

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1739

By: Hamilton and Steidley of
the House

and

Haney and Hobson of the
Senate

An Act relating to Justice Administration; making an appropriation to the Attorney General; stating purposes; authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to budget and expend certain funds; making an appropriation to the Department of Corrections for the Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission; stating purposes; providing lapse date; authorizing certain funds for certain purposes for certain dates; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the sum of Six Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-two Dollars (\$639,592.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to accelerate death penalty appeals as required by Enrolled House Bill No. 1659 of the 1st Session of the 45th Oklahoma Legislature, improve fraud investigation and prosecution, defend the state in civil litigation, protect the Citizens of the State of Oklahoma in consumer affairs and utility rate cases, to improve the response to requests for Attorney General Opinions, and to perform other duties imposed upon the Office of the Attorney General by law.

SECTION 2. All funds appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, may be budgeted and expended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and may be budgeted and expended for the general operating expenses of the Office of the Attorney General regardless of the purpose for which the funds were budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Corrections from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary for the Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission to classify criminal offenses and formulate sentencing structures, formulate proposals and recommendations to change the current sentencing system and modify or recodify the Penal Code of the State of Oklahoma, and develop recommendations for a Truth in Sentencing Act which will adequately reflect the offense committed, reasonably safeguard society as a whole, provide an opportunity for rehabilitation of the offender, assure incarceration of the most violent offenders, and truthfully present the punishment actually to be exacted, and to perform other duties imposed upon the Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission by law.

SECTION 4. The appropriations made by this act, not including appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996 (hereafter FY-96) or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997 (hereafter FY-97). Funds budgeted for FY-96 may be encumbered through June 30, 1996, and must be expended by November 15, 1996. Any funds remaining after November 15, 1996, and not budgeted for FY-97, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. Funds budgeted for FY-97 may be encumbered only through June 30, 1997. Any funds remaining after November 15, 1997, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. These appropriations may not be budgeted in both fiscal years simultaneously. Funds budgeted in FY-96, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-97, after the agency to which the funds have been appropriated has prepared and submitted a budget work program revision removing these funds from the FY-96 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective September 1, 1995.

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of May, 1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of May, 1995.

President of the Senate