

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1550

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public finance; enacting the Oklahoma Zero-Based Budget Act of 2003; imposing requirements with respect to presentation of requests for appropriations; requiring zero-based budget presentations; prescribing procedures; providing for implementation by certain governmental entities; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 46.1 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Zero-Based Budget Act of 2003".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 46.2 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each agency, board, commission, department, including the legislative and judicial departments, or other entity of the executive branch of state government shall be required to present to the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and to the Appropriations Committee of the State Senate a zero-based budget prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

B. As used in this act, "zero-based budget" means that in order for an agency, board, commission, department or other entity of the executive branch of state government to obtain an appropriation for

each fiscal year, it shall not be sufficient for the entity to make a request for an appropriation equal to the prior year appropriation amount adjusted for inflation. The entity shall be required to provide adequate justification for each and every amount requested at a level of detail adequate for the relevant appropriations committee or subcommittee of the Legislature to evaluate the real cost of providing the governmental services for which the entity is responsible.

C. In order to provide guidance to the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Appropriations Committee of the State Senate, together with the relevant subcommittees of such Committees, the entity requesting appropriations shall be prepared to present:

1. The mission of the agency as identified in relevant sources of law;

2. The mission of each agency program or function in clear and understandable terms to persons of ordinary understanding;

3. Descriptions of activities that support the successful operation of each program or function;

4. A history of each program or function that may include at the direction of the relevant committee or subcommittee:

- a. legal history of the program,
- b. programmatic history,
- c. funding history,
- d. full-time-equivalent employee history, and
- e. narrative description of programs;

5. Job descriptions for each full-time-equivalent employee assigned to each program;

6. An identification of all performance measures collected for each program;

7. Detailed information regarding funding for each program, including funding sources and the expenditures for each program;

8. Information regarding federal funding, including grants and contracts;

9. Information regarding the prospective performance of each program; and

10. Information regarding the extent to which programs within the agency overlap or the extent to which the programs overlap with the programs of another governmental entity.

D. The Appropriations and Budget Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Appropriations Committee of the State Senate shall each be authorized to meet during the interim beginning September 1 each year a sufficient number of times in order to analyze the information presented by each entity making a presentation as required by this section.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 46.3 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

For the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2004, July 1, 2005, July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007, one-quarter (1/4) of the agencies, boards, commissions and departments of state government to be selected by the mutual agreement of the chairpersons of the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Appropriations Committee of the State Senate, shall be required to submit the information required by Section 2 of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

SECTION 5. 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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