

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 63

By: Montgomery of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
7 2011, Section 840-2.27E, as amended by Section 886,
8 Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section
9 840-2.27E), which relates to the Severance Benefits
10 Act; modifying certain requirement for separation
11 agreement; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-2.27E,
14 as amended by Section 886, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.
15 2020, Section 840-2.27E), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 840-2.27E. Any affected employee who receives severance
17 benefits pursuant to the State Government Reduction-in-Force and
18 Severance Benefits Act shall execute a separation agreement with the
19 employing agency, on forms to be prescribed by the Director of the
20 Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The forms shall
21 comply with applicable federal laws and may include but not be
22 limited to the following elements:

23 1. Agreement by the affected employee that the receipt of the
24 benefits is in lieu of continued employment with the agency or other
severance benefits related to the current reduction-in-force;

1 2. Agreement by the affected employee that, to the extent
2 allowed by federal or state law, respectively, the affected employee
3 releases the State of Oklahoma and the agency from all claims,
4 liabilities, demands and causes of action known or unknown, fixed or
5 contingent, equitable, legal or administrative, except unemployment
6 insurance;

7 3. Agreement by the affected employee that, to the extent
8 allowed by federal or state law, respectively, the affected employee
9 releases the State of Oklahoma and the agency from any claim or
10 cause of action which might arise under federal or state laws
11 governing the employment relationship; and

12 4. Agreement by the affected employee that the affected
13 employee knows and understands that the receipt of severance
14 benefits is in exchange, to the extent allowed by federal or state
15 law, for any rights the affected employee may have had to:

- 16 a. continued employment with any agency, and
17 b. future employment with the agency from which separated
18 for a period of one (1) year from the date of the
19 agreement, provided that nothing in this subparagraph
20 shall prohibit an appointing authority of any agency
21 from employing an affected employee who has received a
22 severance benefit. ~~If an affected employee is~~
23 ~~reemployed by the agency from which separated as a~~
24 ~~result of a reduction-in-force within one (1) year of~~

~~separation, the affected employee shall repay all
severance benefits received pursuant to the State
Government Reduction in Force and Severance Benefits
Act on a proportional basis. The repayment amount of
the severance benefits received by or paid on behalf
of the affected employee shall be reduced one-three-
hundred-sixty-fifths (1/365) for each day after the
separation of the affected employee, provided that any
education voucher credit benefits shall not include
agency contributions.~~

The provisions of this section shall not prohibit any affected
employee from accepting severance benefits from more than one agency
during employment with the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

Passed the Senate the 2nd day of March, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives