

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 999

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state personnel; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 840.16b, as renumbered by Section 54, Chapter 242, O.S.L. 1994, and as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 410, O.S.L. 1999 (74 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 840-2.17), which relates to raises; allowing performance-based pay for state employees; modifying references to withdrawal of pay movement mechanisms; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 840.16b, as renumbered by Section 54, Chapter 242, O.S.L. 1994, and as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 410, O.S.L. 1999 (74 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 840-2.17), is amended to read as follows:

Section 840-2.17 A. Unless otherwise provided by the Oklahoma Constitution, language in law which authorizes the setting or fixing of compensation, pay or salary of state officers and employees shall not be construed to authorize any agency, board, commission, department, institution, bureau, executive officer or other entity of the executive branch of state government to award, grant, give, authorize, or promise any officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma a cost-of-living raise or any other type of raise that would be given to state employees on an across-the-board basis, except as herein provided. Such raises are prohibited unless authorized by the Legislature and by Merit System of Personnel Administration Rules promulgated by the Administrator. This prohibition applies to all classified, unclassified and exempt officers and employees in the executive branch of state government,

excluding institutions under the administrative authority of the State Regents for Higher Education, and all employees in the University Hospitals Authority Model Personnel System created pursuant to Section 3211 of Title 63.

B. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the following actions if the action is made in good faith and not for the purpose of circumventing subsection A of this section, and if the appointing authority certifies that the action can be implemented for the current fiscal year and the subsequent fiscal year without the need for additional funding to increase the personal services budget of the agency:

1. Salary advancements on promotion or direct reclassification to a job family level or class with a higher grade;

2. Salary adjustments resulting from a pay band change for a job family level or class adopted by the Office of Personnel Management;

3. Increases in longevity payments pursuant to Section 840-2.18 of this title;

4. Payment of overtime, special entrance rates, pay differentials;

5. Payment of wages, salaries, or rates of pay established and mandated by law;

6. Market adjustments for job family levels tied to market competitiveness;

7. Performance-based adjustments;

8. Intra-agency lateral transfers, provided that the adjustment does not exceed five percent (5%) and the adjustment is based on the needs of the agency;

~~8.~~ 9. Skill-based adjustments;

~~9.~~ 10. Equity-based adjustments;

~~10.~~ 11. Career progression increases as an employee advances through job family levels; or

~~11.~~ 12. Salary adjustments not to exceed five percent (5%) for probationary classified employees achieving permanent status following the initial probationary period and permanent classified employees successfully completing trial periods after promotion to a different job family.

C. Provided however, any reclassification for one of the purposes provided in subsection B of this section that would require additional funding by the Legislature shall not be implemented without approval of the Legislature.

D. The pay movement mechanisms described in paragraphs (6) through ~~(11)~~ (12) in subsection B of this section shall be implemented pursuant to rules promulgated by the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management for the classified service.

E. Appointing authorities may implement the pay movement mechanisms in paragraphs (6) through ~~(11)~~ (12) in subsection B of this section subject to the availability of funds within the agency's budget for the current fiscal year and subsequent fiscal year without the need for additional funding to increase the personal services budget of the agency. Failure by the appointing authority to follow the provisions of this subsection may cause the withdrawal of the use of the pay movement mechanisms provided in paragraphs 6, 7, ~~9~~ 8, 10 and ~~10~~ 11 within the agency during the next appropriations cycle.

F. All agencies, boards, and commissions shall report to the Office of Personnel Management on an annual basis the pay movement mechanisms utilized in paragraphs (6) through ~~(11)~~ (12) in subsection B of this section. The report shall include the pay movement mechanisms type, frequency, amounts provided, affected classifications and job families, and other information as prescribed by the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management. Agencies shall report this information for the twelve-month period ending December 31 for classified and unclassified

employees. Agencies must also report projected pay movement mechanisms and costs anticipated for the balance of the fiscal year. The Office of Personnel Management shall forward the report, which will include findings and recommendations, to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than February 1 of each year.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

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

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