

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1141

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 85.45k, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2019 (74 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 85.45k), which relates to the State Travel Office, eliminating certain exceptions relating to air travel for state employees; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 500.4, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 166, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 500.4), which relates to the State Travel Reimbursement Act; providing certain method for calculating distance; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 85.45k, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2019 (74 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 85.45k), is amended to read as follows:

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

B. All state agencies and departments of this state may make arrangements for all air travel on scheduled commercial airlines for state employees required to travel in the course of their official

1 duties and for all other persons traveling at state expense through
2 the State Travel Office, ~~except when the state agency determines~~
3 ~~that:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 500.4, as
4 amended by Section 1, Chapter 166, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp. 2019,
5 Section 500.4), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 500.4. A. Authorized persons traveling on official
7 state business within ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state may utilize
8 railroads, airplanes, buses, whether intracity or intercity, or
9 other public conveyance. Reimbursement for fares paid for airplane
10 transportation shall not exceed coach class fare except as provided
11 herein. Reimbursement for fares paid for airplane transportation
12 may be at the business class fare rate for international travel.
13 Other public conveyance fares shall not exceed the lesser of the
14 normal charge or coach class airplane fare. Taxicab or rideshare
15 fares within ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state and communication
16 charges may be reimbursed only upon justification as to the
17 necessity for their use.

18 B. Agency heads or their authorized designees may approve the
19 use of motor vehicles for official travel within ~~the State of~~
20 ~~Oklahoma~~ this state. If available, agency owned motor vehicles or
21 motor vehicles leased from the State Motor Pool, either on a full-
22 time basis or for individual trips, shall be utilized for such
23 travel. Reimbursement for use of privately owned motor vehicles may
24 be authorized by the agency head.

1 C. Reimbursement for authorized use of privately owned motor
2 vehicles shall not exceed the amount prescribed by the Internal
3 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or rules, procedures or other
4 action by the Internal Revenue Service, for use in determining the
5 standard mileage rate allowed for a business expense deduction.
6 Distances for which reimbursement for use of privately owned motor
7 vehicles is claimed shall be actual business miles based on a
8 recognized Global Positioning System (GPS), or based on map and
9 vicinity mileage where map miles do not exceed distances set forth
10 in the latest Transportation Commission road map.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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