

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1877

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 2 O.S. 2021, Sections 5-10, 5-85, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 174, O.S.L. 2025, 5-507, 3, Chapter 391, O.S.L. 2022, 6, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2023, 14, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2023, and 19, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2023 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025, Sections 5-85, 11-13, 4006, 4014, and 4019), which relate to agriculture; directing submission of certain reports to utilize certain centralized filing system; removing certain obsolete report; amending Section 1, Chapter 126, O.S.L. 2024 (3 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 415), which relates to the Long-Term Aerospace and Aeronautics Infrastructure Sustainability Revolving Fund; directing submission of certain report to utilize certain centralized filing system; amending 3A O.S. 2021, Sections 204, 619, 733, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2023, and 734 (3A O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 733), which relate to amusement and sports; directing submission of certain reports to utilize certain centralized filing system; amending 6 O.S. 2021, Section 212, which relates to the Banking Department; directing submission of certain report to utilize certain centralized filing system; amending 10 O.S. 2021, Sections 22.1, 405.1, 601.5, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2024, 601.6, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 178, O.S.L. 2025, 601.6a, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2024, 601.6b, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2024, 601.6c, 601.81, 2, Chapter 35, 1st Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2023, 1150.2, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2024, and 1411.1 (10 O.S. Supp. 2025, Sections 601.5, 601.6, 601.6a, 601.6b, 802, and 1150.2), which relate to children; removing certain obsolete report; directing submission of certain reports to utilize certain

1 centralized filing system; amending 10A O.S. 2021,
2 Sections 1-2-111, 1-6-105, 1-8-111, 1-9-105, 1-9-120,
3 as amended by Section 2, Chapter 28, O.S.L. 2023, 2-
4 7-311, 2-7-606, 2-7-705, 2-7-905, and 2-10-103 (10A
5 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-9-120), which relate to
6 the children and juvenile code; directing submission
7 of certain reports to utilize certain centralized
8 filing system; removing certain obsolete report;
9 amending 11 O.S. 2021, Sections 49-100.8, 49-100.9,
10 50-105.3, and 50-105.4, which relate to municipal
11 firefighter and police pension and retirement
12 systems; directing submission of certain reports to
13 utilize certain centralized filing system; amending
14 14A O.S. 2021, Sections 6-104 and 6-504, which relate
15 to the Department of Consumer Credit; directing
16 submission of certain reports to utilize certain
17 centralized filing system; amending 17 O.S. 2021,
18 Sections 40.1, 253, 325, 1, Chapter 403, O.S.L. 2022,
19 and 802.3, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 31,
20 O.S.L. 2024 (17 O.S. Supp. 2025, Sections 801.9 and
21 802.3), which relate to the Corporation Commission;
22 directing submission of certain reports to utilize
23 certain centralized filing system; amending 19 O.S.
24 2021, Section 215.28, which relates to the creation
of the District Attorneys Council; directing
submission of certain report to utilize certain
centralized filing system; amending 20 O.S. 2021,
Sections 3.3, 1103.1, 1108, 1225, and 1656, which
relate to courts; directing submission of certain
reports to utilize certain centralized filing system;
amending 21 O.S. 2021, Sections 142.15 and 1290.16,
which relate to crimes and punishments; directing
submission of certain reports to utilize certain
centralized filing system; updating statutory
language; directing the Office of the Secretary of
State to create and maintain certain centralized
filing system; requiring the Secretary of State to
submit certain report; repealing Section 6, Chapter
222, O.S.L. 2024 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 5-606),
which relates to reports; repealing 2 O.S. 2021,
Sections 18-34 and 18-192, which relate to reports;
repealing 10 O.S. 2021, Section 630.2, which relates
to coordinated database system; repealing Section 1,
Chapter 288, O.S.L. 2024 (17 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section
294), which relates to Southwest Power Pool report;
repealing 19 O.S. 2021, Section 547.2, which relates
to the Sheriffs' Personnel Task Force; repealing 20

1 O.S. 2021, Sections 127 and 1103H, which relate to
2 reports; repealing Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L.
3 2023, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 329, O.S.L.
4 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 2200), which
relates to the Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task
Force; providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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

8 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2021, Section 5-10, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 5-10. A. To implement the Made in Oklahoma Program and
11 the Grown in Oklahoma Program, the State Department of Agriculture
12 shall:

13 1. Design a "Made in Oklahoma" logo and a "Grown in Oklahoma"
14 logo for use by Oklahoma processors, providers, or growers;

15 2. Establish standards and requirements for logos;

16 3. Establish fees for logos; provided any Oklahoma processor,
17 provider, or grower may acquire use of the logos on their foods,
18 products, or services free of charge for the first year after
19 authorization for use;

20 4. Establish a task force to assist in ascertaining strengths
21 and weaknesses of the program;

22 5. Cooperate with other state agencies and other organizations
23 as needed in development of the program;
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1 6. Foster conferences, institutes, and exhibits on Oklahoma-
2 made products and services or Oklahoma-grown foods;

3 7. Publish reports, surveys, news bulletins, or other materials
4 pertaining to its findings, recommendations, and work; and

5 8. ~~Report~~ Electronically report, utilizing the centralized
6 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the
7 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
8 President Pro Tempore of the Senate areas needing legislative or
9 procedural changes to help promote the purchase and use of Oklahoma-
10 made products and services and Oklahoma-grown foods or to attract
11 manufacturers to supply processors with needed materials.

12 B. The Department may apply for, accept, and use any gift,
13 grant, or bequest from any source for the purpose of discharging its
14 duties.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2021, Section 5-85, as
16 amended by Section 2, Chapter 174, O.S.L. 2025 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025,
17 Section 5-85), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 5-85. A. The State Treasurer is authorized to issue
19 guidelines and administer the Oklahoma Agricultural Linked Deposit
20 Program.

21 B. The State Treasurer shall electronically submit an annual
22 report, utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in
23 Section 54 of this act, outlining the status of the Oklahoma
24 Agricultural Linked Deposit Program to the Governor, the Lieutenant

1 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker
2 of the House of Representatives.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2021, Section 5-507, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 5-507. If state funds are utilized, unless otherwise
6 required by federal law, the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service
7 shall provide the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
8 and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate ~~a~~ an electronic
9 copy of any report or other document that it provides to the United
10 States Department of Agriculture concerning the Oklahoma AgrAbility
11 Project utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in
12 Section 54 of this act.

13 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 391, O.S.L.
14 2022 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 11-13), is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 Section 11-13. A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
17 Food, and Forestry shall develop a grant program for the purpose of
18 providing grants to incorporated municipalities to mitigate extreme
19 purchase costs, extraordinary costs, or both, incurred by the
20 incorporated municipality's owned or controlled unregulated utility
21 affected by the extreme weather event that began February 7, 2021.
22 To qualify for a grant, the following requirements shall be met:
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1 1. The incorporated municipality ~~must~~ shall show proof of
2 extreme purchase costs, extraordinary costs, or both incurred by the
3 incorporated municipality's owned or controlled unregulated utility;

4 2. The population of the incorporated municipality shall be no
5 greater than three thousand five hundred (3,500) persons according
6 to the most recent Federal Decennial Census or most recent annual
7 estimate of the population by the United States Census Bureau; and

8 3. The incorporated municipality's owned or controlled
9 unregulated utility has had no costs mitigated through
10 securitization as provided by Sections 9070 through 9081 of Title 74
11 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 B. The Department shall promulgate rules necessary for
13 determining the eligibility and priority of applicants for the
14 grants. In determining the priority of applicants, the Department
15 shall consider the implications of the extraordinary costs and
16 extreme purchase costs regarding the incorporated municipality's
17 solvency and the amount of the incorporated municipality's
18 extraordinary costs and extreme purchase costs on a per capita
19 basis.

20 ~~C. On or before February 1, 2023, the Oklahoma Department of~~
21 ~~Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall provide a report to the~~
22 ~~Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of~~
23 ~~the House of Representatives that includes the list of~~
24 ~~municipalities who applied for the grant, the amount requested by~~

1 ~~each municipality, municipalities that were awarded grants, the~~
2 ~~amount of each grant awarded, and any other information the~~
3 ~~Department determines to be necessary.~~

4 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 297, O.S.L.
5 2023 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 4006), is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 Section 4006. A. On and after July 1, 2023, the Authority
8 shall have the power and duty to:

9 1. Adopt bylaws and promulgate rules for the regulation of its
10 affairs and the conduct of its business;

11 2. Adopt an official seal;

12 3. Maintain an office at a location to be determined by the
13 Authority;

14 4. Sue and be sued, subject to the provisions of the
15 Governmental Tort Claims Act;

16 5. Enter into cooperative agreements with the Board of Regents
17 for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges ~~and/or~~ or
18 other Oklahoma State University agencies, authorities, trusts or
19 entities for educational programs, professional staffing, research
20 and other veterinary activities;

21 6. Make and enter into all contracts necessary or incidental to
22 the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers
23 pursuant to the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine
24 Authority Act;

1 7. Purchase or lease equipment, furniture, materials, and
2 supplies, and incur such other expenses as may be necessary to
3 maintain and operate animal hospitals or clinics, or to discharge
4 its duties and responsibilities or to make any of its powers
5 effective;

6 8. Acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or by any other manner,
7 and to maintain, use and operate or to contract for the maintenance,
8 use and operation of or lease of any and all property of any kind,
9 real, personal, or mixed or any interest therein unless otherwise
10 provided by the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine
11 Authority Act;

12 9. Appoint such officers, agents, and employees, including but
13 not limited to attorneys, as it deems necessary and to prescribe
14 their duties and to fix their compensation;

15 10. Accept grants from the United States of America, or from
16 any corporation or agency created or designed by the United States
17 of America, and, in connection with any grant, to enter into such
18 agreements as the United States of America or such corporation or
19 agency may require;

20 11. Make and issue bonds and to pledge revenues of the
21 Authority subject to the Oklahoma Bond Oversight and Reform Act.
22 Nothing in the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine
23 Authority Act shall authorize the issuance of any bonds of the
24 Authority payable other than from revenues of the Authority.

1 Authority revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this act
2 shall not at any time be deemed to constitute a debt of the state or
3 of any political subdivision thereof, or a pledge of the faith and
4 credit of the state or of any political subdivision, but such bonds
5 shall be payable solely from the funds herein provided. Such
6 revenue bonds shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the
7 effect that neither the state nor the Authority shall be obligated
8 to pay the same or the interest thereon except from the revenues of
9 the project or projects for which they are issued and that neither
10 the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the state or any
11 political subdivision thereof is pledged, or may hereafter be
12 pledged, to the payment of the principal of or the interest on such
13 bonds. The maximum amount of outstanding bonds at any time shall
14 not exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) unless a greater
15 amount is expressly approved by the Legislature by a concurrent
16 resolution adopted prior to commencing any action in anticipation of
17 issuance of revenue bonds of the Oklahoma State University
18 Veterinary Medicine Authority for the greater amount;

19 12. Provide for complete financial audits on all accounts of
20 the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority and to
21 authorize periodic audits by an independent external auditing
22 agency. Such audits shall be performed annually in a format
23 approved by the State Auditor and Inspector, and all such audits
24 shall be submitted to the State Auditor and Inspector for review.

1 Such audits shall be made in accordance with generally accepted
2 auditing standards and government auditing standards. Financial
3 statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted
4 accounting principles;

5 13. Engage in long-term planning for the operation and
6 management of the Authority;

7 14. Establish petty cash funds and provide for appropriate
8 accounting procedures and controls;

9 15. Contract with national manufacturers and distributors of
10 drugs and medical supplies when appropriate to carry out the
11 purposes of this act;

12 16. Do all other things necessary and proper to implement the
13 provisions of the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine
14 Authority Act;

15 17. Provide funding to other entities related to public health,
16 animal health, teaching, research, and the purposes of the Oklahoma
17 State Veterinary Medicine Authority Act when provided funding for
18 such purposes by the Legislature;

19 18. Waive, by such means as the Authority deems appropriate,
20 the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the
21 Authority's bonds provided by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
22 amended, or any other federal statute providing a similar
23 exemption; 19. Arrange for guaranties or insurance of its bonds by
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1 the federal government or by any private insurer, and to pay any
2 premiums therefor; and

3 ~~20.~~ 19. Make a declaration of necessity as provided in Section
4 3 of this act. The Authority may, in its exclusive judgment, make a
5 declaration of necessity when such a declaration is deemed necessary
6 to effectuate the purposes of the Oklahoma State University
7 Veterinary Medicine Authority Act.

8 B. The Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority
9 shall be subject to the Oklahoma State Finance Act.

10 C. The Authority shall prepare monthly a "budget vs. actual"
11 report which shows by budget activity the monthly and year-to-date
12 revenues and expenditures compared to budgeted revenues and
13 expenditures. Such report shall be electronically submitted,
14 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
15 of this act, to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and
16 to the Directors of the House of Representatives Fiscal Division and
17 the Senate Fiscal Division.

18 D. The Authority shall be subject to the professional risk
19 management program provided for in Section 85.58A of Title 74 of the
20 Oklahoma Statutes.

21 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY Section 14, Chapter 297, O.S.L.
22 2023 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 4014), is amended to read as
23 follows:
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1 Section 4014. The Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine
2 Authority shall electronically submit an annual report, utilizing
3 the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this
4 act, to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
5 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
6 Senate. Such report shall be submitted in accordance with the
7 requirements for financial statement audits in Section 212A of Title
8 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall include an account of the
9 operations and actions of the Authority and an accounting of all
10 revenue received and disbursed by the Authority for the previous
11 fiscal year. The report shall include an accounting of expenses
12 related to each of the following:

13 1. Education and training of students of the Oklahoma State
14 University College of Veterinary Medicine, resident veterinarians
15 and others;

16 2. Care and treatment of animal patients for whom the Authority
17 receives any form of state or federal reimbursement; and

18 3. Research.

19 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY Section 19, Chapter 297, O.S.L.
20 2023 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 4019), is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 Section 4019. A. The State of Oklahoma expressly approves the
23 creation of a public trust to be named the "Oklahoma State
24 University Veterinary Medical Trust", of which the State of Oklahoma

1 shall be the beneficiary, provided such approval shall be contingent
2 upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

3 1. Finalizing of the declaration of trust;

4 2. Adoption of the declaration of trust by an official action
5 of the trustees of the Trust;

6 3. Submission of the Trust for acceptance of the beneficial
7 interest and approval as required by Section 177 of Title 60 of the
8 Oklahoma Statutes; and

9 4. The approved declaration of trust shall:

10 a. clearly state that the principal purpose of the
11 Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medical Trust is
12 to effectuate the purposes of the Oklahoma State
13 University Veterinary Medicine Authority as
14 established in the Oklahoma State University
15 Veterinary Medicine Authority Act,

16 b. except as otherwise provided by law, provide that the
17 title to real property held by the Oklahoma State
18 University Veterinary Medicine Authority shall not be
19 transferred, conveyed, or assigned to the Oklahoma
20 State University Veterinary Medical Trust without the
21 express consent of the Legislature as the governing
22 entity of the beneficiary pursuant to Section 176 of
23 Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

- 1 c. provide that any indebtedness incurred by the Oklahoma
2 State University Veterinary Medical Trust or the
3 trustees of the Trust shall not be secured with or
4 create a lien upon real property to which title is
5 held by the Oklahoma State University Veterinary
6 Medicine Authority and shall not involve the bonding
7 capacity of the Oklahoma State University Veterinary
8 Medicine Authority,
- 9 d. provide that the trust estate of the Oklahoma State
10 University Veterinary Medical Trust shall not include
11 fee simple title to real property owned by the
12 Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine
13 Authority,
- 14 e. clearly state that the creation of the Oklahoma State
15 University Veterinary Medical Trust shall not in any
16 way reduce, limit, or interfere with the power granted
17 to the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine
18 Authority in the Oklahoma State University Veterinary
19 Medicine Authority Act,
- 20 f. provide that any lease or contractual agreement
21 involving use of the real property to which title is
22 held by the Oklahoma State University Veterinary
23 Medicine Authority and any improvements thereto shall
24 contain a provision and covenants requiring the proper

1 maintenance and upkeep of the real property and
2 improvements,

3 g. provide that the trustees of the Oklahoma State
4 University Veterinary Medical Trust shall be the
5 acting members of the Oklahoma State University
6 Veterinary Medicine Authority as provided in the
7 Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine
8 Authority Act, and

9 h. provide that the trustees of the Oklahoma State
10 University Veterinary Medical Trust shall have the
11 duty to electronically submit an annual report,
12 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for
13 in Section 54 of this act, to the Governor, the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
15 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The report shall
16 be submitted by January 1 of each year and shall
17 include an account of all operations, actions of the
18 Trust, and an account of all revenue received and
19 disbursed by the Trust for the previous fiscal year.
20 The report shall also provide a complete accounting of
21 how the Trust meets its primary function of
22 effectuating the purposes of the Oklahoma State
23 University Veterinary Medicine Authority, as
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1 established in the Oklahoma State University
2 Veterinary Medicine Authority Act.

3 B. The Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medical Trust shall
4 require any agreements which it enters into with any entity pursuant
5 to Section 22 of this act for the operations of facilities leased by
6 the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority to the
7 Trust to include, but not be limited to:

8 1. The inclusion of all the members of the Trust, representing
9 the State of Oklahoma in a governing committee;

10 2. Binding arbitration shall not be required by such agreements
11 for resolving issues under consideration by the governing committee;
12 and

13 3. Major decisions shall be resolved by the governing
14 committee, and approval of any major decision by the governing
15 committee ~~must~~ shall include the approval of a majority of the state
16 appointees and the approval of a majority of the private entity
17 appointees to the governing committee. Major decisions shall
18 include:

- 19 a. approval of the operating and capital budgets,
20 b. sale or disposition of assets over Two Hundred Fifty
21 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00),
22 c. the termination, transfer, material addition, or
23 material diminution of animal medical services at the
24 Oklahoma State University Veterinary Hospital related

1 to and part of a teaching program of the Oklahoma
2 State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and
3 d. other major decisions as may be agreed upon by the
4 Trust and the private entity.

5 C. To the extent it is determined by legislative enactment that
6 the Trust has expended funds in contravention of its mission as set
7 forth in this section, the Trust shall remit, upon a thirty (30) day
8 written notice from the Oklahoma State University Veterinary
9 Medicine Authority, such sum or sums to the Oklahoma State
10 University Veterinary Medicine Authority.

11 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 126, O.S.L.
12 2024 (3 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 415), is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 Section 415. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
15 revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and
16 Aeronautics to be designated the "Long-Term Aerospace and
17 Aeronautics Infrastructure Sustainability Revolving Fund". The fund
18 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,
19 and shall consist of all monies received by the Department from
20 appropriations designated for the purpose of construction,
21 maintenance, or other capital projects. The Director of the
22 Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall, at the end
23 of each month, electronically provide a current balance and
24 statement of encumbrances of the fund to the Chair of the Senate

1 Appropriations Committee and the Chair of the House of
2 Representatives Appropriations and Budget Committee utilizing the
3 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act.

4 All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
5 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma
6 Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics for the sole purpose
7 provided for in this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be
8 made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims
9 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of
10 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

11 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 204, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 204. A. The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission shall:

14 1. Have supervision of:

- 15 a. all race meetings held in this state; provided, for
16 non-pari-mutuel race meetings and training races held
17 at non-pari-mutuel tracks jurisdiction of the
18 Commission shall be limited to a period of time
19 beginning twelve (12) hours before the commencement of
20 the first race on a race day and ending four (4) hours
21 after the finish of the last race on a race day,
22 b. all occupation and organization licensees in this
23 state, and
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1 c. all persons on the property of an organization
2 licensee; provided, for non-pari-mutuel race meetings
3 and training races held at non-pari-mutuel tracks
4 supervision of such persons shall be limited to the
5 period set out in subparagraph a of this paragraph;

6 2. Have the authority to promulgate rules for the purpose of
7 administering the provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act;

8 3. Administer and enforce the provisions of the Oklahoma Horse
9 Racing Act and the rules of the Commission;

10 4. Adjudicate controversies arising from the enforcement of the
11 provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act and the rules of the
12 Commission;

13 5. Allocate racing days of not to exceed six (6) days per
14 calendar week, dates, and hours which are in the best interests of
15 the people of this state to organization licensees;

16 6. Promulgate rules for the granting or refusing and the
17 suspension or revoking of licenses;

18 7. Promulgate rules for the holding, conducting, and operating
19 of all race meetings held in this state; provided, the rules of the
20 American Quarter Horse Association for regulation of the holding,
21 conducting and operating of non-pari-mutuel race meetings and
22 training races held at non-pari-mutuel tracks shall serve as the
23 rules for the holding, conducting and operating of non-pari-mutuel
24 race meetings and training races held at non-pari-mutuel tracks,

1 except that appeals from decisions of the stewards shall be to the
2 Commission, until such time as the Commission has promulgated
3 substantially similar rules for regulation of the holding,
4 conducting and operating of non-pari-mutuel race meetings and
5 training races held at non-pari-mutuel tracks;

6 8. Have supervision and control of the pari-mutuel machines and
7 all other equipment at all race meetings held in this state;

8 9. Check the making of pari-mutuel pools and the distribution
9 of such pools and shall:

10 a. contract with the Office of the State Auditor and
11 Inspector to conduct an annual audit and inspection of
12 live race meets in this state, and

13 b. reimburse the Office of the State Auditor and
14 Inspector for the cost of these services;

15 10. Promulgate rules governing:

16 a. bids on leases,

17 b. the rate charged by an organization licensee for
18 admission to races, and

19 c. the rate charged for the performance of any service or
20 for the sale of any article on the premises of an
21 organization licensee;

22 11. Approve all contracts and agreements for the payment of
23 money and all salaries, fees, and compensations by any organization
24 licensee;

1 12. Have the authority to exclude, or compel the exclusion,
2 from any race meeting:

- 3 a. any person who violates the provisions of any rule or
4 order of the Commission or any law of this state, any
5 other state, or the United States,
6 b. any person who has been previously convicted of
7 violating any law of this state, any other state, the
8 United States, or
9 c. any other person, licensed or unlicensed, whose
10 conduct or reputation is such that his or her presence
11 at the race meeting may, in the opinion of the
12 Commission reflect on the honesty and integrity of
13 horse racing or interfere with the orderly conduct of
14 the race meeting. No person shall be excluded or
15 ejected from a race meeting solely on the grounds of
16 race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or ancestry;

17 13. Have investigatory powers and authority to place attendants
18 and such other persons as may be deemed necessary by the Commission
19 in the offices, on the tracks, or in places of business of any
20 organization licensee for the purpose of determining whether an
21 organization or occupation licensee is complying with the provisions
22 of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act and the rules of the Commission;
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1 14. Have authority to acquire or contract with, or establish,
2 maintain, and operate testing laboratories and related facilities
3 for the purpose of conducting:

4 a. human substance abuse testing on occupation licensees
5 who may affect the outcome of race results. Human
6 substance abuse tests and the laboratories performing
7 such tests ~~must~~ shall meet the nationally recognized
8 standards specified in the Mandatory Guidelines for
9 Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs adopted by the
10 United States Department of Health and Human Services.
11 The Commission may require any occupation licensee to
12 submit to a human substance abuse test if the
13 Commission has probable cause to believe that such
14 licensee is possessing or using any controlled
15 dangerous substance or any other drug in violation of
16 any federal or state law. Provided, on and after July
17 1, 1994, such testing shall be in compliance with the
18 provisions of the Standards for Workplace Drug and
19 Alcohol Testing Act, and

20 b. a saliva test, a blood test, a urine test, or other
21 tests or combinations of tests on the horses run or to
22 be run in any race meeting. Prior to the Commission
23 entering into any contract pursuant to this paragraph,
24 the Attorney General shall review and approve the
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1 contract. Any contract entered into pursuant to this
2 paragraph shall contain the specifications that were
3 in the request for bid for the contract;

4 15. Approve of all proposed construction on property owned or
5 leased by an organization licensee;

6 16. Have authority to require that all financial, employment,
7 or other records of an organization licensee shall be kept in such
8 manner as prescribed by the Commission and shall be subject to
9 inspection by the Commission. The organization licensee shall
10 submit to the Commission an annual balance sheet, profit-and-loss
11 statement, and any other information the Commission deems necessary
12 in order to administer the provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing
13 Act;

14 17. Have the authority to suspend or revoke a license or impose
15 fines in amounts not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
16 against individuals for each violation and in amounts not to exceed
17 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) against organization licensees
18 for each violation of any provision of the Oklahoma Horse Racing
19 Act, any rules adopted by the Commission, or any order of the
20 Commission, or for any other action which, in the discretion of the
21 Commission, is a detriment or impediment to horse racing or both
22 such suspension or revocation and fine. Each day upon which such
23 violation or other action by the organization licensee occurs shall
24 constitute a separate offense;

1 18. Have authority to suspend a horse from participating in
2 races if the horse has been involved in any violation of the rules
3 promulgated by the Commission or the provisions of the Oklahoma
4 Horse Racing Act; and

5 19. Prepare and electronically submit, utilizing the
6 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, an
7 annual report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The
9 report shall include an account of the operations, actions, and
10 orders of the Commission, and an accounting of all revenue received
11 by the Commission.

12 B. 1. The Commission may delegate to stewards or the Executive
13 Director, those of its powers and duties as it deems necessary to
14 fully implement and effectuate the purposes of the Oklahoma Horse
15 Racing Act.

16 2. The Commission, upon appeal or due consideration, may
17 overrule any decision of a steward except decisions regarding
18 disqualifications for interference during the running of a race if a
19 preponderance of evidence indicates:

- 20 a. the stewards mistakenly interpreted the law,
21 b. new evidence of a convincing nature is produced, or
22 c. the best interests of racing and the state may be
23 better served.

1 3. Any decision pertaining to the finish of a race, as used for
2 purposes of pari-mutuel pool distribution to winning ticket holders,
3 may not be overruled. Any decision pertaining to the distribution
4 of purses may be changed only if a claim is made in writing to the
5 Commission by one of the involved owners or trainers, and a
6 preponderance of evidence clearly indicates to the Commission that
7 one or more of the grounds for protest, as provided for in the rules
8 prepared by the Commission, has been substantiated.

9 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 619, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 619. Beginning February 1, 2000, the Oklahoma State
12 Athletic Commission shall electronically file an annual report of
13 combative sports activities in Oklahoma, utilizing the centralized
14 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, with the
15 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker
16 of the House of Representatives. Said report shall include, but not
17 be limited to, the amount of revenue collected, the number of
18 permits and licenses issued and revoked, the number of violations of
19 the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act, and the number of
20 professional combative sports events, amateur mixed martial arts
21 events and amateur kickboxing events conducted.

22 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 733, as
23 amended by Section 4, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2023 (3A O.S. Supp. 2025,
24 Section 733), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 733. To ensure the financial integrity of the lottery,
2 the Oklahoma Lottery Commission through its board of trustees shall:

3 1. ~~Submit~~ Electronically submit annual reports, utilizing the
4 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to
5 the Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Oklahoma State Bureau of
6 Investigation, Attorney General, and the oversight committee created
7 by Section 734 of this title, disclosing the total lottery revenues,
8 prize disbursements, operating expenses, and administrative expenses
9 of the Commission. The annual report shall additionally describe
10 the organizational structure of the Commission and summarize the
11 functions performed by each organizational division within the
12 Commission;

13 2. Adopt a system of internal audits;

14 3. Maintain weekly or more frequent records of lottery
15 transactions, including the distribution of tickets or shares to
16 retailers, revenues received, claims for prizes, prizes paid, prizes
17 forfeited, and other financial transactions of the Commission;

18 4. Contract with a certified public accountant or firm for an
19 annual financial audit of the Commission. The certified public
20 accountant or firm shall have no financial interest in any vendor
21 with whom the Commission is under contract. The certified public
22 accountant or firm shall present an audit report not later than
23 seven (7) months after the end of the fiscal year. The certified
24 public accountant or firm shall evaluate the internal auditing

1 controls in effect during the audit period. The cost of this annual
2 financial audit shall be an operating expense of the Commission.
3 The State Auditor and Inspector may at any time conduct an audit of
4 any phase of the operations of the Commission at the expense of the
5 Commission and shall receive a copy of the annual independent
6 financial audit. A copy of any audit performed by the certified
7 public accountant or firm or the State Auditor and Inspector shall
8 be electronically transmitted, utilizing the centralized filing
9 system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the Governor, the
10 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives, the State Auditor and Inspector, and the cochairs
12 of the oversight committee created in Section 734 of this title;

13 5. ~~Submit~~ Electronically submit, utilizing the centralized
14 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the Office
15 of Management and Enterprise Services and the State Auditor and
16 Inspector by June 30 of each year a copy of the annual operating
17 budget for the Commission for the next fiscal year. This annual
18 operating budget shall be approved by the board and be on such forms
19 as prescribed by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;
20 and

21 6. ~~Submit~~ Electronically submit, utilizing the centralized
22 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the Office
23 of Management and Enterprise Services by October 1 of each year a
24 proposed estimate of the net proceeds to be deposited into the
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1 Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund during the succeeding fiscal
2 year. The estimate shall be on such forms as prescribed by the
3 Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

4 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 734, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 734. A. There is hereby created as a joint committee
7 of the Legislature the Oklahoma Lottery Commission Legislative
8 Oversight Committee, to be composed of the members of the House
9 Revenue and Taxation Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.
10 The chairs of the committees shall serve as cochairs of the
11 oversight committee. The oversight committee shall periodically
12 inquire into and review the operations of the Oklahoma Lottery
13 Commission, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success
14 with which the Commission is accomplishing its statutory duties and
15 functions as provided in the Oklahoma Education Lottery Act. The
16 oversight committee may conduct any independent audit or
17 investigation of the Commission it deems necessary.

18 B. The Commission shall electronically provide the oversight
19 committee not later than December 1 of each year with a complete
20 report of the level of participation of minority businesses in all
21 retail and major procurement contracts awarded by the Commission.
22 The report shall be provided to the oversight committee utilizing
23 the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this
24 act.

1 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 6 O.S. 2021, Section 212, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 212. A. Commissioner's Report - Contents. The
4 Commissioner shall report to the Governor annually. The report
5 shall be a public document and shall include such matters as the
6 Commissioner deems advisable.

7 B. Copies furnished to Legislature and Oklahoma Publishing
8 Clearing House. Copies of the annual reports not previously so
9 submitted shall be electronically submitted to the Legislature,
10 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
11 of this act, at the opening of each regular session and to the
12 Oklahoma Publishing Clearing House. A copy of the annual report
13 shall also be published on the Oklahoma State Banking Department's
14 website.

15 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 22.1, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 22.1. A. The Oklahoma Legislature recognizes that:

18 1. Children who have been abused, who are dependent or
19 neglected, or whose parents, for whatever reason, may be unable or
20 unwilling to provide care for their children, are best served when
21 they can be cared for by grandparents or other suitable relatives
22 instead of placing those children in foster care with the State of
23 Oklahoma; and
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1 2. While grandparents or other relatives are often willing to
2 provide for the care of children who can no longer remain with their
3 parents, there may exist financial obstacles to the provision of
4 such care, or there may be a need for other services to enable the
5 children to remain with their grandparents or other relatives in
6 order to prevent the entry of those children into the foster care
7 system.

8 B. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature in enacting
9 this section to:

10 1. Recognize family relationships in which a grandparent or
11 other relative within the third degree of relationship to the child
12 is the head of a household that includes a child otherwise at risk
13 of foster care placement by the Department of Human Services;

14 2. Enhance family preservation and stability by recognizing
15 that most children in placements with grandparents and other
16 relatives within the third degree of relationship to the child do
17 not need intensive supervision of the placement by the courts or by
18 the Department;

19 3. Provide additional placement options and incentives that
20 will achieve permanency and stability for many children who are
21 otherwise at risk of foster care placement by the Department because
22 of abuse, abandonment, or neglect, but who may successfully be able
23 to reside in the care of relatives within the third degree of
24 relationship to the child; and

1 4. Reserve the limited casework and supervisory resources of
2 the Department and the courts expended to care for children in state
3 custody for those cases in which children do not have the option for
4 safe, stable care within their immediate family.

5 C. The Department of Human Services shall establish and operate
6 a relative support program pursuant to eligibility guidelines
7 established in this section and by rules of the Department
8 promulgated thereto which will divert children from the foster care
9 program operated by the Department. The relative support program
10 shall provide assistance to relatives within the third degree of
11 relationship to a child who are caring for the child on a full-time
12 basis, regardless of whether there is a court order granting custody
13 of the child to the relative.

14 D. Grandparents or other such relatives who qualify for and
15 participate in the relative support program are not required to be
16 certified as foster parents or to meet the foster care requirements
17 but shall be capable of providing a physically safe environment and
18 a stable, supportive home for the children under their care.

19 E. Upon request by grandparents or other relatives who are
20 caring for a child on a full-time basis, the Department shall
21 complete a needs assessment on such grandparents or other relatives
22 to determine the appropriate services and support needed by the
23 child and the grandparents or other such relatives.

1 F. Within available funding specified by this section, the
2 relative support program may provide grandparents or other suitable
3 relatives with:

4 1. Case management services;

5 2. Monthly stipends or other financial assistance, family
6 support and preservation services;

7 3. Flexible funds to enable the grandparents or other relatives
8 to meet unusual or crisis expenditures, including but not limited
9 to, making housing deposits, utility deposits, or to purchase beds,
10 clothing and food;

11 4. Subsidized child care and after school care;

12 5. Respite care;

13 6. Transportation;

14 7. Counseling;

15 8. Support groups;

16 9. Assistance in accessing parental child support payments;

17 10. Aid in accessing food stamps, Social Security and other
18 public benefits;

19 11. Information about legal options for relative caregivers;

20 12. Assistance for establishing a relative guardianship or
21 relative custodianship for the child;

22 13. Available volunteer attorney services;

23 14. Mediation/family group conferencing; and
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1 15. Community-based services and state or federal programs
2 available to the child and relatives to support the child's safety,
3 growth and health development.

4 G. Children living with grandparents or other relatives within
5 the third degree of relationship to the child who are receiving
6 assistance pursuant to this section shall be eligible for Medicaid
7 coverage.

8 H. Subject to availability of funding, and as may be permitted
9 by federal law or regulations governing the Department of Human
10 Services' block grant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
11 (TANF), the Department is specifically authorized to provide funding
12 assistance from such block grant or other available funds for the
13 development and operation of the relative support program by
14 providing available funds which are not otherwise committed to or
15 necessary for the provision of the Statewide Temporary Assistance
16 Responsibility System. In addition, the Department may use any
17 other state, federal or private funds available to the Department
18 for such purposes to implement the provisions of this section.

19 I. 1. In order to qualify for the receipt of any monthly
20 stipend, the grandparent or other relative shall meet any
21 eligibility criteria determined by the Department of Human Services.

22 2. Within limits of available funding, monthly stipends may be
23 paid to grandparents or other relatives with the third degree of
24 relationship to the child who have physical full-time custody of a
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1 child who would be unable to serve in that capacity without a
2 monthly stipend because of inadequate financial resources, thus
3 exposing the child to the trauma of potential placement in a shelter
4 or in foster care placement by the Department of Human Services.
5 The statewide average monthly rate for children in the legal custody
6 of grandparents or other relatives who are not certified as foster
7 homes shall not exceed the cost of providing foster care.

8 J. Additional assistance may be made available to qualified
9 grandparents or other relatives within the third degree of
10 relationship and children, based upon specific needs of the
11 grandparent or other relative of the child and the specific needs of
12 the child. Such assistance shall also be subject to available
13 funding.

14 K. The relative support program established by the Department
15 pursuant to this section may receive referrals from district courts
16 of this state, from social service or child advocate agencies, from
17 any other agency of this state, or other states or federal programs.
18 In addition, the relative support program may be accessed directly
19 by the grandparents or other relatives of the affected children by
20 application made to the Department of Human Services.

21 L. The Department of Human Services may provide any services
22 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section by contract
23 with any person or with any public or private entity.
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1 M. The provisions of this section shall also be available to a
2 legal guardian of a child who is within the fifth degree of relation
3 to the child.

4 N. The Department of Human Services shall, pursuant to the
5 provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, promulgate any
6 rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

7 O. As a part of the relative support program, the Department
8 shall develop, publish, and distribute an informational brochure for
9 grandparents and other relatives who provide full-time care for
10 children. The information provided under the program authorized by
11 this section may include, but is not limited to, the following:

12 1. The benefits available to children and grandparents or other
13 relatives pursuant to this section providing full-time care;

14 2. The procedures to access the relative support program;

15 3. A list of support groups and resources located throughout
16 the state;

17 4. Such other information deemed necessary by the Department;
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19 5. The brochure may be distributed through municipal and
20 district courts, hospitals, public health nurses, child protective
21 services, medical professional offices, county health departments,
22 elementary and secondary schools, senior citizens centers, public
23 libraries, local, city, county and state offices and community
24 action agencies selected by the Department.

1 ~~P. The Department of Human Services shall submit a report of~~
2 ~~the outcomes associated with the relative support program~~
3 ~~established pursuant to this section to the Speaker of the Oklahoma~~
4 ~~House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the State~~
5 ~~Senate on or before January 15, 2002.~~

6 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 405.1, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 405.1. A. The Department of Human Services shall
9 collaborate with other appropriate agencies to develop a
10 comprehensive Oklahoma state plan for child care.

11 B. The comprehensive plan shall:

12 1. Meet all requirements for child care state plans as
13 periodically determined by the United States Department of Health
14 and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Child
15 Care Bureau; and

16 2. Be electronically submitted, utilizing the centralized
17 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the Speaker
18 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro
19 Tempore of the Senate on a biannual basis.

20 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 601.5, as
21 amended by Section 3, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2024 (10 O.S. Supp. 2025,
22 Section 601.5), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 601.5. A. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and
24 Youth shall appoint a Director who shall be a person having

1 experience in the operation and administration of services to
2 children and youth. Such Director shall be appointed for a term of
3 two (2) years and may be reappointed. Such Director may be
4 dismissed only for cause. The Director shall:

5 1. Employ such staff as may be necessary to perform the duties
6 of the Commission, with the advice and approval of the Commission;

7 2. Prepare an annual report summarizing the activities of the
8 Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth for the previous fiscal
9 year, other reports as necessary and appropriate, and an annual
10 budget for the approval of the Commission;

11 3. Formulate and recommend rules and regulations for approval
12 or rejection by the Commission;

13 4. Serve as chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Commission
14 on Children and Youth; and

15 5. Act as agent as authorized for the Commission in the
16 performance of its duties.

17 B. The Director may periodically convene issue-specific task
18 groups for the purpose of improving services for children and youth.
19 A copy of any report or recommendations which result from meetings
20 of a task group shall be electronically provided, utilizing the
21 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to
22 the Commission, Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
23 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the director of each state
24 agency affected by the report or recommendations.

1 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 601.6, as
2 amended by Section 1, Chapter 178, O.S.L. 2025 (10 O.S. Supp. 2025,
3 Section 601.6), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 601.6. A. For purposes of this section, the term
5 "children and youth service system" shall have the same meaning as
6 it is defined in Section 600 of this title.

7 B. The Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall have the
8 responsibility of inspecting and investigating misfeasance and
9 malfeasance within the children and youth service system, as
10 directed by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, to
11 ascertain compliance with established responsibilities.

12 C. The Office shall conduct not less than one but not more than
13 two regular, periodic, unannounced inspections of state-operated
14 children's institutions and facilities annually. The Office is
15 further authorized to inspect privately operated children's
16 institutions and facilities that receive state or federal funding,
17 on a periodic basis or as needed.

18 D. The Office shall investigate complaints filed with the
19 Office regarding the children and youth service system.

20 E. The Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall have the
21 authority to:

22 1. Access all facilities within the children and youth service
23 system for the purpose of conducting inspections and investigations;
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1 2. Examine and copy all records and budgets pertaining to the
2 children and youth service system and to review inspection reports
3 of the State Fire Marshal, State Department of Health, and any other
4 agency that accredits such institutions and facilities;

5 3. Interview the residents of institutions and facilities
6 within the children and youth service system;

7 4. Subpoena witnesses and hold public hearings;

8 5. Establish, in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Act,
9 Sections 1801 through 1813 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a
10 voluntary program for foster parents to mediate complaints
11 concerning the rights of foster parents, as provided for in Section
12 1-9-119 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes, that relate to
13 certain actions, inactions or decisions of the Department of Human
14 Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or child-placing
15 agencies that may adversely affect the safety and well-being of
16 children in the custody of the state;

17 6. Receive any complaint alleging that an employee of the
18 Department of Human Services or a child-placing agency has
19 threatened a foster parent with removal of a child from the foster
20 parent, harassed a foster parent, or refused to place a child in a
21 licensed or certified foster home, or disrupted a child placement as
22 retaliation or discrimination towards a foster parent who has:

23 a. filed a grievance pursuant to Section 1-9-120 of Title
24 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes,

- 1 b. provided information to any state official or
2 Department employee, or
3 c. testified, assisted, or otherwise participated in an
4 investigation, proceeding, or hearing against the
5 Department or child-placing agency.

6 The Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall forward the
7 complaints to the Office of Client Advocacy for investigation
8 pursuant to subsection D of Section 1-9-112 of Title 10A of the
9 Oklahoma Statutes. The Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall
10 work with the Office of Client Advocacy to ensure the complaints are
11 investigated and resolved in accordance with the grievance
12 procedures provided in Section 1-9-120 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma
13 Statutes. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any
14 complaint by a foster parent regarding the result of a criminal,
15 administrative, or civil proceeding for a violation of any law,
16 rule, or contract provision by that foster parent, or the action
17 taken by the Department or a child-placing agency in conformity with
18 the result of any such proceeding;

19 7. ~~Issue~~ Electronically issue reports, utilizing the
20 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to
21 the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, President Pro
22 Tempore of the Senate, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the
23 State of Oklahoma, any appropriate prosecutorial agency, the
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1 director of the agency under consideration, and other persons as
2 necessary and appropriate; and

3 8. Provide recommendations to the Oklahoma Commission on
4 Children and Youth on or before May 1 of each year.

5 F. The Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall not release
6 information that would identify a person who makes a complaint to
7 the Office, unless a court of competent jurisdiction orders release
8 of the information for good cause shown.

9 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 601.6a, as
10 amended by Section 4, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2024 (10 O.S. Supp. 2025,
11 Section 601.6a), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 601.6a. The Office of Planning and Coordination for
13 Services to Children and Youth shall:

14 1. Convene meetings of public and private agencies that provide
15 services to children and youth for the purpose of facilitating and
16 implementing joint planning and service coordination among said
17 agencies;

18 2. Prepare, with input from the Parent Partnership Board and
19 affected public and private agencies, a State Plan for Services to
20 Children and Youth for the upcoming three (3) years for the approval
21 of the Commission;

22 3. Make recommendations, to be included in the State Plan, for
23 the development and improvement of services provided to children and
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1 youth, including homeless children and youth and youth at risk of
2 homelessness; and

3 4. ~~Issue~~ Electronically issue reports, utilizing the
4 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to
5 the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, President Pro
6 Tempore of the Senate, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the
7 State of Oklahoma, public and private agencies, and such other
8 persons as necessary and appropriate.

9 SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 601.6b, as
10 amended by Section 5, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2024 (10 O.S. Supp. 2025,
11 Section 601.6b), is amended to read as follows:

12 A. On or before July 1, 2024, and on or before July 1 of every
13 third year thereafter, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
14 shall electronically transmit, utilizing the centralized filing
15 system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the Director of
16 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the director of
17 each affected agency, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor a copy of
19 the State Plan for Services to Children and Youth for the next three
20 (3) fiscal years.

21 B. The Office of Planning and Coordination, with the assistance
22 of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and affected
23 agencies, may assemble topic-specific reports regarding services to
24 children, youth, and families to include program descriptions, past

1 and current expenditures, future budget requests, and a description
2 of program outcomes as directed by the Legislature or the
3 Commission.

4 SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 601.6c, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 601.6c. A. The Office of Planning and Coordination for
7 Services to Children and Youth Steering Committee shall:

8 1. Review data and propose policy solutions relating to the
9 issue of child homelessness; and

10 2. Update the Oklahoma State Legislature on existing programs
11 to reduce child homelessness including, but not limited to, programs
12 administered or financed in whole or in part by any agency of this
13 state, nonprofit organizations, or private-sector entities.

14 B. The Steering Committee shall include an examination of the
15 following in its assessment and recommendations:

16 1. State trends in the number of children who are homeless or
17 are at risk of becoming homeless;

18 2. The state's role in providing services to children and youth
19 who are homeless or at risk for becoming homeless;

20 3. State policy regarding homeless children and youth; and

21 4. Existing services, resources, and capacity including, but
22 not limited to, the availability of publicly or privately provided
23 resources to children and youth who are homeless or at risk of
24 becoming homeless.

1 C. The Steering Committee shall electronically submit a report,
2 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
3 of this act, to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker
4 of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2015, and annually
5 thereafter, describing assessment and recommendations provided for
6 by this act.

7 SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 601.81, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 601.81. A. The departments that provide home-visiting
10 services may adopt and promulgate rules by which the home-visiting
11 program shall operate.

12 B. The departments shall provide a framework for service
13 delivery and accountability across all home-visiting programs to
14 promote a continuum of care that targets families at the greatest
15 risk for experiencing adverse childhood outcomes.

16 C. A home-visiting program shall provide face-to-face visits by
17 specially trained parent educators to provide home-based family
18 support services.

19 D. The departments shall ensure home-visiting programs work in
20 partnership to serve children, thereby maximizing the opportunities
21 for families to receive services that best fit their needs.

22 E. A home-visiting program shall achieve two or more of the
23 following:
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1 1. Improve prenatal, maternal, infant or child health outcomes,
2 including, but not limited to, indicators such as preterm birth
3 rates, substance abuse, and tobacco use;

4 2. Reduce entry into the child welfare system;

5 3. Improve positive parenting and relationship skills;

6 4. Improve parental self-sufficiency, including increased
7 employment and educational attainment;

8 5. Improve children's readiness to succeed in school; and

9 6. Improve children's social-emotional, cognitive and language
10 and physical development, including efforts at early identification
11 of delays.

12 F. The departments shall work with community partners,
13 researchers, model developers, program providers and interested
14 private entities to develop processes that provide for a greater
15 ability to collaborate, as well as share best practices and
16 information as necessary and appropriate.

17 G. When the departments authorize funds through payments,
18 contracts or grants that are used for home-visiting programs, they
19 shall include language regarding home visiting in the funding
20 agreement contract or grant that is consistent with the provisions
21 of the Family Support Accountability Act.

22 H. State and local agencies administering home-visiting
23 programs as defined in this act, providers of home-visiting services
24 and experts in home-visiting program evaluation shall collaborate

1 with the Early Childhood Advisory Council created in Section 640.1
2 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes to:

3 1. Jointly develop an outcomes measurement plan which includes
4 indicators related to the objectives established in subsection E of
5 this section in order to monitor outcomes for children and families
6 receiving home-visiting programs and determine the efficiency of
7 agency program implementation;

8 2. Complete and electronically submit, utilizing the
9 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act,
10 the outcomes measurement plan for state-funded home-visiting
11 programs by January 1, 2016, to the Governor, the Legislature, the
12 Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth and the Early Childhood
13 Advisory Council and complete and submit an updated plan every
14 subsequent five (5) years; and

15 3. Develop a process for collecting and reporting outcomes
16 measures to maintain privacy and security.

17 I. Beginning December 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the
18 departments shall allocate resources to collaborate with the Early
19 Childhood Advisory Council to electronically submit, utilizing the
20 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, an
21 annual outcomes report to the Governor and the Legislature.

22 J. The annual outcomes report shall include:

23 1. Achieved outcomes as agreed upon and described in the
24 previously submitted outcomes measurement plan pursuant to

1 subsection H of this section for all state-funded family support
2 programs;

3 2. Combined program data regarding:

- 4 a. the cost per family served,
5 b. the number of families served,
6 c. demographic data on families served, and
7 d. the number and type of programs that the departments
8 have funded; and

9 3. Recommendations for quality improvements and future program
10 investments.

11 SECTION 22. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 35, 1st
12 Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2023 (10 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section
13 802), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 802. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury
15 a revolving fund for the Administrative Office of the Courts to be
16 designated the "Family Representation and Advocacy Program Revolving
17 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
18 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
19 Administrative Office of the Courts for child and indigent parent,
20 legal guardian, and Indian custodian legal and interdisciplinary
21 representation services to be provided by the Family Representation
22 and Advocacy Program. The revolving fund shall include funds
23 appropriated to the fund, federal funds, gifts, donations, and
24 grants. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby

1 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Administrative
2 Office of the Courts for the purpose of administering the Family
3 Representation and Advocacy Program and for the provision of legal
4 and interdisciplinary services to indigent parents and children by
5 and through the Family Representation and Advocacy Program. By
6 January 31, 2024, and by January 31 of each year thereafter, the
7 Administrative Office of the Courts shall disburse funds from the
8 Family Representation and Advocacy Program Revolving Fund to the
9 contracted eligible organization.

10 B. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall allocate and
11 expend funds from the Family Representation and Advocacy Program
12 Revolving Fund to provide for the necessary operating costs of the
13 Family Representation and Advocacy Program including court-appointed
14 legal and interdisciplinary representation to children, indigent
15 parents, legal guardians, or Indian custodians in proceedings
16 governed by the Oklahoma Children's Code, to the extent that funds
17 are available from the Family Representation and Advocacy Program
18 Revolving Fund. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall
19 allocate and expend these funds pursuant to the contract with the
20 eligible organization. The Administrative Office of the Courts may
21 charge an administrative fee as provided in subsection D of this
22 section for administering the contract.

23 C. The eligible organization that contracts to operate and
24 manage the Family Representation and Advocacy Program to provide
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1 legal and interdisciplinary services shall maintain books and
2 records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
3 The books and records shall account for the receipt and expenditure
4 of all funds paid pursuant to contract. Books and records shall be
5 maintained for a period of five (5) years from the close of the
6 fiscal year of the contract period. The State Auditor and Inspector
7 may audit each organization annually. The necessary expense of each
8 audit including but not limited to the cost of typing, printing, and
9 binding shall be paid from funds of the organization.

10 D. The Administrative Office of the Courts may use up to two
11 and one-half percent (2.5%) of the funds deposited in the Family
12 Representation and Advocacy Program Revolving Fund in any given
13 fiscal year to provide financial support staff, financial data entry
14 staff and facilities, and operating assistance for the Family
15 Representation Program Advisory Board.

16 E. An annual report issued by the Administrative Office of the
17 Courts outlining performance measures for the Family Representation
18 and Advocacy Program and recommendations for ongoing appropriations
19 shall be electronically transmitted, utilizing the centralized
20 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the
21 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate and the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than December 31 of
23 each year.
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1 SECTION 23. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 1150.2, as
2 last amended by Section 10, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2024 (10 O.S. Supp.
3 2025, Section 1150.2), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 1150.2. A. There is hereby re-created until July 1,
5 2026, in accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Child Death
6 Review Board within the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.
7 The Board shall have the power and duty to:

8 1. Conduct case reviews of deaths and near deaths of children
9 in this state;

10 2. Develop accurate statistical information and identification
11 of deaths of children due to abuse and neglect;

12 3. Improve the ability to provide protective services to the
13 surviving siblings of a child or children who die of abuse or
14 neglect and who may be living in a dangerous environment;

15 4. Improve policies, procedures and practices within the
16 agencies that serve children including the child protection system;

17 5. Enter into agreements with regional teams established by the
18 Board to carry out such duties and responsibilities as the Board
19 shall designate including assigned cases in the geographical area
20 for that regional team. The Commission, with the advice of the
21 Board, shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of
22 the provisions of this paragraph; and

23 6. Enter into agreements with other state, local, or private
24 entities as necessary to carry out the duties of the Board

1 including, but not limited to, conducting joint reviews with the
2 Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board on domestic violence cases
3 involving child death or child near-death incidents.

4 B. In carrying out its duties and responsibilities the Board
5 shall:

6 1. Establish criteria for cases involving the death or near
7 death of a child subject to specific, in-depth review by the Board.
8 As used in this section, the term "near death" means a child is in
9 serious or critical condition, as certified by a physician, as a
10 result of abuse or neglect;

11 2. Conduct a specific case review of those cases where the
12 cause of death or near death is or may be related to abuse or
13 neglect of a child;

14 3. Establish and maintain statistical information related to
15 the deaths and near deaths of children including, but not limited
16 to, demographic and medical diagnostic information;

17 4. Establish procedures for obtaining initial information
18 regarding near deaths of children from the Department of Human
19 Services and law enforcement agencies;

20 5. Review the policies and procedures of the child protection
21 system and make specific recommendations to the entities comprising
22 the system as to actions necessary for improvement;

23 6. Review the extent to which the state child protection system
24 is coordinated with foster care and adoption programs and evaluate

1 whether the state is efficiently discharging its child protection
2 responsibilities under the federal Child Abuse Prevention and
3 Treatment Act State Plan;

4 7. As necessary and appropriate, for the protection of the
5 siblings of a child who dies and whose siblings are deemed to be
6 living in a dangerous environment, refer specific cases to the
7 Department of Human Services or the appropriate district attorney
8 for further investigation;

9 8. Request and obtain a copy of all records and reports
10 pertaining to a child whose case is under review including, but not
11 limited to:

- 12 a. the report of the medical examiner,
- 13 b. hospital records,
- 14 c. school records,
- 15 d. court records,
- 16 e. prosecutorial records,
- 17 f. local, state, and federal law enforcement records
18 including, but not limited to, the Oklahoma State
19 Bureau of Investigation (OSBI),
- 20 g. fire department records,
- 21 h. State Department of Health records including birth
22 certificate records,
- 23 i. medical and dental records,
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- 1 j. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
2 Services and other mental health records,
3 k. emergency medical service records,
4 l. files of the Department of Human Services, and
5 m. records in the possession of the Domestic Violence
6 Fatality Review Board when conducting a joint review
7 pursuant to paragraph 6 of subsection A of this
8 section.

9 Confidential information provided to the Board shall be
10 maintained in a confidential manner as required by state and federal
11 law. Any person damaged by disclosure of such information by the
12 Board, its regional teams or their members, not authorized by law,
13 may maintain an action for damages, costs, and attorney fees;

14 9. Maintain all confidential information, documents and records
15 in possession of the Board as confidential and not subject to
16 subpoena or discovery in any civil or criminal proceedings;
17 provided, however, information, documents and records otherwise
18 available from other sources shall not be exempt from subpoena or
19 discovery through those sources solely because such information,
20 documents and records were presented to or reviewed by the Board;

21 10. Conduct reviews of specific cases of deaths and near deaths
22 of children and request the preparation of additional information
23 and reports as determined to be necessary by the Board including,
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1 but not limited to, clinical summaries from treating physicians,
2 chronologies of contact, and second-opinion autopsies;

3 11. ~~Report~~ Electronically report, utilizing the centralized
4 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, if recommended
5 by a majority vote of the Board, to the President Pro Tempore of the
6 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives any gross
7 neglect of duty by any state officer or state employee, or any
8 problem within the child protective services system discovered by
9 the Board while performing its duties;

10 12. Recommend, when appropriate, amendment of the cause or
11 manner of death listed on the death certificate; and

12 13. Subject to the approval of the Commission, exercise all
13 incidental powers necessary and proper for the implementation and
14 administration of the Child Death Review Board Act.

15 C. The review and discussion of individual cases of death or
16 near death of a child shall be conducted in executive session and in
17 compliance with the confidentiality requirements of Section 1-6-102
18 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes. All other business shall be
19 conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open
20 Meeting Act. All discussions of individual cases and any writings
21 produced by or created for the Board and recommended by the Board,
22 as the result of a review of an individual case of the death or near
23 death of a child, shall be privileged and shall not be admissible in
24 evidence in any proceeding. The Board shall periodically conduct

1 meetings to discuss organization and business matters and any
2 actions or recommendations aimed at improvement of the child
3 protection system which shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open
4 Meeting Act. Part of any meeting of the Board may be specifically
5 designated as a business meeting of the Board subject to the
6 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

7 D. 1. The Board shall submit an annual statistical report on
8 the incidence and causes of death and near death of children in this
9 state for which the Board has completed its review during the past
10 calendar year, including its recommendations, to the Oklahoma
11 Commission on Children and Youth on or before May 1 of each year.
12 The Board shall also prepare and make available to the public, on an
13 annual basis, a report containing a summary of the activities of the
14 Board relating to the review of deaths and near deaths of children,
15 the extent to which the state child protection system is coordinated
16 with foster care and adoption programs, and an evaluation of whether
17 the state is efficiently discharging its child protection
18 responsibilities. The report shall be completed no later than
19 December 31 of each year.

20 2. The Commission shall review the report of the Board and, as
21 appropriate, incorporate the findings and recommendations into the
22 State Plan for Services to Children and Youth.

23 SECTION 24. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 1411.1, is
24 amended to read as follows:
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1 Section 1411.1. A. Beginning January 1, 1999, and on January 1
2 each year thereafter, the Department of Human Services shall
3 electronically submit to the Governor and the Legislature, utilizing
4 the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this
5 act, an annual report of the administrative activities of the
6 Developmental Disabilities Services Division. The report shall
7 include a clear and complete description of the administrative
8 procedures utilized by the Developmental Disabilities Services
9 Division including, but not limited to:

- 10 1. Accounting and budgeting practices;
- 11 2. Client statistical data gathering and management;
- 12 3. Data processing procedures;
- 13 4. Development and maintenance of program service plans;
- 14 5. Provide contracting and evaluation procedures;
- 15 6. Incorporation of advisory committee assessment
16 recommendations; and
- 17 7. Any other area of activity that is not related to direct
18 delivery of services to applicants and clients.

19 B. The report shall also include, but not be limited to,
20 previous year performance data on:

- 21 1. The number of clients:
 - 22 a. who applied for service,
 - 23 b. accepted for service,
 - 24 c. for whom plans for service were approved or denied,

1 d. receiving services by classification of service
2 objective, and

3 e. who were provided a type of service that differed from
4 the objective contained in the client's service plan;

5 2. The cost of services;

6 3. The total cost for clients who received services;

7 4. The average cost and percentile cost distribution of
8 purchased services for all clients served; and

9 5. a. The average cost for all clients who received:

10 (1) at least eight hours of care,

11 (2) between eight and sixteen hours of care, and

12 (3) between sixteen and twenty-four hours of care.

13 b. In determining such averages, the Department shall
14 include, but not be limited to, the following costs:

15 (1) laboratory and x-ray services,

16 (2) dental services,

17 (3) occupational therapy,

18 (4) speech therapy,

19 (5) physical therapy,

20 (6) doctor services,

21 (7) nursing services,

22 (8) hospitalization,

23 (9) optometry services,

24 (10) housing services,

- (11) utilities,
- (12) food,
- (13) transportation,
- (14) clothing, and
- (15) administrative costs of providing such services.

C. Beginning January 1, 1999, and on or before January 1 each year thereafter, the Department shall prepare a report outlining the Department's two-year plan for providing individualized services to clients with developmental disabilities. The report shall include any new federal mandates and an estimate of any costs associated with such mandates, and recommendations for any needed statutory or constitutional changes. The Commission for Human Services shall review, amend if necessary and approve the report. The Department shall electronically transmit the approved report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act.

SECTION 25. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-2-111, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2-111. A. The Department of Human Services may, subject to available funding and in consultation with an evaluation team created pursuant to this section, create a pilot program to improve socioeconomic outcomes for children in state custody.

B. If implemented by the Department, the pilot program shall:

1 1. Identify the populations of children in state custody and
2 the characteristics of those children including, but not limited to,
3 populations in which parental drug ~~and/or~~ or alcohol abuse, mental
4 illness, mental ~~and/or~~ or physical disability and domestic abuse
5 are an issue;

6 2. Develop and design programs to provide services to children
7 in state custody;

8 3. Develop methods for coordinating state and local services to
9 assist children and their families;

10 4. Allow and provide for participation of both urban and rural
11 concerns in developing and designing such programs;

12 5. Monitor, evaluate and review the programs implemented to
13 serve populations of children in state custody; and

14 6. Include such other areas, programs, services, and
15 information deemed necessary by the Department to provide a
16 comprehensive assessment of the needs and programs necessary to
17 provide assistance to children in state custody.

18 C. An evaluation team shall determine the effectiveness of the
19 pilot program and make a report that shall be electronically
20 submitted to the Legislature and to the Department annually
21 thereafter utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in
22 Section 54 of this act. Such report shall cover:

23 1. Effective programs that will serve children in state
24 custody;

2. The potential for statewide expansion of programs;
3. Funding sources from public and private partnerships;
4. Training of professionals to serve children in state custody;
5. Monitoring, evaluating, and reviewing continued effectiveness of such programs;
6. Special needs of children in state custody from parental addiction to drugs and alcohol and parental mental illness and mental ~~and/or~~ or physical disability and from domestic abuse; and
7. Recommendations regarding the issuance of grants and contracts for serving such populations.

D. The evaluation team shall consist of not more than two (2) representatives from the following entities who have expertise in child abuse prevention, juvenile delinquency, or a related field and who have an understanding of program evaluation techniques:

1. The Department of Human Services;
2. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;
3. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;
4. A statewide organization advocating for children's issues;
5. A statewide organization representing children in court;
6. The University of Oklahoma;
7. Oklahoma State University; and
8. The Office of Juvenile Affairs.

1 E. Upon receipt of recommendations from the evaluation team
2 established pursuant to this section, which indicate that the
3 expansion of the pilot project on a statewide basis would be
4 economically feasible and practical, the Department for Human
5 Services may promulgate rules for developing a statewide program
6 based on the findings of the pilot program.

7 F. The Department may:

8 1. Contract for services necessary to carry out the duties of
9 the Department pursuant to the provisions of this section; and

10 2. Accept the services of volunteer workers or consultants,
11 provided no compensation be provided for such services.

12 G. The Department of Human Services may promulgate rules to
13 implement the provisions of this section.

14 SECTION 26. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-6-105,
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1-6-105. A. When used in this section, unless the
17 context otherwise requires:

18 1. "Abuse" means harm or threatened harm or failure to protect
19 from harm or threatened harm to the health, safety, or welfare of a
20 child by a person responsible for the child, including but not
21 limited to nonaccidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, or
22 sexual exploitation. Provided, however, that nothing contained in
23 this act shall prohibit any parent from using ordinary force as a
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1 means of discipline including, but not limited to, spanking,
2 switching, or paddling;

3 2. "Identifying information" means information that identifies
4 an individual, including the individual's:

5 a. name, address, date of birth, occupation, place of
6 employment and telephone number,

7 b. employer identification number, mother's maiden name,
8 Social Security number, or any identification number
9 issued by a governmental entity, or

10 c. unique biometric data, including the fingerprints,
11 voice print, or retina or iris image of the
12 individual;

13 3. "Near death" means a child is in serious or critical
14 condition as verified by a physician, a registered nurse or other
15 licensed health care provider. Verification of medical condition of
16 a child may be given in person or by telephone, mail, electronic
17 mail or facsimile;

18 4. "Neglect" means:

19 a. the failure or omission to provide any of the
20 following:

21 (1) adequate nurturance and affection, food,
22 clothing, shelter, sanitation, hygiene, or
23 appropriate education,

24 (2) medical, dental, or behavioral health care,

- (3) supervision or appropriate caretakers, or
- (4) special care made necessary by the physical or mental condition of the child,

b. the failure or omission to protect a child from exposure to any of the following:

- (1) the use, possession, sale, or manufacture of illegal drugs,
- (2) illegal activities, or
- (3) sexual acts or materials that are not age-appropriate, or

c. abandonment.

Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to mean a child is abused or neglected for the sole reason the parent, legal guardian or person having custody or control of a child, in good faith, selects and depends upon spiritual means alone through prayer, in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination, for the treatment or cure of disease or remedial care of such child. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall prevent a court from immediately assuming custody of a child, pursuant to the Oklahoma Children's Code, and ordering whatever action may be necessary, including medical treatment, to protect the child's health or welfare; and

5. "Person responsible for a child" means "person responsible for a child's health, safety or welfare" as provided in Section 1-1-

1 105 of this title but shall also include any person who has
2 voluntarily accepted the duty of supervising a child or who has been
3 directed or authorized to supervise a child by the person
4 responsible for the child's health, safety or welfare.

5 B. Department of Human Services information shall be maintained
6 by the Department as required by federal law as a condition of the
7 allocation of federal monies to the state. All exceptions for the
8 public release of Department information shall be construed as
9 openly as possible consistent with federal law.

10 C. If the Department has reasonable cause to suspect that a
11 child death or near death is the result of abuse or neglect, the
12 Department shall electronically notify the Governor, the President
13 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives or their designees of the initial investigative
15 findings of the child protective services review utilizing the
16 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act.
17 Notice shall be communicated securely no later than twenty-four (24)
18 hours after determination of the reasonable suspicion.

19 D. Once the Department has reasonable cause to suspect that a
20 child death or near death is the result of abuse or neglect, the
21 Department shall, upon request, release to the public the following
22 information:

- 23 1. The age and sex of the child;
- 24 2. The date of death or near-death incident;

1 3. Whether the child was in the custody of the Department at
2 the time of the child's death or near death;

3 4. Whether the child resided with the child's parent, guardian,
4 or person responsible for the care of the child at the time of the
5 child's death or near death; and

6 5. Whether the child was under the supervision of the child's
7 parent, guardian, or person responsible for the child at the time of
8 the death or near death of the child.

9 E. If, after a child abuse or neglect investigation is
10 completed, the Department determines a child's death or near death
11 was the result of abuse or neglect, the Department shall, upon
12 request, release to the public the following information:

13 1. The information described in subsection D of this section;

14 2. The name of the abused or neglected child; provided, that
15 the name shall not be disclosed in a case of a near death unless the
16 name has previously been disclosed;

17 3. The name of the offender if due process has been satisfied
18 or if the offender has been arrested and charged with a crime
19 associated with the death or near death of the child;

20 4. In cases in which the death or near death of the child
21 occurred while the child was living with the child's parent,
22 guardian, or person responsible for the care of the child:

23 a. the circumstances of the death or near death of the
24 child,

- b. a summary of the child's involvement with the Department while the child was living with the parent, guardian, or person responsible for the care of the child,
- c. the disposition of any report created as a result of the child's involvement with the Department while the child was living with the parent, guardian, or person responsible for the care of the child,
- d. a description of the services, if any, that were provided by the Department as a result of the child's involvement with the Department while the child was living with the parent, guardian, or person responsible for the care of the child,
- e. the results of any risk or safety assessment completed by the Department relating to the child,
- f. the date each report was assessed and completed,
- g. whether the Department confirmed abuse or neglect,
- h. whether any reports were referred to the district attorney and the date of the referrals,
- i. the dates of any judicial proceedings prior to the death or near death of the child,
- j. a summary of the recommendations submitted by each participant at the judicial proceedings including

- 1 recommendations made at the hearing as they relate to
2 custody or placement of the child,
- 3 k. the rulings of the court,
- 4 l. specific recommendations made and services rendered by
5 the Department described in any progress reports of a
6 pending case submitted to the court,
- 7 m. a summary of the status of the child's case at the
8 time of the death or near death, including, without
9 limitation, whether the child's case was closed by the
10 Department before the death or near death,
- 11 n. similar information for any other investigations
12 concerning that child, or other children while living
13 in the same household,
- 14 o. a summary of statutory and policy violations,
15 including notice of any personnel actions taken by the
16 Department, and
- 17 p. recommendations for policy changes or practice
18 improvements based upon the interactions between the
19 Department, the child who died or nearly died and the
20 person responsible for the care of the child; and

21 5. In cases in which the death or near death of the child
22 occurred while the child was in the custody of the Department and
23 the person responsible for the supervision of the child was the
24 suspected perpetrator, the following information:

- a. the circumstances of the death or near death of the child,
- b. information regarding the certification of the person with whom the child was residing at the time of death or near death,
- c. a summary of any previous reports of abuse or neglect investigated by the Department relating to the person responsible for the supervision of the child, including the disposition of any investigation resulting from a report,
- d. any policy violations, including notice of any action taken by the Department regarding a violation,
- e. records of any training completed by the person responsible for the supervision of the child,
- f. similar information for any other investigations concerning that child, or other children while living in the same household,
- g. a summary of licensing actions taken by the Department, and
- h. recommendations for policy changes or practice improvements based upon the interactions between the Department and the child who died or nearly died.

F. If the Department is unable to release the information required by subsection E of this section before forty-five (45) days

1 after receiving a report of the death or near death of a child, the
2 Department shall notify the person requesting the information of the
3 delay and provide the reason for the delay and the expected date the
4 Department will release the report.

5 G. At any time subsequent to seven (7) days, but no more than
6 forty-five (45) days, of the date the person responsible for the
7 child has been criminally charged, the district attorney, the
8 district court clerk, and the judge having jurisdiction over the
9 case, upon request, shall release certain information to the public
10 as follows:

11 1. The dates of any relevant judicial proceedings prior to the
12 death or near death of the child;

13 2. Recommendations submitted by each participant in writing at
14 the relevant judicial proceedings including recommendations made at
15 the hearing as they relate to custody or placement of a child; and

16 3. The relevant rulings of the court.

17 H. 1. At any time subsequent to seven (7) days after the date
18 the person responsible for the child has been criminally charged,
19 the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall, upon request,
20 release certain information to the public within sixty (60) days of
21 the request as follows:

22 a. a confirmation shall be provided by the Commission as
23 to whether a report of suspected child abuse or
24 neglect has been made concerning the alleged victim or

1 other children while living in the same household and
2 whether an investigation has begun,

3 b. confirmation shall be provided by the Commission as to
4 whether previous reports of suspected child abuse or
5 neglect have been made concerning the alleged victim
6 of the death or near death or against the person
7 responsible for the child and the dates thereof, a
8 summary of those previous reports, the dates and
9 outcome of any investigations or actions taken by the
10 Department and the Commission in response to any
11 previous report of child abuse or neglect, and the
12 specific recommendation made to the district attorney
13 and any subsequent action taken by the district
14 attorney,

15 c. the dates of any relevant judicial proceedings prior
16 to the death or near death of the child,

17 d. recommendations submitted by the Department and the
18 Commission shall be provided in writing including
19 relevant recommendations made at the hearing as they
20 relate to custody or placement of a child,

21 e. the relevant rulings of the court, and

22 f. any relevant information listed in subsections E and G
23 of this section.
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1 2. Specific recommendations made by the Commission described in
2 any progress reports of a pending case submitted to the court may be
3 disclosed by the Commission.

4 I. Unless specifically authorized by this section, any public
5 disclosure of information pursuant to this section shall not:

6 1. Identify or provide any identifying information of any
7 complainant or reporter of child abuse or neglect;

8 2. Identify or provide any identifying information of the
9 victim, the child victim's siblings or other children living in the
10 same household, the parent or other person responsible for the
11 child, or any other member of the household, or the person
12 criminally charged or Department employees, agents or contractors.
13 Nonspecific descriptors, such as father, mother, stepparent, or
14 sibling may be used; or

15 3. Violate other state or federal law as required pursuant to
16 subsection A of Section 1-6-102 of this title.

17 J. Any and all statements, affirmations, gestures, or conduct
18 expressing apology, sympathy, commiseration, condolence, compassion,
19 sorrow or a general sense of benevolence which are made by the
20 Department of Human Services or an employee of the Department to the
21 public or to the family or foster parents of a child which relate
22 solely to discomfort, pain, suffering, injury, tragedy, near death
23 or death of a child shall be inadmissible as evidence of an
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1 admission of liability or wrongdoing or as evidence of an admission
2 against interest.

3 SECTION 27. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-8-111,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1-8-111. ~~A.~~ The Department of Human Services shall
6 provide each youth in its custody fourteen (14) years and older an
7 annual credit report. The Department shall inform the court with
8 jurisdiction over the youth of any inaccuracies in a credit report
9 displaying evidence of identity theft or any other activity
10 fraudulently made on behalf of the youth in custody. The Department
11 may implement the requirements of this section in stages beginning
12 with youth in the independent living program whose credit rating may
13 inhibit employment and housing opportunities when the child is no
14 longer in custody.

15 ~~B. Within one (1) year of November 1, 2014, the Department of~~
16 ~~Human Services shall submit annual reports on the implementation of~~
17 ~~the provisions of this section to the Chair and Vice Chair of the~~
18 ~~Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the Chair and Vice~~
19 ~~Chair of the House Human Services Committee. Such reports shall~~
20 ~~include, but not be limited to, the number of youths in the~~
21 ~~Department's custody receiving credit score reports, the frequency~~
22 ~~of such reports and administrative issues faced by the Department in~~
23 ~~the implementation of this section. Such reports shall continue to~~
24 ~~be issued by the Department until November 1, 2018.~~

SECTION 28. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-9-105,

is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-9-105. A. The Department of Human Services shall carefully define the children and youth programs of the Department as to their purpose, the population served, and performance expectations. Planning for new programs and services and major modifications to existing ones shall include evaluation of their effect on other programs and services and communication and coordination with other public and private children and youth service providers in order to assure successful and cost-effective implementation of the program. An evaluation component that includes monitoring and evaluation of client outcomes shall be incorporated into all of the Department's programs and services to children and youth, whether provided directly by the agency or through a contract.

1. All programs and services shall be designed to ensure the accessibility of the program to the persons served. Provision for transportation, child care and similar services necessary in order to assist persons to access the services shall be made. If the service is provided in an office setting, the service shall be available during the evening.

2. Programs and services shall be targeted to the areas of the state having the greatest need for them. The programs and services shall be designed to meet the needs of the area in which they are

1 located. Programs and services intended for statewide
2 implementation shall be implemented first in those areas that have
3 the greatest need for them.

4 3. As a part of the Department's program planning and
5 monitoring processes, the Department shall examine its programs and
6 services to children and youth to ensure that the practices within
7 them do not operate to detriment of minority children and youth.

8 4. All child care services and facilities operated by the
9 Department shall be accredited by the National Council on
10 Accreditation, when applicable.

11 B. The Department shall develop a five-year plan for children
12 and youth services provided by the agency. The plan shall be
13 reviewed annually and modified as necessary. Agency budget
14 recommendations of the Department for services to children and youth
15 shall be based upon documented needs, and the development of budget
16 recommendations and priorities shall be closely integrated with
17 agency and interagency program planning and management.

18 C. The Department shall annually review its programs and
19 services and electronically submit a report, utilizing the
20 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to
21 the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
22 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Supreme Court of the
23 State of Oklahoma, analyzing and evaluating the effectiveness of the
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1 programs and services being carried out by the Department. Such
2 report shall include, but not be limited to:

3 1. An analysis and evaluation of programs and services
4 continued, established, and discontinued during the period covered
5 by the report;

6 2. A description of programs and services which should be
7 implemented;

8 3. Statutory changes necessary;

9 4. Relevant information concerning the number of children in
10 the Department's custody during the period covered by the report;
11 and

12 5. Such other information as will enable a user of the report
13 to ascertain the effectiveness of the Department's programs and
14 services.

15 D. The Department shall, on or before January 31 of each year,
16 electronically submit a report, utilizing the centralized filing
17 system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the Governor,
18 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives, and the Oklahoma Supreme Court which shall include:

20 1. Information concerning the number of children in the
21 Department's custody that are placed in nonfamily settings,
22 including but not limited to the types of settings utilized and the
23 duration of the children's stays in such settings;

1 2. A census of approved foster homes and the number of children
2 placed in those homes and a comparative review of foster home room-
3 and-board rates; and

4 3. Information concerning child welfare staff workloads and
5 comparative salaries for such staff.

6 SECTION 29. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-9-120,
7 as amended by Section 2, Chapter 28, O.S.L. 2023 (10A O.S. Supp.
8 2025, Section 1-9-120), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1-9-120. A. The Office of Client Advocacy and child-
10 placing agencies shall each establish grievance procedures for
11 foster parents with whom the Department of Human Services or child-
12 placing agencies contract. The Office of Client Advocacy shall work
13 with the Office of Juvenile System Oversight to track foster parent
14 complaints through the grievance procedures and ensure a resolution
15 of the complaint.

16 B. The procedures established shall contain the following
17 minimum requirements:

18 1. Resolution of disputes with foster parents shall be
19 accomplished quickly, informally, and at the lowest possible level,
20 but shall provide for access to impartial arbitration by management
21 level personnel within the central office;

22 2. Prompt resolution of grievances no more than sixty (60) days
23 after receipt of the grievance or complaint; and
24

1 3. Notification to all foster parents upon placement of a child
2 about the grievance procedures and how to file a complaint.

3 C. The Office of Client Advocacy and each child-placing agency
4 shall designate one employee at the central office to receive and
5 process foster care grievances received by the Office of Juvenile
6 System Oversight.

7 D. The Office of Client Advocacy and each child-placing agency
8 shall maintain records of each grievance filed as well as summary
9 information about the number, nature and outcome of all grievances
10 filed. The Office of Client Advocacy and the Office of Juvenile
11 System Oversight shall compile an annual report ~~for~~ to be
12 electronically submitted to the Legislature, utilizing the
13 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act,
14 that details the number of complaints received, the number of
15 complaints resolved, the nature of the complaints and any other
16 information requested by the Legislature. The Office of Client
17 Advocacy and child-placing agencies shall keep records of grievances
18 separate and apart from other foster parent files. A foster parent
19 or a former foster parent shall have a right of access to the record
20 of grievances such person filed after the procedure has been
21 completed.

22 E. 1. Each foster parent shall have the right, without fear of
23 reprisal or discrimination, to present grievances with respect to
24 the providing of foster care services.

1 2. The Department of Human Services shall promptly initiate a
2 plan of corrective discipline including, but not limited to,
3 dismissal of any Department employee or cancellation or nonrenewal
4 of the contract of a child-placing agency determined by the state
5 agency, through an investigation to have retaliated or discriminated
6 against a foster parent who has:

- 7 a. filed a grievance pursuant to the provisions of this
8 section,
- 9 b. provided information to any official or Department
10 employee, or
- 11 c. testified, assisted, or otherwise participated in an
12 investigation, proceeding or hearing against the
13 Department or the child-placing agency.

14 3. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to
15 include any complaint by the foster parent resulting from an
16 administrative, civil, or criminal action taken by the employee or
17 child-placing agency for violations of law or rules, or contract
18 provisions by the foster parent.

19 SECTION 30. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-7-311,
20 is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 2-7-311. A. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall from
22 time to time, but not less often than annually, review its programs
23 and services and electronically submit a report, utilizing the
24 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to

1 the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Supreme Court of the State
3 of Oklahoma, the Board of Juvenile Affairs, and the Oklahoma
4 Commission on Children and Youth analyzing and evaluating the
5 effectiveness of its programs and services. The report shall
6 include, but not be limited to:

7 1. An analysis and evaluation of programs and services
8 continued, established, and discontinued during the period covered
9 by the report;

10 2. A description of programs and services which should be
11 implemented;

12 3. Relevant information concerning the number of children
13 comprising the population of any facility operated by the Office of
14 Juvenile Affairs during the period covered by the report;

15 4. An analysis and evaluation, by age, of the number of
16 children assessed for literacy skills, the number who failed to
17 demonstrate age-appropriate reading skills, and the number who were
18 required to participate in a literacy skills improvement program;
19 and

20 5. Such other information as will enable a user of the report
21 to ascertain the effectiveness of the programs, services, and
22 facilities.

23 B. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall annually analyze and
24 evaluate the implementation of the Youthful Offender Act, the

1 effectiveness of the Youthful Offender Act and any problems which
2 have occurred which have limited the effectiveness of the Youthful
3 Offender Act. The annual analysis and evaluation shall be
4 incorporated in the report required by subsection A of this section.

5 SECTION 31. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-7-606,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Section 2-7-606. A. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall have
8 the supervision, management, operation, and control of the
9 institution for children located at Tecumseh, formerly known and
10 designated as Girls' Town and now known as Central Oklahoma Juvenile
11 Center, and all property, equipment and supplies related thereto.

12 B. The Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center shall maintain
13 facilities and bed-space capacity for programs that are consistent
14 with providing statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention
15 services.

16 C. It shall be the duty of the State Fire Marshal and the State
17 Commissioner of Health, to cause regular, periodic, not less than
18 quarterly, unannounced inspections of said institution, utilizing
19 adequately trained and qualified inspection personnel, to determine
20 and evaluate conditions and programs being maintained and carried on
21 at said institution in their respective areas of agency
22 jurisdiction. Such inspections shall include, but not be limited
23 to, the following: compliance with minimum fire, life, and health
24 safety standards; compliance with minimum standards governing

1 general sanitation of the institution, with particular emphasis upon
2 food storage, preparation, serving and transportation, respectively.
3 Reports of such inspections will be made in writing, itemizing and
4 identifying any deficiencies and recommending corrective measures,
5 and shall be electronically filed, utilizing the centralized filing
6 system provided for in Section 54 of this act, with the Board of
7 Juvenile Affairs, the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile
8 Affairs, the Attorney General, the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Office
10 of Juvenile System Oversight, and the Oklahoma Commission on
11 Children and Youth. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall file
12 copies of the reports of the inspections and recommendations of the
13 accrediting agencies listed in subsection D of this section with the
14 Office of Juvenile System Oversight.

15 D. The Office of Juvenile Affairs is authorized and directed to
16 establish, subject to the limits of funds available therefor, a
17 diversity of placement alternatives for children committed to the
18 custody of the Office including, but not limited to, foster family
19 homes, foster family group homes, and group homes. All child care
20 services and facilities operated by the Office shall be accredited
21 by the American Correctional Association, the Joint Commission on
22 Accreditation of Hospitals or the Child Welfare League of America,
23 as appropriate for the service or facility. The Office may directly
24 contract for accreditation fees, training or training conferences

1 with the organization accrediting the service or facility as
2 required by this subsection.

3 SECTION 32. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-7-705,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 Section 2-7-705. A. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall have
6 the responsibility for implementation and evaluation of the
7 Delinquency and Youth Gang Intervention and Prevention Act and any
8 modifications thereto.

9 B. Any contract executed by the Office of Juvenile Affairs with
10 an eligible entity on and after the effective date of this act for
11 delinquency prevention and early intervention programs, subject to
12 the Delinquency and Youth Gang Intervention and Prevention Act,
13 shall require the eligible entity to prepare and submit to the
14 Office, in a manner prescribed by the Office, an outcome-based
15 performance report including, but not limited to, the following:

16 1. A description of the target population, service eligibility
17 criteria, and risk factors;

18 2. A description of program services, the number of clients
19 referred each year, the number of clients served each year, and the
20 number of clients discharged each year;

21 3. The average cost per client participating in program
22 services each year; and

23 4. Performance measures referencing service completion and
24 recidivism which employ uniform definitions developed by the Office.

1 C. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall electronically submit,
2 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
3 of this act, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
4 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Governor by January 15
5 of each year, an annual report, including a summary detailing the
6 following information derived from the outcome-based performance
7 reports submitted by the eligible entities pursuant to the
8 provisions of subsection A of this section and other information
9 available to the Office:

10 1. Total amount of funds per state fiscal year expended for the
11 delinquency prevention programs subject to the Delinquency and Youth
12 Gang Intervention and Prevention Act;

13 2. Average expenditures per juvenile during the most recent
14 state fiscal year;

15 3. Analyses of the nature and effectiveness of gang-related
16 delinquency prevention and early intervention programs provided by
17 eligible entities pursuant to contracts;

18 4. Effectiveness of each of the programs provided by the
19 eligible entities;

20 5. Recommendations regarding distribution of the funds based
21 upon the effectiveness of the programs provided by the eligible
22 entities; and

23 6. Any other information or recommendations deemed necessary by
24 the Board of Juvenile Affairs.

SECTION 33. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-7-905,

is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-7-905. A. For the purpose of information sharing and management of the Juvenile Offender Tracking Program, there is hereby created the Juvenile Justice Information System. The information system shall be an automated, data-based, system for tracking juvenile offenders from arrest through final closure of the case and shall include information provided by all of the components of the juvenile justice system in accordance with the provisions of the Juvenile Offender Tracking Program. The information system shall be fully integrated with other information systems related to services to children and youth and shall:

1. Be based upon the integration, utilization, and modification, as necessary, of existing information systems;

2. Provide for the accuracy of the information and for the security of and limited access to the information;

3. Include case specific information, including client outcomes, and have the ability to monitor juveniles in the juvenile justice system; and

4. Be capable of providing management reports and information to the various components of the juvenile justice system, and of providing aggregate information necessary for planning, monitoring, evaluating, and managing programs and services provided to youthful

1 offenders as well as for system-wide analysis of the Juvenile
2 Offender Tracking Program.

3 B. The Office of Juvenile Affairs, the juvenile bureaus, the
4 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Court
5 Administrator, and other agencies and programs comprising the
6 juvenile justice system, including but not limited to law
7 enforcement and district attorneys, in accordance with guidelines
8 established by the Juvenile Offender Tracking Program, shall
9 jointly:

10 1. Identify information to be shared by agencies on a regular
11 basis;

12 2. Develop procedures for processing case-profiles as cases
13 move through agencies that come in contact with juvenile offenders;

14 3. Establish training programs in the use of the system;

15 4. Conduct a pilot project to test the system; and

16 5. At least annually, evaluate the plan for full statewide
17 implementation of the Juvenile Justice Information System and
18 electronically submit, utilizing the centralized filing system
19 provided for in Section 54 of this act, any necessary modifications
20 of the existing plan to the Juvenile Offender Tracking Program and
21 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each agency affected by
23 said plan.
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1 SECTION 34. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-10-103,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 Section 2-10-103. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
4 shall prepare annually a report describing the Oklahoma Mentoring
5 Children of Incarcerated Parents Program and measuring its
6 effectiveness. The report shall be electronically submitted,
7 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
8 of this act, to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker
9 of the House of Representatives, and the Governor of this state no
10 later than March 1 of each applicable year. The report may be used
11 for the purpose of determining whether to continue or sunset the
12 Oklahoma Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Program.

13 SECTION 35. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 49-100.8,
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 49-100.8. The State Board shall certify and
16 electronically submit, utilizing the centralized filing system
17 provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the Director of the
18 Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the
20 Senate, on or before July 15 of each year, an actuarially determined
21 estimate of the rate of contribution which will be required,
22 together with all accumulated contributions and other assets of the
23 System to pay by level-dollar payments all liabilities which shall
24 exist or accrue pursuant to the provisions of the System, including

1 amortization of the unfunded accrued liability over a period of not
2 to exceed thirty (30) years beginning July 1, 2014.

3 SECTION 36. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 49-100.9,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 Section 49-100.9. A. The Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and
6 Retirement Board shall discharge their duties with respect to the
7 System solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries
8 and:

9 1. For the exclusive purpose of:

- 10 a. providing benefits to participants and their
11 beneficiaries, and
12 b. defraying reasonable expenses of administering the
13 System;

14 2. With the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the
15 circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like
16 capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of
17 an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;

18 3. By diversifying the investments of the System so as to
19 minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it
20 is clearly prudent not to do so; and

21 4. In accordance with the laws, documents and instruments
22 governing the System.

23 B. The State Board may procure insurance indemnifying the
24 members of the State Board from personal loss or accountability from
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1 liability resulting from a member's action or inaction as a member
2 of the State Board.

3 C. The State Board may establish an investment committee. The
4 investment committee shall be composed of not more than five (5)
5 members of the State Board appointed by the chairman of the State
6 Board. The committee shall make recommendations to the full State
7 Board on all matters related to the choice of custodians and
8 managers of the assets of the System, on the establishment of
9 investment and fund management guidelines, and in planning future
10 investment policy. The committee shall have no authority to act on
11 behalf of the State Board in any circumstances whatsoever. No
12 recommendation of the committee shall have effect as an action of
13 the State Board nor take effect without the approval of the State
14 Board as provided by law.

15 D. The Board shall retain qualified investment managers to
16 provide for the investment of the monies of the System. The
17 investment managers shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals
18 on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the State
19 Board. Subject to the overall investment guidelines set by the
20 State Board, the investment managers shall have full discretion in
21 the management of those monies of the System allocated to the
22 investment managers. The State Board shall manage those monies not
23 specifically allocated to the investment managers. The monies of
24 the System allocated to the investment managers shall be actively

1 managed by the investment managers, which may include selling
2 investments and realizing losses if such action is considered
3 advantageous to longer term return maximization. Because of the
4 total return objective, no distinction shall be made for management
5 and performance evaluation purposes between realized and unrealized
6 capital gains and losses.

7 E. Funds and revenues for investment by the investment managers
8 or the State Board shall be placed with a custodian selected by the
9 State Board. The custodian shall be a bank or trust company
10 offering pension fund master trustee and master custodial services
11 and any related custodial agreement or trust agreement is
12 incorporated herein by reference. The custodian shall be chosen by
13 a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to
14 standards set by the State Board. In compliance with the investment
15 policy guidelines of the State Board, the custodian bank or trust
16 company shall be contractually responsible for ensuring that all
17 monies of the System are invested in income-producing investment
18 vehicles at all times. If a custodian bank or trust company has not
19 received direction from the investment managers of the System as to
20 the investment of the monies of the System in specific investment
21 vehicles, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually
22 responsible to the State Board for investing the monies in
23 appropriately collateralized short-term interest-bearing investment
24 vehicles. Any assets of the System may be invested in a collective

1 investment fund or group trust that satisfies the requirements of
2 Revenue Ruling 81-100, as further amended by Revenue Ruling 2004-67,
3 Revenue Ruling 2008-40, and Revenue Ruling 2011-1, and as
4 subsequently amended by future guidance. Each such collective
5 investment fund or group trust is adopted, with respect to any
6 monies invested therein, as part of the System, its trust, and
7 custodial account and each such declaration of trust or trust
8 agreement and related adoption, participation, investment
9 management, subtrust, or other agreements, as amended from time to
10 time, with respect to any monies invested therein, are incorporated
11 by reference into the System, its trust agreement(s) or custodial
12 agreement(s), upon approval by the State Board.

13 F. By November 1, 1988, and prior to August 1 of each year
14 thereafter, the State Board shall develop a written investment plan
15 for the System.

16 G. The State Board shall compile a quarterly financial report
17 of all the funds of the System on a fiscal year basis. The report
18 shall be compiled pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed
19 by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state retirement
20 systems. The report shall include several relevant measures of
21 investment value, including acquisition cost and current fair market
22 value with appropriate summaries of total holdings and returns. The
23 report shall contain combined and individual rate of returns of the
24 investment managers by category of investment, over periods of time.

1 The State Board shall include in the quarterly reports all
2 commissions, fees or payments for investment services performed on
3 behalf of the State Board. The report shall be electronically
4 distributed, utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in
5 Section 54 of this act, to the Governor, the Oklahoma State Pension
6 Commission, the Legislative Service Bureau, the Speaker of the House
7 of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

8 H. After July 1 and before December 1 of each year, the State
9 Board shall publish widely an annual report presented in simple and
10 easily understood language pursuant to uniform reporting standards
11 prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state
12 retirement systems. The report shall be electronically submitted,
13 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
14 of this act, to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
16 Oklahoma State Pension Commission, and the members of the System.
17 The annual report shall cover the operation of the System during the
18 past fiscal year, including income, disbursements, and the financial
19 condition of the System at the end of the fiscal year. The annual
20 report shall also contain the information issued in the quarterly
21 reports required pursuant to subsection G of this section as well as
22 a summary of the results of the most recent actuarial valuation to
23 include total assets, total liabilities, unfunded liability or over
24 funded status, contributions and any other information deemed

1 relevant by the State Board. The annual report shall be written in
2 such a manner as to permit a readily understandable means for
3 analyzing the financial condition and performance of the System for
4 the fiscal year.

5 I. Effective July 1, 2000, the State Board is hereby authorized
6 to do all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the
7 purpose of the System and to make the least costly amendments and
8 changes, if any, as may be necessary to qualify the System under the
9 applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
10 amended.

11 SECTION 37. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 50-105.3,
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 50-105.3. The State Board shall certify and
14 electronically submit, utilizing the centralized filing system
15 provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the Director of the
16 Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the Speaker of the
17 House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the
18 Senate, on or before November 1 of each year, an actuarially
19 determined estimate of the rate of contribution which will be
20 required, together with all accumulated contributions and other
21 assets of the System to pay by level-dollar payments all liabilities
22 which shall exist or accrue pursuant to the provisions of the
23 System, including amortization of the unfunded accrued liability
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1 over a period of not to exceed thirty (30) years beginning July 1,
2 1988.

3 SECTION 38. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 50-105.4,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 Section 50-105.4. A. The Oklahoma Police Pension and
6 Retirement Board shall discharge their duties with respect to the
7 System solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries
8 and:

9 1. For the exclusive purpose of:

- 10 a. providing benefits to participants and their
11 beneficiaries, and
12 b. defraying reasonable expenses of administering the
13 System;

14 2. With the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the
15 circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like
16 capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of
17 an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;

18 3. By diversifying the investments of the System so as to
19 minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it
20 is clearly prudent not to do so; and

21 4. In accordance with the laws, documents and instruments
22 governing the System.

23 B. The State Board may procure insurance indemnifying the
24 members of the State Board from personal loss or accountability from
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1 liability resulting from a member's action or inaction as a member
2 of the State Board.

3 C. The State Board may establish an investment committee. The
4 investment committee shall be composed of not more than five (5)
5 members of the State Board appointed by the chairman of the State
6 Board. The committee shall make recommendations to the full State
7 Board on all matters related to the choice of custodians and
8 managers of the assets of the System, on the establishment of
9 investment and fund management guidelines, and in planning future
10 investment policy. The committee shall have no authority to act on
11 behalf of the State Board in any circumstances whatsoever. No
12 recommendation of the committee shall have effect as an action of
13 the State Board nor take effect without the approval of the State
14 Board as provided by law.

15 D. The State Board shall retain qualified investment managers
16 to provide for the investment of the monies of the System. The
17 investment managers shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals
18 on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the State
19 Board unless the State Board deems it necessary and prudent to do
20 otherwise to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility. Subject to the
21 overall investment guidelines set by the State Board, the investment
22 managers shall have full discretion in the management of those
23 monies of the System allocated to the investment managers. The
24 State Board shall manage those monies not specifically allocated to

1 the investment managers. The monies of the System allocated to the
2 investment managers shall be actively managed by the investment
3 managers, which may include selling investments and realizing losses
4 if such action is considered advantageous to longer term return
5 maximization. Because of the total return objective, no distinction
6 shall be made for management and performance evaluation purposes
7 between realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

8 E. Funds and revenues for investment by the investment managers
9 or the State Board shall be placed with a custodian selected by the
10 State Board. The custodian shall be a bank or trust company
11 offering pension fund master trustee and master custodial services
12 and any related custodial agreement or trust agreement is
13 incorporated herein by reference. The custodian shall be chosen by
14 a solicitation of proposals on a competitive basis pursuant to
15 standards set by the State Board. In compliance with the investment
16 policy guidelines of the State Board, the custodian bank or trust
17 company shall be contractually responsible for ensuring that all
18 monies of the System are invested in income-producing investment
19 vehicles at all times. If a custodian bank or trust company has not
20 received direction from the investment managers of the System as to
21 the investment of the monies of the System in specific investment
22 vehicles, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually
23 responsible to the State Board for investing the monies in
24 appropriately collateralized short-term interest-bearing investment

1 vehicles. Any assets of the System may be invested in a collective
2 investment fund or in a group trust that satisfies the requirements
3 of Rev. Rul. 81-100, as further amended by Rev. Rul. 2004-67, Rev.
4 Rul. 2008-40, and Rev. Rul. 2011-1, and as subsequently amended by
5 future guidance. Each such collective investment fund or group
6 trust is adopted, with respect to any monies invested therein, as
7 part of the System, its trust, and custodial account and each such
8 declaration of trust or trust agreement and related adoption,
9 participation, investment management, subtrust, or other agreements,
10 as amended from time to time, with respect to any monies invested
11 therein, are incorporated by reference into the System, its trust
12 agreement(s) or custodial agreement(s), upon approval by the State
13 Board.

14 F. By November 1, 1988, and prior to August 1 of each year
15 thereafter, the State Board shall develop a written investment plan
16 for the System.

17 G. After July 1 and before November 1 of each year, the State
18 Board shall publish widely an annual report presented in simple and
19 easily understood language pursuant to uniform reporting standards
20 prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state
21 retirement systems. The report shall be electronically submitted,
22 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
23 of this act, to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the

1 Oklahoma State Pension Commission, and the members of the System.

2 The annual report shall cover the operation of the System during the
3 past fiscal year, including income, disbursements, and the financial
4 condition of the System at the end of the fiscal year. The annual
5 report shall also contain a summary of the results of the most
6 recent actuarial valuation to include total assets, total
7 liabilities, unfunded liability or over funded status, contributions
8 and any other information deemed relevant by the State Board. The
9 annual report shall be written in such a manner as to permit a
10 readily understandable means for analyzing the financial condition
11 and performances of the System for the fiscal year.

12 H. The State Board shall adopt a cost of living adjustment
13 actuarial assumption in its annual actuarial valuation report.

14 SECTION 39. AMENDATORY 14A O.S. 2021, Section 6-104, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 6-104. (1) In addition to other powers granted by this
17 title, the Administrator of Consumer Credit may, within the
18 limitations provided by law:

19 (a) receive and act on complaints, take action designed to
20 obtain voluntary compliance with this title, or
21 commence proceedings on the Administrator's own
22 initiative,

23 (b) counsel persons and groups on their rights and duties
24 under this title,

- 1 (c) establish programs for the education of consumers with
2 respect to credit practices and problems,
- 3 (d) make studies appropriate to effectuate the purposes
4 and policies of this title and make the results
5 available to the public,
- 6 (e) with approval by the Commission on Consumer Credit
7 adopt, amend, and repeal substantive rules when
8 specifically authorized by this title, and adopt,
9 amend, and repeal procedural rules to carry out the
10 provisions of this title, all as provided by the
11 Administrative Procedures Act, and
- 12 (f) enforce the disclosure provisions of the Federal
13 Consumer Credit Protection Act as defined in Section
14 1-302 of this title.

15 (2) Except for refund of an excess charge, no liability is
16 imposed under this title for an act done or omitted in conformity
17 with a rule of the Administrator or written opinion of the
18 Administrator stating rights and duties issued on the
19 Administrator's own motion or in response to a request under
20 paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section notwithstanding that
21 after the act or omission the rule or opinion may be amended or
22 repealed or be determined by judicial or other authority to be
23 invalid for any reason. The opinions of the Administrator shall be
24 compiled and published no less often than annually.

1 (3) The Administrator shall electronically report, utilizing
2 the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this
3 act, annually on or before January 1 to the Governor and Legislature
4 on the operation of the Administrator's office, on the use of
5 consumer credit in the state, and on the problems of persons of
6 small means obtaining credit from persons regularly engaged in
7 extending sales or loan credit. For the purpose of making the
8 report, the Administrator is authorized to conduct research and make
9 appropriate studies. The report shall include a description of the
10 examination and investigation procedures and policies of the
11 Administrator's office, a statement of policies followed in deciding
12 whether to investigate or examine the offices of credit suppliers
13 subject to this title, a statement of the number and percentages of
14 offices which are periodically investigated or examined, a statement
15 of the types of consumer credit problems of both creditors and
16 debtors which have come to the Administrator's attention through
17 examinations and investigations and the disposition of them under
18 existing law, and a general statement of the activities of the
19 Administrator's office and of others to promote the purposes of this
20 title. The report shall not identify the creditors against whom
21 action is taken by the Administrator.

22 (4) The Administrator may enter into cooperative, coordinating
23 and information-sharing agreements with any other agencies that have
24 supervisory or regulatory responsibility over any entity that has

1 been or may be licensed by the Department of Consumer Credit or any
2 organization affiliated with or representing one or more agencies
3 with supervisory or regulatory responsibility over any entity that
4 has been or may be licensed by the Department, and the Administrator
5 may accept reports of examination and reports of investigation from
6 any such agency or organization in lieu of conducting the
7 Administrator's own examinations or investigations. The
8 Administrator may cooperate, coordinate, and enter into information-
9 sharing agreements with the Oklahoma State Banking Department and
10 other state agencies with whom the agreements may be mutually
11 beneficial.

12 (5) The Administrator shall have the authority to adopt rules,
13 not inconsistent with the provisions of this title, to limit the
14 amount of the additional charges that lenders are permitted to
15 impose under subsections (1) and (2) of Section 3-202 of this title
16 and Section 3-203.2 of this title, or to limit the amount of
17 deferral charges that sellers and lenders may impose under
18 subsections (2) and (3) of Section 2-204 of this title and
19 subsections (2) and (3) of Section 3-204 of this title. The
20 Administrator shall:

- 21 (a) in promulgating, amending or repealing rules pursuant
22 to this section, take into consideration whether
23 limits on the additional charges permitted under
24 subsections (1) and (2) of Section 3-202 of this title

1 and Section 3-203.2 of this title, or limits on
2 deferral charges that sellers and lenders may impose
3 under subsections (2) and (3) of Section 2-204 of this
4 title and subsections (2) and (3) of Section 3-204 of
5 this title, would:

6 (i) place lenders located in this state at a
7 competitive disadvantage, with respect to the
8 additional charges, as compared to out-of-state
9 credit card lenders or place sellers and lenders
10 in this state at a competitive disadvantage with
11 respect to the deferral charges, as compared to
12 out-of-state sellers and lenders,

13 (ii) require sellers or lenders located in this state
14 to impose higher finance charges, or

15 (iii) impede the growth of consumer credit sales or the
16 consumer lending industry in this state, and

17 (b) adopt rules limiting the dollar amounts of the
18 additional charges permitted under subsections (1) and
19 (2) of Section 3-202 of this title and Section 3-203.2
20 of this title, or the deferral charges permitted under
21 subsections (2) and (3) of Section 2-204 of this title
22 and subsections (2) and (3) of Section 3-204 of this
23 title, in the event that the Administrator determines
24 that such limits are necessary to protect debtors in

1 this state from being subjected to charges which are
2 unreasonable or excessive as compared to the
3 prevailing charges being imposed by out-of-state
4 lenders and sellers.

5 SECTION 40. AMENDATORY 14A O.S. 2021, Section 6-504, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 6-504. The Commission shall select a chair and is
8 hereby authorized to adopt rules for conducting its proceedings. A
9 majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for
10 transacting Commission business. The Commission may meet monthly on
11 such date as it may designate and may meet at such other times as it
12 may deem necessary, or when called by the chair or by any two
13 members. Complete minutes of each meeting shall be kept and filed
14 in the Department of Consumer Credit and shall be available for
15 public inspection during reasonable office hours. The Commission
16 shall electronically submit a report, utilizing the centralized
17 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act. annually to
18 the Governor and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
19 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The report shall contain a
20 summary of the minutes of the meetings held during the year,
21 legislative recommendations, a summary of violations of the Uniform
22 Consumer Credit Code and action taken thereon, and such other data
23 and information as may be deemed necessary or appropriate. Each
24 member of the Commission shall have unrestricted access to all

1 offices and records of the Department. The Commission may review,
2 repeal, amend or modify any rule or regulation adopted or
3 promulgated by the Administrator.

4 SECTION 41. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 40.1, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 40.1. A. For the purpose of accepting, processing, and
7 hearing applications for oil and gas well development,
8 administrative applications, and for any other related matters, the
9 Corporation Commission shall divide the state into two regional
10 service areas. By September 1, 1990, the Corporation Commission
11 shall establish and maintain in each regional service area, a
12 regional service office located within the corporate limits of any
13 municipality having a population of more than two hundred fifty
14 thousand (250,000) inhabitants according to the last Federal
15 Decennial Census to implement their duties pursuant to law. The
16 State Office of the Corporation Commission located in Oklahoma City
17 shall serve as the regional service office for the regional service
18 area in which Oklahoma City is located. The regional service office
19 shall service the regional service area in which such office is
20 located or as otherwise provided by the Corporation Commission for
21 public convenience.

22 B. 1. Applications for oil and gas well development,
23 administrative applications and any other related matters may be
24 filed in any regional service office.

1 2. The central record of all filings with all regional service
2 offices shall be maintained in the State Office of the Corporation
3 Commission located in Oklahoma City and all initial dockets shall be
4 simultaneously announced in Oklahoma City and transmitted to
5 regional offices.

6 3. All hearings on any application including but not limited to
7 appellate hearings shall be held in the regional service office
8 where the application is filed unless:

- 9 a. in the case of an application protested by a
10 respondent mineral owner, or surface owner having
11 standing to protest by statute or by Rule of the
12 Corporation Commission, holding the hearing in the
13 regional service office would not be at the
14 convenience of such respondent mineral owner, or
15 surface owner, ~~or~~
16 b. the applicant and all protestants agree to have the
17 Commission proceed to hear any case, or any portion
18 thereof, during any stage of the proceedings, at any
19 regional service office, or by telecommunication
20 hearings, or
21 c. the applicant, all protestants and the Commission
22 agree to have the Commission proceed to hear any case,
23 or any portion thereof, during any stage of the
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proceedings, at another location other than a regional service office.

C. 1. The Corporation Commission shall provide for an adequately staffed regional service office in each regional service area to conduct the business of the regional service office as herein provided.

2. In order to implement the provisions of this subsection for the regional service office located within the corporate limits of a municipality having a population of more than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) inhabitants, the Commission shall utilize the following positions from existing FTE for such service office:

POSITION	MINIMUM
	FTE
Office Administrator	1.0
Hearing Officers	2.0
Court Reporters	2.0
Docket Clerks	2.5
Secretary	1.0

3. The Corporation Commission shall maintain electronic data equipment capable of retrieving and printing information by cause number, applicant name, relief requested, or by county.

D. The Corporation Commission shall electronically submit a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by February 1 of each year,

utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, detailing the number of applications filed by county, hearings held and other activities performed by each regional service office.

E. The Corporation Commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, to implement the provisions of this section.

F. The Corporation Commission shall develop and maintain a system for providing telephonic communication service for hearings related to oil and gas matters in municipalities having a population of more than eighty-five thousand (85,000) inhabitants according to the last Federal Decennial Census. In order to implement the provisions of this subsection, the Commission shall utilize from existing FTE the following position for such telephonic communication service:

POSITION	FTE
Docket Clerk	.5

SECTION 42. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 253, is amended to read as follows:

Section 253. A. No proposed monthly fuel adjustment, purchased power adjustment or purchased gas adjustment shall become effective until after the Corporation Commission has had an opportunity to determine that the adjustment is calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable fuel adjustment clause.

1 B. The Commission shall promulgate rules requiring each company
2 as a necessary part of the monthly filing with the Commission and
3 condition to consideration of any adjustment application to submit
4 the following information:

5 1. A statement by each company subject to a fuel adjustment
6 clause of the items and costs making up the average cost of fuel per
7 million BTU and associated costs in dollars and cents or fraction
8 thereof;

9 2. A summary of its fuel and gas purchase invoices and its
10 computations of the proposed monthly fuel adjustment or purchased
11 gas adjustment charges;

12 3. A summary of inventory records of fuel and gas going into
13 and taken out of stockpile or storage;

14 4. A report containing the average unit price, the change in
15 the average unit price, the volume purchased and a brief explanation
16 of such unit cost increase; and

17 5. Any other records deemed necessary by the Commission
18 including, but not limited to, the heat rate efficiency and delivery
19 efficiency for affected electric public utilities and the actual
20 capacity factor for each generating facility utilized to produce
21 electric power.

22 The records and computations filed shall be open to public
23 inspection at the office of the Commission.

1 C. The Commission shall have five (5) business days after the
2 records and computations prescribed in subsection B of this section
3 have been filed to determine the necessity of an administrative
4 proceeding thereon. If the Commission does not determine that a
5 hearing is required, the proposed adjustment charge shall become
6 effective as filed. In the event the Commission decides to hold a
7 hearing on the information filed, it shall notify the public utility
8 within such five-day period, set the matter for a public hearing to
9 commence within thirty (30) business days thereafter, and give
10 notice thereof at least three (3) days prior to the commencement of
11 such hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in
12 the area served by such company. The issue to be determined at such
13 hearing shall be either or both of the following determinations:

14 1. Whether charges or credits made under the fuel adjustment
15 clauses are based upon the actual prices paid for fuel, purchased
16 gas, or purchased power and are properly computed in accordance with
17 the applicable adjustment clause; or

18 2. Whether the fuel adjustment clauses should be discontinued,
19 amended, or suspended. In the event that the Commission determines
20 that it is necessary to set any proposed adjustment charge for
21 hearing, the proposed charge shall nevertheless become effective at
22 the option of the utility following the expiration of the five-day
23 period after its records and computations have been filed, pending
24 the Commission's finding with respect to such charges. However, in

1 the discretion of the Commission, the effectiveness of the proposed
2 charge may be conditioned upon the filing by the utility with the
3 Commission of an assurance satisfactory to the Commission, which may
4 include a bond with surety, of the utility's ability and willingness
5 to refund to its customers any such amounts as the utility may
6 collect from them in excess of the charge approved by the Commission
7 in its finding. If the Commission has not approved, in whole or in
8 part, or denied the proposed charge within a seven-day period
9 subsequent to the commencement of such hearing, the Commission shall
10 promptly electronically submit, utilizing the centralized filing
11 system provided for in Section 54 of this act, a written explanation
12 of the Commission's failure to do so to the President Pro Tempore of
13 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
14 office of the Governor.

15 SECTION 43. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 325, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 325. A. The Director of the Petroleum Storage Tank
18 Division shall make a written report and electronically submit such
19 report, utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in
20 Section 54 of this act, on an annual basis to the Corporation
21 Commissioners, the Storage Tank Advisory Council, the Speaker of the
22 House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the
23 Senate detailing the following:
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1 1. The total number of storage tank applicants requesting
2 disbursement from the Indemnity Fund during the preceding year;

3 2. The total number of storage tank applicants receiving
4 payment during the preceding year and total amount disbursed for
5 such payments;

6 3. The average time frame for providing disbursements to
7 applicants;

8 4. The total amount of funds needed to complete the corrective
9 action and achieve closure of all release cases; and

10 5. Any other information requested by the Speaker of the House
11 of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
12 regarding the Indemnity Fund program.

13 B. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall electronically submit,
14 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
15 of this act, an annual report to the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
17 detailing the amount of assessments collected for deposit to the
18 Indemnity Fund and to the State Transportation Fund.

19 C. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall
20 electronically submit, utilizing the centralized filing system
21 provided for in Section 54 of this act, an annual report to the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro
23 Tempore of the Senate detailing the expenditures made from the
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1 revenue received from the assessment levied pursuant to Section
2 327.1 of this title.

3 D. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality shall
4 electronically submit, utilizing the centralized filing system
5 provided for in Section 54 of this act, an annual report to the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro
7 Tempore of the Senate detailing the expenditures made from the
8 revenue received from the assessment levied pursuant to Section
9 327.1 of this title.

10 E. By December 1, 1998, and every year thereafter, the State
11 Auditor and Inspector shall conduct an independent audit of the
12 books, records, files, and other such documents of the Corporation
13 Commission pertaining to and which relate to the administration of
14 the Petroleum Storage Tank Indemnity Fund. The audit shall include
15 but shall not be limited to a review of agency compliance with state
16 statutes regarding the Indemnity Fund, internal control procedures,
17 adequacy of claim process expenditures from and debits of the
18 Indemnity Fund regarding administration, personnel, operating and
19 other expenses charged by the Corporation Commission; the duties
20 performed in detail by agency personnel and Indemnity Fund personnel
21 for which payment is made from the Indemnity Fund, and
22 recommendations for improving claim processing, equipment needed for
23 claim processing, internal control or structure for administering
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1 the Indemnity Fund; and such other areas deemed necessary by the
2 State Auditor and Inspector.

3 F. The cost of the audit shall be borne by the Indemnity Fund.

4 G. Copies of the audit shall be electronically submitted,
5 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
6 of this act, to the State Auditor and Inspector, the Governor, the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore
8 of the Senate and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of both
9 the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

10 SECTION 44. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 403, O.S.L.
11 2022 (17 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 801.9), is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 Section 801.9. A. The State of Oklahoma shall set a hydrogen
14 fuel production standard that will serve as an annual goal to be
15 reached each year through 2028 to increase the production of
16 hydrogen fuel in the state. Such hydrogen fuel production standard
17 shall be to produce Two Million Metric Tons (2 MMT) of hydrogen fuel
18 using a low or zero carbon source of energy annually by 2028.

19 B. Every qualified hydrogen fuel production facility that
20 produces hydrogen fuel in this state shall report to the Corporation
21 Commission by March 1 each year the amount of hydrogen fuel produced
22 in the preceding calendar year and the low or zero carbon source of
23 energy used to produce the hydrogen fuel. The Commission shall
24 begin collecting the reports no later than March 1, 2024, and shall

1 electronically report, utilizing the centralized filing system
2 provided for in Section 54 of this act, annually to the President
3 Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives, and the Governor the annual hydrogen fuel
5 production amount produced by qualified hydrogen production
6 facilities for the preceding calendar year, gathered from reports
7 submitted pursuant to this subsection, no later than May 1 of the
8 first year of collection and each year thereafter. The Commission
9 shall promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this
10 subsection.

11 C. For purposes of this section, qualifying hydrogen fuel
12 production shall include:

13 1. Hydrogen fuel produced from low carbon sources such as
14 natural gas;

15 2. Hydrogen fuel produced from zero carbon sources such as:

16 a. wind,

17 b. photovoltaic,

18 c. hydropower,

19 d. geothermal, and

20 e. biomass, which projects may include agricultural
21 crops, wastes, and residues, wood, animal, and other
22 degradable organic wastes, municipal solid waste, and
23 landfill gas; and

24 3. Other low or zero carbon sources approved by the Commission.

1 SECTION 45. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 802.3, as
2 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 31, O.S.L. 2024 (17 O.S. Supp.
3 2025, Section 802.3), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 802.3. A. The Oklahoma Low Carbon Energy Initiative
5 shall be administered and governed by the Oklahoma Low Carbon Energy
6 Initiative Board, made up of representatives of the contributing
7 institutions and entities of the Initiative which shall include but
8 not be limited to the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State
9 University, and the University of Tulsa. Additional contributing
10 members may be added at the discretion of the Board, if they
11 contribute to the purpose, objectives, and research coordinated by
12 the Initiative.

13 B. The Board shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:

14 1. One member, who shall serve as the chair of the Board, shall
15 be the Secretary of Energy and Environment or a member otherwise
16 appointed by the Governor;

17 2. One member shall be the Vice President for Research from the
18 University of Oklahoma or a member otherwise appointed by the
19 President of the University of Oklahoma;

20 3. One member shall be the Vice President for Research from
21 Oklahoma State University or a member otherwise appointed by the
22 President of Oklahoma State University;

1 4. One member shall be the Vice President for Research and
2 Economic Development from the University of Tulsa or a member
3 otherwise appointed by the President of the University of Tulsa;

4 5. One member who shall represent the Oklahoma Department of
5 Commerce, appointed by the Director of the Department of Commerce;

6 6. One member who shall represent the Department of Labor,
7 appointed by the Commissioner of Labor;

8 7. One member who shall represent the Department of
9 Environmental Quality, appointed by the Executive Director of the
10 Department of Environmental Quality;

11 8. One member who shall represent the Corporation Commission,
12 appointed by the Chair of the Commission;

13 9. One member who shall represent the Department of
14 Transportation, appointed by the Director of the Department of
15 Transportation;

16 10. One member who shall represent the Oklahoma Water Resources
17 Board, appointed by the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water
18 Resources Board;

19 11. One member who shall represent the Oklahoma Center for the
20 Advancement of Science and Technology, appointed by the Executive
21 Director of the Center for the Advancement of Science and
22 Technology;

1 12. One member, who shall represent an electric utility or
2 cooperative regulated by the Corporation Commission, appointed by
3 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

4 13. One member, who shall represent the nuclear energy
5 industry, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

6 C. 1. The Board shall establish an Energy Industry Advisory
7 Council, appointed by the chair, for the purposes of providing
8 industry expertise and knowledge, assisting the Board with annual
9 report requirements, providing general recommendations, and other
10 support as needed to advance the efforts of the Board.

11 2. Members appointed to the Council shall serve at the pleasure
12 of the chair of the Board.

13 D. Board members shall serve for a term of four (4) years,
14 which shall begin on January 1 of the first year of the appointment
15 and end on December 31 of the fourth year. There shall be no limit
16 to the number of consecutive terms served. If a vacancy should
17 occur during a member's term, the appointing authority for the
18 vacant position shall appoint a new member to fill the remainder of
19 the unexpired term. Board members shall serve without compensation
20 but may be eligible for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the
21 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

22 E. The Board shall be responsible for establishing procedures
23 for the Initiative and operations of the Board and the Advisory
24 Council. The rules may provide for protection from public

1 disclosure of trade secrets and proprietary information of any kind
2 including, but not limited to, data, processes, and technology, as
3 the Board determines necessary.

4 F. The Board shall undertake activities and commission
5 programs, through the contributing institutions and entities, to
6 achieve the purpose and satisfy the objectives of the Initiative as
7 provided in the Oklahoma Energy Initiative Act. The Board shall
8 have authority to distribute funding for such activities and
9 programs. The Board may employ staff as it deems necessary.

10 G. The Board, in consultation with the Advisory Council and any
11 other party deemed necessary, shall submit and publish
12 electronically an annual, written report to summarize the annual
13 progress of the Initiative including summaries of its programs and
14 their progress and outcomes. The report shall be made available to
15 the public and shall be distributed electronically, utilizing the
16 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to
17 the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

19 H. The provisions of the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act shall
20 not apply to any project, activity or contract of the Initiative or
21 the Board.

22 I. No Board member or any person acting on behalf of the Board,
23 Advisory Council, or Initiative executing any contracts, commitments
24 or agreements issued by or on behalf of the Oklahoma Low Carbon
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1 Energy Initiative shall be personally liable for the contracts,
2 commitments, or agreements or be subject to any personal liability
3 or accountability by reason thereof. No director or any person
4 acting on behalf of the Board or Initiative shall be personally
5 liable for damage or injury resulting from the performance of duties
6 hereunder.

7 SECTION 46. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 215.28, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 215.28. A. There is hereby created the District
10 Attorneys Council which shall be organized and administered as
11 herein provided. Any reference in the Oklahoma Statutes to the
12 District Attorneys Training Coordination Council shall mean the
13 District Attorneys Council.

14 B. The chief executive officer of the office of the Council is
15 the Executive Coordinator who shall be appointed and supervised by
16 the Council. The Executive Coordinator shall serve at the pleasure
17 of the Council. The Executive Coordinator shall be licensed to
18 practice law in Oklahoma and shall have been a district attorney or
19 assistant district attorney or have held an equivalent position in
20 state or federal government for at least three (3) years prior to
21 appointment. The Executive Coordinator may appoint an Assistant
22 Coordinator, both of whom shall be in the unclassified service of
23 the state. The Executive Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator,
24 who shall also be licensed to practice law in Oklahoma, shall devote

1 full time to their duties and shall not engage in the private
2 practice of law. The Executive Coordinator shall perform the
3 functions and duties as may be assigned by the Council. The
4 Executive Coordinator shall be named the project director and fiscal
5 officer of any grant or fund received by the Council. The Executive
6 Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator shall receive compensation
7 for their services within the pay scale limits for district
8 attorneys.

9 C. 1. The Council shall be composed of the following members:

- 10 a. the Attorney General, or a designated representative
11 of the Attorney General,
- 12 b. the President of the Oklahoma District Attorneys
13 Association,
- 14 c. the President-elect of the Oklahoma District Attorneys
15 Association,
- 16 d. one district attorney selected by the Court of
17 Criminal Appeals for a three-year term, and
- 18 e. one district attorney selected by the Board of
19 Governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association for a three-
20 year term.

21 2. A member of the Council shall vacate the appointment upon
22 termination of the member's official position as Attorney General or
23 district attorney. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as
24 the original appointment. A member appointed to fill a vacancy
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1 created other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for
2 the unexpired term of the member whom the appointed member is to
3 succeed in the same manner as the original appointment. Any member
4 may serve more than one term.

5 D. The Council shall designate from among its members a
6 Chairman and Vice Chairman who shall serve for one-year terms and
7 who may be reelected. Membership on the Council shall not
8 constitute holding a public office. The Council shall not have the
9 right to exercise any portion of the sovereign power of the state.
10 A member of the Council shall not be disqualified from holding any
11 public office or employment by reason of appointment or membership
12 on the Council, nor shall the member forfeit the office or
13 employment, by reason of appointment to the Council.

14 E. The Council shall meet at least four times in each year and
15 shall hold special meetings when called by the Chairman, or, in the
16 absence of the Chairman, by the Vice Chairman or when called by the
17 Chairman upon the written request of two members of the Council.
18 The Council shall establish its own procedures and requirements with
19 respect to quorum, place and conduct of its meetings and other
20 matters.

21 F. The members of the Council shall not receive a salary for
22 duties performed as members of the Council but shall be entitled to
23 be reimbursed for their travel expenses in accordance with the State
24 Travel Reimbursement Act.

1 G. The Council shall ~~make~~ electronically submit, utilizing the
2 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, an
3 annual report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the
4 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
5 President of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association regarding
6 its efforts to implement the purposes of this section.

7 H. The Council shall have the power to perform such functions
8 as in its opinion shall strengthen the criminal justice system in
9 Oklahoma, to provide a professional organization for the education,
10 training and coordination of technical efforts of all state
11 prosecutors and to maintain and improve prosecutor efficiency and
12 effectiveness in enforcing the laws of this state including, but not
13 limited to, the following:

14 1. Organize, supervise, and perform functions consistent with
15 this section;

16 2. Convene regional or statewide conferences and training
17 seminars for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this
18 section;

19 3. Accept and expend monies, gifts, grants, or services from
20 any public or private source; contract or enter into agreements with
21 educational institutions or state or federal agencies; and employ
22 personnel as the Council in its judgment finds necessary to
23 effectively carry out the provisions of this section. Such
24 employees shall be in the unclassified service of the state;

1 4. Serve in an advisory capacity to the district attorneys of
2 the state;

3 5. Provide and coordinate training and continuing legal
4 education for district attorneys and their assistants, including
5 participation in nationally recognized prosecutorial seminars
6 conducted in other states. Subject to available funding, curriculum
7 for training required under this paragraph shall include, but not be
8 limited to:

- 9 a. dynamics of domestic violence,
- 10 b. the impact of domestic violence on victims and their
11 children including victim trauma and the neurobiology
12 of trauma,
- 13 c. identifying dominant aggressor,
- 14 d. tactics and behavior of batterers,
- 15 e. victim protection orders and full faith and credit
16 under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994,
- 17 f. rights of victims, and
- 18 g. evidence-based practices regarding behavioral health
19 and treatment of those with substance abuse or mental
20 health needs;

21 6. Gather and disseminate information to district attorneys
22 relative to their official duties, including changes in the law
23 relative to their office;

1 7. Coordinate with law enforcement officers, the courts and
2 corrections workers providing interdisciplinary seminars to augment
3 the effectiveness of the criminal justice system;

4 8. Require statistical reports from district attorneys' offices
5 relating to functions and workload performance;

6 9. Recommend additional legislation necessary to upgrade the
7 Oklahoma District Attorneys System to professional status;

8 10. Establish an equitable distribution plan for allocation of
9 any funds or gifts received from public or private sources for state
10 prosecution and distribute such funds in accordance with such plan;
11 and

12 11. Appoint a larger Advisory Council made up of district
13 attorneys and assistant district attorneys to discuss problems and
14 hear recommendations concerning necessary research, minimum
15 standards, educational needs, and other matters imperative to
16 upgrading Oklahoma prosecution to professional status.

17 I. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
18 fund for the Council, to be designated the "District Attorneys
19 Council Revolving Fund". The fund shall consist of all monies
20 received by the Council other than appropriated funds. The
21 revolving fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to fiscal year
22 limitations and shall be under the control and management of the
23 Council. Expenditures from this fund shall be made pursuant to the
24 purposes of this act and without legislative appropriation.

1 Warrants for expenditures shall be drawn by the State Treasurer
2 based on claims signed by the authorized employee or employees of
3 the Council and approved for payment by the Director of the Office
4 of Management and Enterprise Services.

5 J. The Council may accept operation and supervision of the Law
6 Enforcement Assistance Administration grants presently being
7 administered by the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association.

8 SECTION 47. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 3.3, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 3.3. A. The Board on Judicial Compensation shall meet
11 on the third Tuesday of September in every odd-numbered year in the
12 Administrative Office of the Courts, at which meeting the Board
13 shall review the compensation paid to members of the State Judiciary
14 and, if necessary, change the compensation. In its review, the
15 Board shall consider various factors, including judicial
16 compensation in other states, with an emphasis on states within the
17 region, the value of comparable services performed in the private
18 sector, compensation of attorneys in the private and public sectors,
19 compensation of other state, county and municipal public officials,
20 and changes in the cost of living. The Board may, at the call of
21 the chair or upon a majority vote of its membership, hold such
22 additional meetings as are necessary to carry out its official
23 duties. Any change in judicial compensation shall be made by the
24 Board not later than the third Tuesday of November in the odd-

1 numbered year. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum
2 and a majority vote of the quorum shall be necessary for the Board
3 to act. If the Board recommends a change in judicial compensation,
4 notice of such recommendation shall be provided electronically,
5 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
6 of this act, to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore and the
7 Chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, and the Speaker
8 and the Chair of the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the
9 House of Representatives.

10 B. Any change in judicial compensation, unless rejected or
11 amended as provided for in Section 3.2 of this title, shall become
12 effective on July 1 of the following calendar year. Any amendment
13 passed by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature shall
14 become effective as provided by the amendment unless vetoed by the
15 Governor.

16 SECTION 48. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1103.1, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1103.1. A. On and after January 1, 2001, the
19 Administrative Director of the Courts, in addition to the members'
20 contributions, shall transfer monthly amounts for deposit in the
21 State Judicial Retirement Fund as set out in Section 1309 of this
22 title equal to two percent (2.0%) of the monthly total actual paid
23 gross salaries of the members of the Uniform Retirement System for
24 Justices and Judges. Effective July 1, 2005, such amounts

transferred by the Administrative Director of the Courts shall be as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	Percentage of Contribution
June 30, 2006	3.0%
June 30, 2007	4.0%
June 30, 2008	5.5%
June 30, 2009	7.0%
June 30, 2010	8.5%
June 30, 2011	10.0%
June 30, 2012	11.5%
June 30, 2013	13.0%
June 30, 2014	14.5%
June 30, 2015	16.0%
June 30, 2016	17.5%
June 30, 2017	19.0%
June 30, 2018	20.5%
June 30, 2019 and thereafter	22.0%

B. The State Judicial Retirement Fund should have a funded ratio at or near ninety percent (90%) or be receiving sufficient contributions to amortize any unfunded liability of the fund according to the amortization schedule adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. The Board of Trustees shall electronically provide, utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, a

1 copy of the annual actuarial report to the Governor, the Chief
2 Justice of the Supreme Court, the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. In
4 addition to this report, the Board shall provide a letter setting
5 forth the amount of the actuarially required contributions for the
6 System and any other recommendations that the Board may deem
7 necessary.

8 C. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall remit to the
9 System all statutorily required retirement contributions due on a
10 monthly basis. All required court and employee contributions and
11 supporting documentation are due and ~~must~~ shall be received by the
12 System on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the
13 month for which the contributions are due. Court and employee
14 contributions remitted to the System after thirty (30) days from the
15 above due date shall be subject to a monthly late charge of one and
16 one-half percent (1.5%) of the unpaid balance to be paid by the
17 Administrative Director of the Courts to the System.

18 SECTION 49. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1108, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1108. A. The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public
21 Employees Retirement System shall have the responsibility for
22 management of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges
23 and the State Judicial Retirement Fund. All benefits payable under
24 The Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, refunds of
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1 contributions and overpayments, purchases or investments under the
2 law, and all expenses in connection with the System shall be paid
3 from the Oklahoma Judicial Retirement Fund. The State Judicial
4 Retirement Fund shall be invested and managed in the same manner as
5 now or hereinafter provided by law for the investment and management
6 of funds belonging to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement
7 System. The Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges shall
8 be an instrumentality of the State of Oklahoma. The System shall be
9 vested with the powers and duties specified in this act and such
10 other powers as may be necessary to enable it, its officers,
11 employees, and agents to carry out fully and effectively the
12 purposes and intent of this act.

13 1. The Board shall distribute the corpus and income of the
14 System to the members and their beneficiaries in accordance with the
15 System's law. At no time prior to the satisfaction of all
16 liabilities with respect to members and their beneficiaries shall
17 any part of the corpus and income be used for, or diverted to,
18 purposes other than the exclusive benefit of the members and their
19 beneficiaries.

20 2. The Board may not engage in a transaction prohibited by
21 Section 503(b) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

22 3. The Board shall be responsible for the policies and rules
23 for the general administration of the System, subject to the
24 provisions of this act. Except as specifically provided in this
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1 act, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges shall
2 generally be managed in the same manner as now or hereinafter
3 provided by law or by rule for the management of the Oklahoma Public
4 Employees Retirement System.

5 4. The Board shall establish rules for the administration of
6 the System and for the transaction of its business consistent with
7 law, which rules shall be promulgated in compliance with the
8 Administrative Procedures Act.

9 5. The Board may adopt all necessary actuarial tables to be
10 used in the operation of the System as recommended by the actuary
11 and may compile such additional data as may be necessary for
12 required actuarial valuation calculations.

13 6. All decisions of the Board as to questions of fact shall be
14 final and conclusive on all persons except for the right of review
15 as provided by law and except for fraud or such gross mistake of
16 fact as to have effect equivalent to fraud.

17 7. Any person who shall knowingly make any false statement, or
18 who shall falsify or permit to be falsified any record necessary for
19 carrying out the intent of this act for the purpose of committing
20 fraud, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall
21 be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
22 or by imprisonment for not exceeding one (1) year. Should any error
23 in any records of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and
24 Judges result in any member or beneficiary receiving more or less

1 than he or she would have been entitled to receive had the records
2 been correct, the Board shall correct such error, and, as far as
3 practicable, make future payments in such manner that the actuarial
4 equivalent of the benefit to which such member or beneficiary was
5 entitled shall be paid, and to this end, may recover any
6 overpayments.

7 B. The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees
8 Retirement System shall compile a quarterly financial report of all
9 the funds of the State Judicial Retirement Fund on a fiscal year
10 basis. The report shall be compiled pursuant to uniform reporting
11 standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for
12 all state retirement systems. The report shall include several
13 relevant measures of investment value, including acquisition cost
14 and current fair market value with appropriate summaries of total
15 holdings and returns. The report shall contain combined and
16 individual rate of returns of the investment managers by category of
17 investment, over periods of time. The Board of Trustees shall
18 include in the quarterly reports all commissions, fees or payments
19 for investment services performed on behalf of the Board of Trustees
20 with respect to the State Judicial Retirement Fund. The report
21 shall be electronically distributed, utilizing the centralized
22 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to the
23 Governor, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission, the Legislative
24 Service Bureau, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the

1 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. In lieu of compiling and
2 distributing the quarterly report, the Board may provide the Pension
3 Commission with direct access to the same data from the custodian
4 bank for the System.

5 C. There is hereby created the Retirement Medical Benefit Fund.
6 The fund shall be maintained as a subaccount of the State Judicial
7 Retirement Fund. The Retirement Medical Benefit Fund is composed of
8 all assets which may be contributed to this subaccount to pay the
9 retirement system's portion of the monthly retiree health insurance
10 premium benefit described by Section 1316.2 of Title 74 of the
11 Oklahoma Statutes. All such allocated assets and any earnings
12 thereon in the Retirement Medical Benefit Fund shall be held for the
13 exclusive purpose of providing retiree medical benefits. The
14 Retirement Medical Benefit Fund is to be administered in accordance
15 with the requirements of Section 401(h) of the Internal Revenue Code
16 of 1986, as amended from time to time. The Board of Trustees may
17 promulgate such rules as are necessary to implement the funding and
18 administration of the fund pursuant to the provisions of this
19 subsection.

20 D. After July 1 and before December 1 of each year, the Board
21 of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System shall
22 publish widely an annual report presented in simple and easily
23 understood language pursuant to uniform reporting standards
24 prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state

1 retirement systems. The report shall be electronically submitted,
2 utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54
3 of this act, to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
5 Oklahoma State Pension Commission, and the members of the System.
6 The annual report shall cover the operation of the System during the
7 past fiscal year, including income, disbursements, and the financial
8 condition of the System at the end of the fiscal year. The annual
9 report shall also contain the information issued in the quarterly
10 reports required pursuant to subsection B of this section as well as
11 a summary of the results of the most recent actuarial valuation to
12 include total assets, total liabilities, unfunded liability or
13 overfunded status, contributions and any other information deemed
14 relevant by the Board of Trustees. The annual report shall be
15 written in such a manner as to permit a readily understandable means
16 for analyzing the financial condition and performance of the System
17 for the fiscal year.

18 E. The Board shall adopt a cost of living adjustment actuarial
19 assumption in its annual actuarial valuation report.

20 SECTION 50. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1225, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1225. The State Auditor and Inspector shall enforce all
23 of the provisions of this act and electronically report, utilizing
24 the centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this

1 act, any violations thereof to the Chief Justice, the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House.

3 SECTION 51. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1656, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1656. A. The members of the Council on Judicial
6 Complaints shall qualify by taking the constitutional oath of
7 office.

8 B. The Council shall elect a chair and vice-chair. The chair
9 and vice-chair shall serve for terms of office set by the Council,
10 not to exceed their terms as members of the Council.

11 C. The Council shall adopt rules pursuant to the Administrative
12 Procedures Act.

13 D. The Council shall electronically provide, utilizing the
14 centralized filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, to
15 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
16 of Representatives quarterly reports of the number of judicial
17 complaints filed, dismissed, and referred for further disciplinary
18 action.

19 SECTION 52. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 142.15, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 142.15. The Board shall prepare and electronically
22 transmit, utilizing the centralized filing system provided for in
23 Section 54 of this act, annually to the Governor and the Speaker of
24 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the

1 Senate, a report of its activities, including the amount of
2 compensation awarded and a statistical summary of claims and awards
3 made and denied.

4 SECTION 53. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.16, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1290.16.

7 STATISTICAL REPORT

8 By January 15, 1997, and by January 15 of each year thereafter,
9 the Bureau shall electronically submit, utilizing the centralized
10 filing system provided for in Section 54 of this act, a statistical
11 report for the preceding calendar year to the Governor, the
12 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives, including, but not limited to, data on the numbers
14 of handgun licenses approved and issued and the numbers of licenses
15 suspended, revoked or denied in the following categories: age, sex,
16 race, county, and any other category deemed relevant by the Bureau.

17 SECTION 54. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 600 of Title 75, unless there is
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Office of the Secretary of State shall create and
21 maintain a centralized filing system for all reports required by
22 statute to be submitted to such system. Such filing system shall
23 provide:
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- 1 1. An index of all statutorily required reports, sortable by
2 agency name, policy area, title of law, and other information;
3 2. The dates of the last submitted report by an agency or
4 entity and the due date of the next report;
5 3. Notification to the statutorily designated report recipients
6 when a report is submitted;
7 4. Confirmation of successful submission to the agency or
8 entity submitting a report using such system; and
9 5. A dashboard reflecting whether a report has been submitted
10 or is overdue.

11 B. The Secretary of State shall electronically report to the
12 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives, and the Governor if an agency or entity has not
14 submitted a statutorily required report to the centralized filing
15 system by the date of submission provided in statute.

16 SECTION 55. REPEALER Section 6, Chapter 222, O.S.L.
17 2024 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 5-606), is hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 56. REPEALER 2 O.S. 2021, Section 18-34, is
19 hereby repealed.

20 SECTION 57. REPEALER 2 O.S. 2021, Section 18-192, is
21 hereby repealed.

22 SECTION 58. REPEALER 10 O.S. 2021, Section 630.2, is
23 hereby repealed.

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1 SECTION 59. REPEALER Section 1, Chapter 288, O.S.L. 2024
2 (17 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 294), is hereby repealed.

3 SECTION 60. REPEALER 19 O.S. 2021, Section 547.2, is
4 hereby repealed.

5 SECTION 61. REPEALER 20 O.S. 2021, Section 127, is
6 hereby repealed.

7 SECTION 62. REPEALER 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1103H, is
8 hereby repealed.

9 SECTION 63. REPEALER Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L.
10 2023, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S.
11 Supp. 2025, Section 2200), is hereby repealed.

12 SECTION 64. This act shall become effective January 1, 2027.

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