

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2634

By: Balkman of the House

and

Lamb of the Senate

An Act relating to state government; creating the Paperwork Reduction Act of 2006; directing state agencies to study ways to reduce and simplify data and information collected from certain other entities; authorizing agencies to retain a consultant or expert; specifying scope of study; requiring reports; 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 9050 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Paperwork Reduction Act of 2006".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9050.1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Each agency, as defined by paragraph 3 of Section 250.3 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes, with the exception of the State Board of Education, shall study and assess ways to eliminate, reduce, consolidate, and simplify the number, type, and length of reports, data, statistics, and other information required of any other agency, political subdivision, or individual by the agency. Subject to the availability of funding, each agency may retain a consultant or expert as may be necessary to complete the study. The study shall include the feasibility of coordinating reporting dates and shall identify all requirements for maintaining, completing, and filing records and reports mandated by law or rule and make

recommendations for any amendments to the law or rules that may be necessary to implement the recommendations reported in the study. In conducting research for the study, each agency shall provide for the participation of their subdivisions and other governmental entities under their direction. By December 31, 2006, each agency shall issue a preliminary report of any findings and recommendations collected prior to that date. Upon the availability of funding, each agency shall complete the findings and recommendations of the study and shall file a final report with the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 4. 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 House of Representatives the 15th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate