

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 240

By: Standridge of the Senate

3 and

4 Echols of the House  
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6 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.  
7 2011, Section 85.45k, as last amended by Section 101,  
8 Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (74 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
9 85.45k), which relates to the State Travel Office;  
10 making certain use of State Travel Office optional  
11 for state agencies and departments; modifying  
12 requirement for State Travel Office to obtain certain  
information from contract travel agencies; updating  
statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 85.45k, as  
15 last amended by Section 101, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (74 O.S. Supp.  
16 2018, Section 85.45k), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 85.45k. A. There is hereby created the State Travel  
18 Office within the Purchasing Division of the Office of Management  
19 and Enterprise Services.

20 B. All state agencies and departments of this state ~~shall~~ may  
21 make arrangements for all air travel on scheduled commercial  
22 airlines for state employees required to travel in the course of  
23 their official duties and for all other persons traveling at state  
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1 expense through the State Travel Office, except when the state  
2 agency determines that:

3 1. The air travel services can be secured at a cost less than  
4 that which can be secured by the State Travel Office; or

5 2. The air travel originates from a location outside the state  
6 and it would be impractical to arrange for the air travel through  
7 the State Travel Office; or

8 3. The air travel is necessitated by an emergency and time does  
9 not permit utilization of the State Travel Office's services; or

10 4. The air travel is part of a package arrangement made by the  
11 organization scheduling the meeting or conference.

12 C. All claims made for reimbursement shall contain a statement  
13 showing the reason for the exemption.

14 D. The State Travel Office shall promulgate rules and contract  
15 specifications to which the contract travel agencies shall be  
16 subject. The rules and specifications shall be drawn with the  
17 intent of obtaining the lowest available fares for scheduled  
18 commercial air travel.

19 E. At the end of each month the contract travel agencies shall  
20 furnish a statement, if requested, in a form approved by the State  
21 Travel Office, showing certain details of all travel arrangements  
22 handled to each state agency for which the contract travel agencies  
23 have furnished their services and shall also furnish copies of ~~said~~  
24 the statements to the State Travel Office.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2019.

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of Representatives