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THE STATE SENATE  
Monday, February 23, 2009

Senate Bill No. 384  
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 384 - By: Gumm of the Senate and Terrill of the House.

[ state employees - payroll deductions - Oklahoma Long-Term Care Partnership Program - effective date ]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2001, Section 7.10, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 392, O.S.L. 2008 (62 O.S. Supp. 2008, 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 any credit union, bank, or savings association having an office in this state.

2. If the governing body of any county, municipality, or school district provides for voluntary payroll deductions to a credit union serving the employees of the county, municipality, or school district, it shall provide voluntary payroll deductions to any credit union, bank, or savings association having an office in this state which has a minimum participation of twenty percent (20%) of the employees of the county, municipality, or school district.

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

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

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

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

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

18           5. Membership dues utilized for benefits, goods or services  
19 provided by the Oklahoma Public Employees Association to the  
20 organization's membership or any other statewide association limited  
21 to state employee membership with a minimum membership of two  
22 thousand (2,000) dues-paying members. For purposes of this  
23 paragraph, state agencies shall accept online or electronically

1 submitted forms from the Oklahoma Public Employees Association and  
2 other state employee associations. The Office of Personnel  
3 Management shall develop and implement a verification process for  
4 online or electronically submitted forms which may include the use  
5 of electronic signature technology or other process as determined  
6 appropriate;

7 6. Contributions to its foundation organized pursuant to 26  
8 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3) in the Oklahoma Public Employees  
9 Association or any other statewide association limited to state  
10 employee membership with a minimum membership of one thousand  
11 (1,000) dues-paying members;

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

15 8. Subscriptions to the Oklahoma Today magazine published by  
16 the State of Oklahoma through the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
17 Department; and

18 9. The payment of any insurance premiums due a private  
19 insurance organization, which is regulated by the State Insurance  
20 Commission, for an Oklahoma Long-Term Care Partnership Program  
21 approved policy pursuant to the Oklahoma Long-Term Care Partnership  
22 Act.

1 C. The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions or  
2 administering salary adjustment agreements for insurance premiums as  
3 provided for in subsection B of this section shall be a charge of  
4 two percent (2%) of the gross annual premiums for insurance plans.  
5 The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions or  
6 administering salary adjustment agreements for payments for  
7 retirement plans as provided for in subsection B of this section  
8 shall be one percent (1%) of the gross annual payments for  
9 retirement plans. These charges shall be collected monthly from the  
10 private insurance or retirement plan organization by the Office of  
11 Personnel Management and shall be deposited to the credit of the  
12 General Revenue Fund. Provided that these costs shall not be  
13 collected from state employees or state agencies unless otherwise  
14 directed in Section 1 et seq. of this title.

15 D. Any statewide association granted a payroll deduction prior  
16 to January 1, 2008, shall be exempt from the minimum state employee  
17 membership requirement.

18 E. Approval of a payroll deduction or salary adjustment  
19 agreement for any insurance organization, line of coverage or policy  
20 shall not be construed as an assumption of liability, for the term  
21 of policy or the performance of the insurance organization, by this  
22 state, or any of its agencies, boards, commissions, institutions or  
23 any officer or employee thereof. Contracts for such insurance shall

1 be in all respects subject to the insurance laws of this state, and  
2 shall be enforceable solely pursuant to such laws.

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

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

12 H. Upon request of instructional personnel employed at either  
13 the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the  
14 Deaf and pursuant to procedures established by the Administrator of  
15 the Office of Personnel Management, the Commission for  
16 Rehabilitation Services shall make payroll deductions for membership  
17 dues in any statewide educational employee organization or  
18 association.

19 I. Upon the request of a state employee of the Department of  
20 Corrections, the Department shall make voluntary payroll deductions  
21 for the employee to the Correctional Peace Officer Foundation.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-18-09 - DO  
24 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.