

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3092

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9 An Act relating to state government; enacting the
10 Office of Accountability Act of 2018; stating purpose
11 of Office of Accountability; providing for joint
12 selections by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
13 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
14 Oklahoma State Senate; imposing duties upon the
15 Office of Accountability; authorizing compensation;
16 providing for dismissal; requiring compliance by
17 agencies, boards and commissions; providing for
18 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 455.1 of Title 74, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Office of
Accountability Act of 2018".

 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 455.2 of Title 74, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. There is hereby created within the Legislative Service
2 Bureau the Office of Accountability.

3 B. The purpose of the Office of Accountability shall be to
4 assist the Legislature in performing its constitutional and
5 statutory function of ensuring government funds are expended in a
6 fiscally responsible manner.

7 C. The Office of Accountability shall consist of fifteen (15)
8 persons each of whom shall be employed pursuant to the mutual
9 agreement of the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
10 and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate. The
11 positions for the Office of Accountability shall be initially filled
12 not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this
13 act.

14 D. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
15 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate shall select one
16 of the persons described by subsection C of this section to serve as
17 the Director of the Office of Accountability.

18 E. The Office of Accountability shall:

19 1. Gather information regarding the proposed budgets of
20 executive branch agencies each fiscal year;

21 2. Analyze the information and evaluate the extent to which the
22 agency budget does or does not fulfill the agency's primary duties
23 and responsibilities under applicable provisions of federal, state
24 or other law;

1 3. Analyze and forecast all revenues available to the agency
2 from appropriations, fees, dedicated revenue or any other source;

3 4. Compare the agency budget information to the comparable
4 information contained in that agency's budget requests from prior
5 fiscal years;

6 5. Conduct such investigations regarding the operations of the
7 agency as required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the
8 Office of Accountability by law;

9 6. Make such reports to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
10 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
11 Senate, the chairs of the standing committees of both chambers to
12 which appropriation measures are ordinarily assigned or to the
13 chairs of any joint committee on appropriations and budget
14 established pursuant to joint rules adopted by both chambers as may
15 be required;

16 7. Perform such other duties related to the evaluation of the
17 annual budget process and the adherence of executive branch agencies
18 to the requirements imposed by the Oklahoma Constitution, Oklahoma
19 Statutes and applicable provisions of legislative measures enacted
20 as part of the annual budget-writing process;

21 8. Create and maintain a website to provide public access to
22 the financial information and other documentation gathered by the
23 Office of Accountability; and
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1 9. Perform such other duties as may be mutually assigned by
2 agreement of both the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
3 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
4 Senate.

5 F. Compensation for all persons selected to serve within the
6 Office of Accountability shall be determined pursuant to joint
7 agreement by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
8 and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

9 G. The persons selected to serve within the Office of
10 Accountability shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the
11 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of
12 the Oklahoma State Senate and may be dismissed pursuant to mutual
13 action by both such legislative officers.

14 H. Agencies, boards and commissions shall comply with all
15 requests from the Office of Accountability.

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

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/26/2018 - DO PASS,
22 As Amended.
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