ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 936 By: Thompson of the Senate

and

Osborn of the House

[Oklahoma Department of Transportation - classified service - exceptions - ~~effective date~~ - ~~emergency~~]

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation; amending Section 1, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2015 (74 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 840-5.25), which relates to the classified service; providing exceptions for certain seasonal employees; directing certain report to be submitted; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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4. Five (5) administration coordinator positions; and

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C. The Department may employ seasonal employees throughout the calendar year. Such labor employed by the Department for a period of time necessary to address a seasonal need shall be in the

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D. The Department, in its annual budget request, shall include a summary of the use of seasonal employees, which shall include the number of workers employed under the provisions of this section and the total wages paid to these employees.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. 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 12th day of April, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2016.

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Passed the Senate the 29th day of February, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2016.

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