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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1621

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An Act relating to public finance; enacting the State Department of Education Spending Transparency Act; defining terms; requiring Internet-based portal; prescribing required content related to expenditures by state government; imposing duties on governmental entities; authorizing the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to include certain information; providing for annual agreements; prohibiting release of confidential information; requiring standards for reporting; providing for administrative rules; prescribing requirements for website displays; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 8201 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "State Department of Education Spending Transparency Act".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8202 of Title 62, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act will empower taxpayers with better information about
5 how their state spends taxpayer funds. The purpose of this act is
6 to ensure that the public can act on information about where
7 education taxpayer funds are spent in order to ensure that
8 government is as efficient and effective as possible.

9 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8203 of Title 62, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 As used in this act, "Submitting Party" means the State
13 Department of Education.

14 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8204 of Title 62, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 No later than the effective date of this act, the Office of
18 Management and Enterprise Services shall utilize an existing
19 Internet-based portal freely available to the public which details
20 information about expenditures made by the Submitting Party in each
21 fiscal year that commences after the effective date of this section.
22 The features of the database shall include at least:

23 1. A detailed ledger of all expenditures made in a fiscal year
24 by the Submitting Party, including, for each:

- a. the amount of the expenditure,
- b. the date the expenditure was paid,
- c. the name of the individual or entity to which the expenditure was paid, and
- d. if the expenditure is a payment to an employee, the employee's job title or other information that identifies their role within the organization.

2. The ability to search or browse all individual expenditures in each fiscal year;

3. The ability to aggregate data and where appropriate, through interactive software, generate totals, averages, and other summary statistics broken down by year, Submitting Party, spending categories described in paragraph 1 of this section and other criteria that may be useful to the public;

4. The ability to easily download all or a subset of expenditure data in a format that is widely usable and useful to members of the public; and

5. The ability to browse and search anonymized annual salary and benefit information for all employees of the Submitting Party.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8205 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Submitting Party shall assist in the development, establishment, operation, storage, hosting, and support of the

1 database. The Submitting Party shall submit data to the Office of
2 Management and Enterprise Services in a manner and on a schedule
3 prescribed by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

4 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
5 Office of Management and Enterprise Services from including any
6 information in the database that is not required to be included
7 under this section and that is available to the public.

8 C. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall enter
9 into an annual agreement with other appropriate agencies to define
10 data storage, privacy and security, data handling, user interface
11 requirements, and other provisions considered necessary to ensure
12 the proper maintenance and operation of the database.

13 D. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall
14 ensure that the database does not include any confidential
15 information, information that is not eligible for release under the
16 Oklahoma Open Records Act, or the names, Social Security numbers, or
17 any other personally identifiable information about employees of
18 Submitting Parties or other individuals.

19 E. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall, on
20 an ongoing basis, develop standardized reporting procedures and
21 methodologies and may develop secure application programming
22 interfaces so that data can be reported with minimal administrative
23 burden on the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the
24 Submitting Party, and others.

1 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8206 of Title 62, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall
5 promulgate all necessary rules for the administration of this act
6 within the time prescribed for permanent rule adoption as provided
7 by law.

8 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8207 of Title 62, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 The database shall be hosted and featured prominently on a
12 website owned or controlled by the Office of Management and
13 Enterprise Services for purposes of allowing the display of
14 information required by this act. The Submitting Party shall
15 display on its website a prominent Internet link to a page within
16 the database that displays a summary of the expenditures from the
17 Submitting Party in the most recent fiscal year.

18 SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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