ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1111

By: Stipe of the Senate

and

Tyler of the House

[statutes and reports - Administrative Procedures Act - Oklahoma Transportation Authority - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 75 O.S. 1991, Section 250.4, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 423, O.S.L. 1999 (75 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 250.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 250.4 A. 1. Except as is otherwise specifically provided in this subsection, each agency is required to comply with Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act.

2. The Corporation Commission shall be required to comply with the provisions of Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act except for subsections A, B, C and E of Section 303 of this title and Section 306 of this title. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act, pursuant to Section 35 of Article IX of the Oklahoma Constitution, it is expressly declared that Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act is an amendment to and alteration of Sections 18 through 34 of Article IX of the Oklahoma Constitution.

3. The Oklahoma Military Department shall be exempt from the provisions of Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act to the extent it exercises its responsibility for military affairs.

4. The Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority and the Northeast Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority shall be exempt from Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act.

5. The Oklahoma Transportation Commission and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall be exempt from Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act to the extent they exercise their authority in adopting standard specifications, special provisions, plans, design standards, testing procedures, federally imposed requirements and generally recognized standards, project planning and programming, and the operation and control of the State Highway System.

6. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall be exempt from Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act with respect to:

a. prescribing standards of higher education,

b. prescribing functions and courses of study in each institution to conform to the standards,

c. granting of degrees and other forms of academic recognition for completion of the prescribed courses,

d. allocation of state-appropriated funds, and

e. fees within the limits prescribed by the Legislature.

7. Institutional governing boards within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall be exempt from Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act.

8. a. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall be exempt from Sections 303.1, 303.2, 307.1, 308 and 308.1 of this title insofar as it is necessary to promulgate rules pursuant to the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, to maintain a current incorporation of federal motor carrier safety and hazardous material regulations for which the Commissioner has no discretion when the state is mandated to promulgate rules identical to federal rules and regulations.

b. Such rules may be adopted by the Commissioner and shall be deemed promulgated twenty (20) days after notice of adoption is published in "The Oklahoma Register". Such publication need not set forth the full text of the rule but may incorporate the federal rules and regulations by reference.

c. Such copies of promulgated rules shall be filed with the Secretary as required by Section 251 of this title.

d. For any rules for which the Commissioner has discretion to allow variances, tolerances or modifications from the federal rules and regulations, the Commissioner shall fully comply with Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act.

9. The Council on Judicial Complaints shall be exempt from Section 306 of Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act, with respect to review of the validity or applicability of a rule by an action for declaratory judgment, or any other relief based upon the validity or applicability of a rule, in the district court or by an appellate court. A party aggrieved by the validity or applicability of a rule made by the Council on Judicial Complaints may petition the Court on the Judiciary to review the rules and issue opinions based upon them.

10. The Oklahoma Transportation Authority shall be exempt from Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act.

B. As specified, the following agencies or classes of agency activities are not required to comply with the provisions of Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act:

1. The Oklahoma Tax Commission;

2. The Commission for Human Services;

3. The Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority;

4. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Corporation Commission;

5. The Pardon and Parole Board;

6. The Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority;

7. The Grand River Dam Authority;

8. The Northeast Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority;

9. The Council on Judicial Complaints;

10. The supervisory or administrative agency of any penal, mental, medical or eleemosynary institution, only with respect to the institutional supervision, custody, control, care or treatment of inmates, prisoners or patients therein; provided, that the provisions of Article II shall apply to and govern all administrative actions of the Oklahoma Alcohol Prevention, Training, Treatment and Rehabilitation Authority;

11. The Board of Regents or employees of any university, college, or other institution of higher learning, except with respect to expulsion of any student for disciplinary reasons; provided, that upon any alleged infraction by a student of rules of such institutions, with a lesser penalty than expulsion, such student shall be entitled to such due process, including notice and hearing, as may be otherwise required by law, and the following grounds of misconduct, if properly alleged in disciplinary proceedings against a student, shall be cause to be barred from the campus and be removed from any college or university-owned housing, upon conviction in a court of law:

a. participation in a riot as defined by the penal code,

b. possession or sale of any drugs or narcotics prohibited by the penal code, Section 1 et seq. of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

c. willful destruction of or willful damage to state property;

12. The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, its employees or agents only with respect to hearing and notice requirements on the

following classes of violations which are an imminent peril to the public health, safety and welfare:

a. any rule regarding the running of a race,

b. any violation of medication laws and rules,

c. any suspension or revocation of an occupation license by any racing jurisdiction recognized by the Commission,

d. any assault or other destructive acts within Commission-licensed premises,

e. any violation of prohibited devices, laws and rules,

f. any filing of false information;

13. The Commissioner of Public Safety only with respect to drivers' license hearings and hearings conducted pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-115 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

14. The Administrator of the Department of Securities only with respect to hearings conducted pursuant to provisions of the Oklahoma Take-over Disclosure Act of 1985;

15. Hearings conducted by a public agency pursuant to Section 962 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

16. The Oklahoma Military Department;

17. The University Hospitals Authority, including all hospitals or other institutions operated by the University Hospitals Authority;

18. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board and the Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority; ~~and~~

19. The position audit procedure, including the impartial review process, of the Office of Personnel Management pursuant to Section 840-4.3 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided, that any appeal from an impartial review determination to a court of competent jurisdiction shall be confined to the record in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act; and

20. The Oklahoma Transportation Authority.

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

Passed the Senate the 6th day of March, 2000.

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President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives