

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1453

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 62 O.S. 2001, Section 7.10, which relates to voluntary payroll deductions; limiting purpose; requiring the Office of Personnel Management and/or Office of State Finance to accept certain online forms; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2001, Section 7.10, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7.10 A. 1. Upon the request of a state employee, a state agency, board, or commission shall make voluntary payroll deductions for the employee to a credit union which primarily serves state employees or employees of a political subdivision of the state.

2. The governing body of any county, municipality, or school district may provide for voluntary payroll deductions to a credit union serving the employees of the county, municipality, or school district.

B. Upon the request of a state employee and pursuant to procedures established by the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management, a state agency, board, or commission shall make payroll deductions for:

1. The payment of any insurance premiums due a private insurance organization with a minimum participation of five hundred (500) state employees for life, accident, and health insurance which is supplemental to that provided for by the state;

2. The payment of any insurance premiums due a private insurance organization or service company which is regulated by the State Insurance Commissioner and with a minimum participation of five hundred (500) state employees for legal services;

3. Premiums or payments for retirement plans with a minimum participation of five hundred (500) state employees for retirement plans which are supplemental to that provided for by the state;

4. Salary adjustment agreements included in a flexible benefits plan as authorized by the State Employees Flexible Benefits Act;

5. Membership dues in the Oklahoma Public Employees Association or any other statewide association limited to state employee membership with a minimum membership of one thousand (1,000) dues-paying members. For purposes of this paragraph, the Office of Personnel Management and/or the Office of State Finance shall accept online forms from the Oklahoma Public Employees Association and such other statewide associations;

6. Contributions to its foundation organized pursuant to 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3) in the Oklahoma Public Employees Association or any other statewide association limited to state employee membership with a minimum membership of one thousand (1,000) dues-paying members; and

7. Payments to a college savings account administered under the Oklahoma College Savings Plan Act pursuant to Section 3970.1 et seq. of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions or administering salary adjustment agreements for insurance premiums as provided for in subsection B of this section shall be a charge of two percent (2%) of the gross annual premiums for insurance plans. The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions or administering salary adjustment agreements for payments for retirement plans as provided for in subsection B of this section shall be one percent (1%) of the gross annual payments for

retirement plans. These charges shall be collected monthly from the private insurance or retirement plan organization by the Office of Personnel Management and shall be deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund. Provided that these costs shall not be collected from state employees or state agencies unless otherwise directed in Section 1 et seq. of this title.

D. Any statewide association granted a payroll deduction prior to March 23, 1984, shall be exempt from the minimum state employee membership requirement.

E. Approval of a payroll deduction or salary adjustment agreement for any insurance organization, line of coverage or policy shall not be construed as an assumption of liability, for the term of policy or the performance of the insurance organization, by this state, or any of its agencies, boards, commissions, institutions or any officer or employee thereof. Contracts for such insurance shall be in all respects subject to the insurance laws of this state, and shall be enforceable solely pursuant to such laws.

F. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission is authorized to deduct from the wages or salary of its employees the employees' contribution to the Employment Security Commission Retirement Plan.

G. Payroll deductions shall be made for premium payments for group insurance for retired members or beneficiaries of any state-supported retirement system upon proper authorization given by the member or beneficiary to the board from which the member or beneficiary is currently receiving retirement benefits.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

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