basic plan" means the plan that provides the least amount of benefits each participant is required to purchase pursuant to the provisions of the plan. The basic plan shall include only health, dental, disability and life benefits;

~~2.~~ 3. "Benefit" means any of the benefits which may be purchased or is required to be purchased under the plan;

~~3.~~ 4. "Benefit plan" means the specific terms and conditions regarding a benefit which may be purchased under the plan, including the terms and conditions of any separate plan document, group insurance policy or administrative services contract entered into by the Council;

~~4.~~ 5. "Benefit price" means the number of flexible benefit dollars needed to purchase a benefit under the plan;

~~5.~~ 6. "Board" means the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, as created by the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act;

~~6.~~ 7. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, from time to time;

~~7.~~ 8. "Compensation" means the remuneration directly paid to a participating employee by a participating employer exclusive of overtime pay, and longevity pay, calculated prior to and without regard to adjustments arising out of an employee's participation in the plan authorized pursuant to this act, or amounts deferred under the tax sheltered income deferral plans as authorized by Section 1701 et seq. of this title;

~~8.~~ 9. "Council" means the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council, as created by this act;

~~9.~~ 10. "Default benefit" means any benefit a participant who fails to make a proper election under the plan shall be deemed to have purchased;

~~10.~~ 11. "Dependent" means a participant's spouse or any of his or her dependents as defined in Code Section 152 and regulations promulgated thereunder;

~~11.~~ 12. "Flexible benefit allowance" means the annual amounts credited by the participating employer for each participant for the purchase of benefits under the plan;

~~12.~~ 13. "Flexible benefit dollars" means the sum of the flexible benefit allowance and pay conversion dollars allocated by a participant pursuant to provisions of the plan;

~~13.~~ 14. "Participant" means any officer or employee of a participating employer who is a member of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System, the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System or the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, any officer or employee of a participating employer, whose employment is not seasonal or temporary and whose employment requires at least one thousand (1,000) hours of work per year and whose salary and wage is equal to or greater than the hourly wage for state employees as provided in Section 284 of this title, and any employee of a participating employer who is a member of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma;

~~14.~~ 15. "Participating employer" means any state agency, board, commission, department, institution, authority, officer, bureau, council, office or other entity created by the Oklahoma Constitution or statute that is a participating employer of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System, the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System or the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, but shall not include any county, county hospital, city or town, conservation district, any private or public trust in which a county, city or town participates and is the primary beneficiary, any school district or vocational-technical school district, or political subdivision of the state, but shall include the State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife

Conservation, the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma and the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education. Provided the term "participating employer" shall also mean the State Regents for Higher Education or any institution under the authority of the State Regents for Higher Education upon agreement between the State Regents for Higher Education or the appropriate governing board of an institution under the authority of the State Regents for Higher Education and the Council;

~~15.~~ 16. "Pay conversion dollars" means amounts by which a participant elects to reduce his compensation to purchase benefits under the plan;

~~16.~~ 17. "Plan" means the flexible benefits plan authorized pursuant to the State Employees Flexible Benefits Act as modified by the provisions of this act;

~~17.~~ 18. "Plan year" means the twelve-month period commencing on July 1 and ending on the following June 30;

~~18.~~ 19. "Salary Adjustment Agreement" means a written agreement between a participant and participating employer whereby the employer agrees to adjust the salary of the participant by a stated amount or an amount equal to the cost of benefits selected under the plan and the participating employer agrees to contribute such amount to cover certain costs of the benefits selected by the participant to the Council; and

~~19.~~ 20. "Termination" means the termination of a participant's employment as an employee of a participating employer, whether by reasons of discharge, voluntary termination, retirement, death or reduction-in-force.

SECTION 33. AMENDATORY 85 O.S. 1991, Section 3, as last amended by Section 51, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 1993 (85 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3. As used in the Workers' Compensation Act:

1. "Administrator" means the Administrator of workers' compensation as provided for in the Workers' Compensation Act.

2. "Court" means the Workers' Compensation Court.

3. "Employer", except when otherwise expressly stated, means a person, partnership, association, limited liability company, corporation, and the legal representatives of a deceased employer, or the receiver or trustee of a person, partnership, association, corporation, or limited liability company, departments, instrumentalities and institutions of this state and divisions thereof, counties and divisions thereof, public trusts, boards of education and incorporated cities or towns and divisions thereof, employing a person included within the term "employee" as herein defined.

4. "Employee" means any person engaged in the employment of any person, firm, limited liability company or corporation covered by the terms of the Workers' Compensation Act, and shall include workers associating themselves together under an agreement for the performance of a particular piece of work, in which event such persons so associating themselves together shall be deemed employees of the person having the work executed; provided, that if such associated workers shall employ a worker in the execution of such contract, then as to such employed worker, both the associated employees and the principal employer shall at once become subject to the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act relating to independent contractors. Sole proprietors, members of a partnership, members of a limited liability company who own at least ten percent (10%) of the capital of the limited liability company or any stockholder-employees of a corporation who own ten percent (10%) or more stock in the corporation are specifically excluded from the foregoing definition of "employee", and shall not be deemed to be employees as respects the benefits of the Workers' Compensation Act. Provided, a sole proprietor, member of a partnership, member of a

limited liability company who owns at least ten percent (10%) of the capital of the limited liability company or any stockholder-employee of a corporation who owns ten percent (10%) or more stock in the corporation who does not so elect to be covered by a policy of insurance covering benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act, when acting as a subcontractor, shall not be eligible to be covered under the prime contractor's policy of workers' compensation insurance; however, nothing herein shall relieve the entities enumerated from providing workers' compensation insurance coverage for their employees. Sole proprietors, members of a partnership, members of a limited liability company who own at least ten percent (10%) of the capital of the limited liability company or any stockholder-employees of a corporation who own ten percent (10%) or more stock in the corporation may elect to include the sole proprietors, any or all of the partnership members, any or all of the limited liability company members or any or all stockholder-employees as employees, if otherwise qualified, by endorsement to the policy specifically including them under any policy of insurance covering benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act. When so included the sole proprietors, members of a partnership, members of a limited liability company or any or all stockholder-employees shall be deemed to be employees as respects the benefits of the Workers' Compensation Act. "Employee" shall also include any person who is employed by the departments, instrumentalities and institutions of this state and divisions thereof, counties and divisions thereof, public trusts, boards of education and incorporated cities or towns and divisions thereof. "Employee" shall also include a member of the Oklahoma National Guard while in the performance of duties only while in response to state orders and any authorized voluntary or uncompensated worker, rendering services as a fire fighter, peace officer or civil defense worker. "Employee" shall also include a participant in a sheltered

workshop program which is certified by the United States Department of Labor. "Employee" shall not include a person, commonly referred to as an owner-operator, who owns or leases a truck-tractor or truck for hire, if the owner-operator actually operates the truck-tractor or truck and if the person contracting with the owner-operator is not the lessor of the truck-tractor or truck. Provided however, an owner-operator shall not be precluded from workers' compensation coverage under the Workers' Compensation Act if the owner-operator elects to participate as a sole proprietor.

5. "Employment" includes work or labor in a trade, business, occupation or activity carried on by an employer for pecuniary gain or any authorized voluntary or uncompensated worker rendering services as a fire fighter, peace officer or civil defense worker.

6. "Compensation" means the money allowance payable to an employee as provided for in the Workers' Compensation Act.

7. a. "Injury" or "personal injury" means only accidental injuries arising out of and in the course of employment and such disease or infection as may naturally result therefrom and occupational disease arising out of and in the course of employment as herein defined. Provided, only injuries having as their source a risk not purely personal but one that is reasonably connected with the conditions of employment shall be deemed to arise out of the employment.

b. "Injury" or "personal injury" includes heart-related or perivascular injury, illness or death if resultant from stress in excess of that experienced by a person in the conduct of everyday living. Such stress must arise out of and in the course of a claimant's employment.

c. "Injury" or "personal injury" shall not include mental injury that is unaccompanied by physical injury.

8. "Wages" means the money rate at which the service rendered is recompensed under the contract of hiring in force at the time of the injury, including the reasonable value of board, rent, housing, lodging, or similar advantage received from the employer.

9. "Insurance carrier" shall include stock corporations, reciprocal or interinsurance associations, or mutual associations with which employers have insured, and employers permitted to pay compensation, directly under the provisions of paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 61 of this title.

10. "Occupational disease" means only that disease or illness which is due to causes and conditions characteristic of or peculiar to the particular trade, occupation, process or employment in which the employee is exposed to such disease.

11. "Permanent impairment" means any anatomical or functional abnormality or loss after reasonable medical treatment has been achieved, which abnormality or loss the physician considers to be capable of being evaluated at the time the rating is made. Except as otherwise provided herein, any examining physician shall only evaluate impairment in accordance with the latest publication of the American Medical Association's "Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment" in effect at the time of the injury. All evaluations shall include an apportionment of injury causation. However, revisions to the guides made by the American Medical Association which are published after January 1, 1989, shall be operative one hundred twenty (120) days after the last day of the month of publication. The examining physician shall not follow the guides based on race or ethnic origin ~~and~~. The examining physician shall not deviate from said guides except as may be specifically provided for in the guides or modifications to the guides adopted by the Administrator of the Workers' Compensation Court as provided for

in Section 201.1 of this title. These officially adopted guides or modifications thereto shall be the exclusive basis for testimony and conclusions with regard to permanent impairment with the exception of paragraph 3 of Section 22 of this title, relating to scheduled member injury or loss; and impairment, including pain or loss of strength, may be awarded with respect to those injuries or areas of the body not specifically covered by said guides.

12. "Permanent total disability" means incapacity because of accidental injury or occupational disease to earn any wages in any employment for which the employee ~~is or becomes~~ may become physically suited and reasonably fitted by education, training or experience, including vocational rehabilitation; loss of both hands, or both feet, or both legs, or both eyes, or any two thereof, shall constitute permanent total disability.

13. "Permanent partial disability" means permanent disability which is less than total and shall be equal to or the same as permanent impairment.

SECTION 34. REPEALER Section 1, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1101), Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 1993 and Section 1, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1107), Section 2, Chapter 205, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1107.1), Section 4, Chapter 306, O.S.L. 1993 (10 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1139), Section 6, Chapter 126, O.S.L. 1993 (11 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 50-111.1), Section 33, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1993 (17 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 352), Section 1, Chapter 37, O.S.L. 1993 (18 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 955), Section 2, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 1993 (19 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 215.33), Section 1, Chapter 264, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1272), Section 2, Chapter 264, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1273), Section 1, Chapter 162, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1289.8), Section 19, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1993 (22 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 991a), Section 2, Chapter 339, O.S.L. 1993 (22

O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 991c), Section 1, Chapter 47, O.S.L. 1993 (27A O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2-5-105), Section 160, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993 (27A O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2-10-701), Section 1, Chapter 55, O.S.L. 1993 (43A O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3-250), Section 3, Chapter 232, O.S.L. 1993 (45 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 724), Section 1, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2-300), Section 1, Chapter 70, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6-105), Section 3, Chapter 238, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6-205.1), Section 1, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1113), Section 353, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1136), Section 22, Chapter 330, O.S.L. 1993 (51 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 6), Section 2, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 332.7), Section 6, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 332.8), Section 3, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 1993 (57 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 521), Section 1, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 1993 (62 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 41.21), Section 20, Chapter 146, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1352), Section 2, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1357), Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2105), Section 9, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993 (68 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 2357.22), Section 21, Chapter 239, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3-104), Section 1, Chapter 144, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 14-103), Section 28, Chapter 330, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 85.12), Section 3, Chapter 129, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 250.6), Section 29, Chapter 330, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 840.8), Section 1, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 1993 and Section 1, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 902), Section 22, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1363) and Section 2, Chapter 349, O.S.L. 1993 (85 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3), are hereby repealed.

SECTION 35. 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.

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