

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 960

By: Morgan and Robinson of the
Senate

and

Mitchell and Bonny of the
House

An Act relating to the Merit Protection Commission; requiring budgeting in certain categories and amounts; providing for duties and compensation of employees; providing budgetary limitations; making certain appropriations nonfiscal; providing lapse dates; requiring certain budget procedures; prohibiting certain budget procedures; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the Merit Protection Commission shall budget all funds in the following categories and amounts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Administration	\$200,400.00	\$237,269.00
Investigations	72,303.00	90,000.00
Hearings and Hearing Appeals	53,538.00	75,000.00
Alternative Dispute Resolution	87,912.00	110,000.00
Grievance Management/Training	<u>98,001.00</u>	<u>145,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$512,154.00	\$657,269.00

SECTION 2. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Merit Protection Commission by law shall be set by the Executive Director of the Merit Protection Commission. The Merit Protection Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding expenditures for capital and special projects, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	11.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00

SECTION 3. Appropriations made by Section 52 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2007 of the 2nd Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature, not including appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 (hereafter FY-05) or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 (hereafter FY-06). Funds budgeted for FY-05 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2005, and must be expended by November 15, 2005. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2005, and not budgeted for FY-06, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. Funds budgeted for FY-06 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2006. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2006, 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-05, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-06, 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-05 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

