

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 SENATE BILL NO. 1548

By: Alvord of the Senate

and

Newton of the House

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11                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12           An Act relating to state department vehicle fleets;  
13           amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 156, as last amended  
14           by Section 1, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp.  
15           2023, Section 156), which relates to the purchase of  
16           vehicles with public funds; adding Department of  
17           Environmental Quality to certain list of exemptions;  
18           updating statutory references; updating statutory  
19           language; and providing an effective date.

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

21           SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           47 O.S. 2021, Section 156, as last  
22           amended by Section 1, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
23           Section 156), is amended to read as follows:  
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1       Section 156. A. Unless otherwise provided for by law, no state  
2 board, commission, department, institution, official, or employee,  
3 except the following, shall purchase any passenger automobile or bus  
4 with public funds:

- 5       1. The Department of Public Safety;
- 6       2. The Department of Human Services;
- 7       3. The State Department of Rehabilitation Services;
- 8       4. The Department of Wildlife Conservation;
- 9       5. The Department of Corrections;
- 10      6. The State Department of Education;
- 11      7. The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics;
- 12      8. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs  
13 Control;
- 14      9. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;
- 15      10. The Transportation Commission;
- 16      11. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;
- 17      12. The State Department of Health;
- 18      13. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
19 Services;
- 20      14. The J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental  
21 Disabilities;
- 22      15. The Military Department of the State of Oklahoma;
- 23      16. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department;
- 24      17. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission;

18. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board;
19. The Department of Mines;
20. The Office of Juvenile Affairs;
21. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;
22. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Supreme Court;
23. The District Attorneys Council and Oklahoma district attorneys, provided adequate funding exists;
24. The Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization;
25. The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission; ~~and~~
26. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training; and
27. The Department of Environmental Quality.

B. 1. The Oklahoma School for the Deaf at Sulphur, the Oklahoma School for the Blind at Muskogee, and any state institution of higher education may purchase, own, or keep if now owned, or acquire by lease or gift, and use and maintain such station wagons, automobiles, trucks, or buses as are reasonably necessary for the implementation of the educational programs of ~~said~~ such institutions.

2. No bus operated, owned, or used by such educational institutions shall be permitted to carry any person other than students, faculty members, employees, or volunteers of such institutions. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit:

1           a.    the operation of intracampus buses or buses routed  
2                directly between portions of the campus of any  
3                institution not adjacent to each other, nor to  
4                prohibit the collection of fares from such students,  
5                faculty members, or employees of such institutions,  
6                sufficient in amount to cover the reasonable cost of  
7                such transportation, or

8           b.    the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma  
9                School for the Deaf from entering into agreements with  
10               local public school districts pursuant to the  
11               Interlocal Cooperation Act for the mutual use of the  
12               schools' and the districts' vehicles. Such use may  
13               include, but is not limited to, the transportation of  
14               students from local school districts with students  
15               from the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma  
16               School for the Deaf in vehicles owned by the Oklahoma  
17               School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the  
18               Deaf when traveling to school-related activities.

19           C.    The J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental  
20                Disabilities, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the Oklahoma  
21                Department of Veterans Affairs, and the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Centers~~  
22                State Veterans Homes may own and maintain such passenger vehicles as  
23                those institutions have acquired prior to May 1, 1981.

1 D. The use of station wagons, automobiles, and buses, other  
2 than as provided for in this section, shall be permitted only upon  
3 written request for such use by heads of departments of the  
4 institution, approved in writing by the president of ~~said~~ such  
5 institution or by some administrative official of ~~said~~ such  
6 institution authorized by the president to grant ~~said~~ the approval.  
7 Such use shall be permitted only for official institutional business  
8 or activities connected therewith. Such use shall be subject to the  
9 provisions of Section 156.1 of this title forbidding personal use of  
10 such vehicles, and to the penalties therein declared.

11 E. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
12 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by  
13 fine or imprisonment, or both, as provided for in Section 156.1 of  
14 this title.

15 F. For the purpose of this section and Section 156.3 of this  
16 title, a station wagon is classified as a passenger automobile and  
17 may not be purchased solely for the use of transporting property.  
18 Such vehicles shall include, but not be limited to, all vehicles  
19 which have no separate luggage compartment or trunk but which do not  
20 have open beds, whether the same are called station wagons, vans,  
21 suburbans, town and country, blazers, or any other names. All state  
22 boards, commissions, departments, and institutions may own and  
23 maintain station wagons purchased solely for the purpose of  
24 transporting property if acquired prior to July 1, 1985.

1       G. The provisions of this section and Section 156.1 of this  
2 title shall not apply to public officials who are statewide elected  
3 commissioners.

4       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
7 04/11/2024 - DO PASS, As Amended.  
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