

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1617

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 85.451, as last amended by Section 6,  
9 Chapter 316, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2012, Section  
10 85.451), which relates to the Trip Optimizer system;  
11 providing exemption for certain employees; and  
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 85.451, as  
15 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 316, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.  
16 2012, Section 85.451), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 85.451 A. Each state agency, board, commission or  
18 other entity organized within the executive department of state  
19 government shall use the Trip Optimizer system of the Department of  
20 Central Services in computing the optimum method and cost for travel  
21 by state employees using a motor vehicle where the travel will  
22 exceed one hundred (100) miles per day and the employee is not  
23 driving a state-owned or -leased dedicated vehicle. For purposes of  
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1 this section, "dedicated vehicle" means a vehicle that has been  
2 assigned to the employee.

3 B. The provisions of this section shall be used to determine  
4 the most cost-effective method of travel by motor vehicles, whether  
5 such vehicles are owned by the agency, leased by the agency or by  
6 the employee, and shall be applicable for purposes of determining  
7 the maximum authorized amount of any travel reimbursement for  
8 employees of such agencies related to vehicle usage.

9 C. A nonappropriated state agency, that employs persons who use  
10 personal vehicles as part of their regular duties and who are  
11 reimbursed for travel expenses by the agency shall not be required  
12 to utilize the Trip Optimizer system with regard to the travel  
13 expenses of such employees. As used in this section,  
14 "nonappropriated state agency" means an entity within the executive  
15 branch of government that does not receive any of its funding  
16 through the annual legislative appropriations process.

17 D. The maximum authorized amount of travel reimbursement  
18 related to vehicle usage shall be the lowest cost option as  
19 determined by the Trip Optimizer system. All travel claims  
20 submitted for reimbursement shall include the results of the Trip  
21 Optimizer system indicating the lowest cost option for travel by the  
22 state employee.

23 E. Field service personnel employed by the Oklahoma Department  
24 of Emergency Management shall be exempt from the provisions of this

1 section. State employees may be exempt from the reimbursement  
2 requirements of the Trip Optimizer system, provided the state  
3 employees utilize a personally owned vehicle and seek reimbursement  
4 according to the schedule referenced in subsection F of this  
5 section.

6 F. The Office of ~~State Finance~~ Management and Enterprise  
7 Services may publish a schedule of reimbursement rates for state  
8 employee travel. The schedule may apply to exemptions claimed under  
9 subsection E of this section. The schedule may categorize  
10 reimbursement rates by type of vehicle and shall not exceed standard  
11 mileage reimbursement rates as established by the Internal Revenue  
12 Service.

13 G. In providing a calculation of rates, the Trip Optimizer  
14 system shall account for the distance that an employee must travel  
15 to pick up a rental or state fleet vehicle.

16 H. In providing a calculation of rates, the Trip Optimizer  
17 system shall account for the long-term rate discounts offered  
18 through the state's purchasing contract for vehicle rentals.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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