

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1155

By: McCall of the House

and

Treat of the Senate

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-2.17, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2014 (74 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 840-2.17), which relates to salary adjustments; requiring certain reporting of state employee salaries and classifications; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: State employee salaries and classifications

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-2.17, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2014 (74 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 840-2.17), is amended to read as follows:

Section 840-2.17 A. Unless otherwise provided by the Oklahoma Constitution, statutory authority to set or fix compensation, pay or salary of state officers and employees shall not be construed to authorize any agency, board, commission, department, institution, bureau, executive officer or other entity of the executive branch of state government to award, grant, give, authorize, or promise any officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma a raise that is inconsistent with the compensation schedules established by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for all state officers and employees in the executive branch pursuant to Section 840-4.6 of this title, including, but not limited to, a cost-of-living raise or any other type of raise that would be given to state employees on an across-the-board basis, except as herein provided. Such raises are prohibited unless authorized by the Legislature and by Career Service Rules for Employment promulgated by the Director. This

prohibition applies to all career and executive service officers and employees in the executive branch of state government, excluding institutions under the administrative authority of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

B. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the following actions if the action is made in good faith and not for the purpose of circumventing subsection A of this section, and if the appointing authority certifies that the action can be implemented for the current fiscal year and the subsequent fiscal year without the need for additional funding to increase the personal services budget of the agency, and if the Office of Management and Enterprise Services certifies that the action is consistent with the compensation schedules established pursuant to the provisions of Section 840-4.6 of this title:

1. Salary advancements on promotion or direct reclassification to a job family level or class with a higher salary band;

2. Salary adjustments resulting from a pay band change for a job family level or class adopted by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;

3. Increases in longevity payments pursuant to Section 840-2.18 of this title;

4. Payment of overtime, special entrance rates, pay differentials;

5. Payment of wages, salaries, or rates of pay established and mandated by law;

6. Market adjustments for job family levels tied to market competitiveness;

7. Intra-agency lateral transfers, provided that the adjustment does not exceed five percent (5%) and the adjustment is based on the needs of the agency;

8. Skill-based adjustments. Such adjustments, which are implemented before November 1, 2006, other than lump-sum payments, shall become permanent after twenty-four (24) months from the date such salary adjustment is implemented and may not later be removed from an employee's base salary if a furlough or reduction-in-force is implemented by the appointing authority granting such salary

adjustment. Skill-based pay adjustments, which are implemented on or after November 1, 2006, and which are paid to an employee, shall be paid as long as the employee remains employed in the position and performs the skills for which the differential is due, but shall not be included as a part of the employee's base salary;

9. Equity-based adjustments;

10. Performance-based adjustments for employees who received at least a "meets standards" rating on their most current performance rating;

11. Career progression increases as an employee advances through job family levels; or

12. Salary adjustments not to exceed five percent (5%) for probationary career employees achieving permanent status following the initial probationary period and permanent career employees successfully completing trial periods after intra-agency lateral transfer or promotion to a different job family level or following career progression to a different job family level.

C. Provided, however, any reclassification for one of the purposes provided in subsection B of this section that would require additional funding by the Legislature shall not be implemented without approval of the Legislature.

D. The pay movement mechanisms described in paragraphs 6 through 11 in subsection B of this section shall be implemented pursuant to rules promulgated by the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for the career service.

E. Appointing authorities may implement the pay movement mechanisms in paragraphs 6 through 12 in subsection B of this section subject to the availability of funds within the agency's budget for the current fiscal year and subsequent fiscal year without the need for additional funding to increase the personal services budget of the agency. Failure by the appointing authority to follow the provisions of this subsection may cause the withdrawal of the use of the pay movement mechanisms provided in paragraphs 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 of subsection B of this section within the agency during the next appropriations cycle.

F. The provisions in subsection B of this section shall not apply to chief executive officers of any agency, board, commission,

department or program except for paragraphs 3 and 5 of subsection B of this section.

G. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall file a quarterly report with the Offices of the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives listing, by agency, all increases in wages, salaries or rates of pay and any changes to title or classification of each employee.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 18th day of April, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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