

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 852

By: Jolley and Treat of the  
Senate

3 and

4 Sears and Casey of the  
5 House

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7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of  
8 Transportation; providing that employees of  
9 Department be in classified service and subject to  
10 Merit System of Personnel Administration; providing  
11 exceptions; providing for codification; providing an  
12 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 840-5.25 of Title 74, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall be under the  
18 Merit System. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B of this  
19 section, all offices, positions, and personnel shall be classified  
20 and subject to the provisions of the Merit System of Personnel  
21 Administration and rules promulgated pursuant thereto. This section  
22 shall supersede and repeal any and all executive orders issued  
23 pursuant to the Oklahoma Personnel Act to place the agency or its  
24 predecessors under the Merit System.

1 B. In addition to offices, positions, and personnel that are  
2 unclassified as specifically provided by law, the Oklahoma  
3 Department of Transportation may place any employee initially  
4 employed in the following positions on or after July 1, 2015, in the  
5 unclassified service:

- 6 1. Five (5) executive assistant positions, assigned to an  
7 assistant director;
- 8 2. Five (5) project manager positions;
- 9 3. Five (5) transportation coordinator positions; and
- 10 4. Five (5) administration coordinator positions.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
13 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

