

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2846

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public finance; amending 62 O.S. 2001, Section 41.5j, which relates to the Budget Law of 1947; permitting alternative forms of telecommunications services; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2001, Section 41.5j, is amended to read as follows:

Section 41.5j A. No agency of the executive branch of the state shall use state funds for or enter into any agreement for the acquisition, development or enhancement of a communication or telecommunication system including voice, data, radio, video and facsimile systems, without written authorization of the Director of State Finance. The Director of State Finance shall verify that any such acquisition, development or enhancement is compatible with the operation of the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network created in Section 41.5m of this title. Agencies of the executive branch may pursue alternative forms of telecommunications services supported by the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network created in Section 41.5m of this title when such services can demonstrate more efficient, economical, or functional delivery of state telecommunications.

B. Not later than September 1 of each year, all agencies of the state presently using or contemplating the use of voice, data, radio, video and facsimile communication or telecommunication systems shall submit to the Information Services Division of the

Office of State Finance a long-range plan summarizing the agency's detailed plan, for not less than the current fiscal year and the ensuing three (3) fiscal years. Agencies may submit to the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance revisions or amendments to its long-range plan as deemed necessary by the agencies. The plan shall include at a minimum:

1. An inventory of communication or telecommunication equipment owned, leased or rented for use in all communication services for state government, including communication services provided as part of any other total system to be used by the state or any of its agencies;

2. Current budget plans, expenditures and resources necessary to operate any and all systems included in the above inventory;

3. Major development projects proposed for the current fiscal year and the next three (3) fiscal years and the anticipated results and benefits to be achieved;

4. An explanation of revisions to previous plans;

5. Key project dates; and

6. Specific segments which will be included in the agency budget request for the ensuing fiscal year.

C. No agency of the executive branch of the state shall enter into any agreement for the acquisition, development or enhancement of a communication or telecommunication system or service including voice, data, radio, video and facsimile systems, unless the cost of such addition, change, improvement or development has been included in the statewide communications plan of the Information Services Division, as said plan may have been amended or revised.

D. State agencies may enter into interagency contracts to share communications and telecommunications resources for mutually beneficial purposes. The contract shall clearly state how its purpose contributes to the development or enhancement or cost reduction of a state network which includes voice, data, radio,

video or facsimile systems. The contract shall be approved by the Information Services Division before any payments are made.

E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the telecommunications network known as OneNet whether said network is governed or operated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or any other state entity assigned responsibility for OneNet.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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