

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1029

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 455.1 of Title 74, unless there 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:

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

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

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

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

16 E. The Office of Accountability shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 8. Perform such other duties as may be mutually assigned by
20 agreement of both the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
21 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
22 Senate.

23 F. Compensation for all persons selected to serve within the
24 Office of Accountability shall be determined pursuant to joint

1 agreement by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
2 and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

3 G. The persons selected to serve within the Office of
4 Accountability shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the
5 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of
6 the Oklahoma State Senate and may be dismissed pursuant to mutual
7 action by both such legislative officers.

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

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

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