

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 955

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to legislative testimony; amending 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.96, which relates to the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance; requiring administration of oath to persons providing testimony before legislative committees; creating misdemeanor offense for certain acts; updating statutory language; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.96, is amended to read as follows:

Section 34.96. A. There is hereby established the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance. The purposes of this committee shall include oversight of the implementation of a system of program performance-based budgeting for implementation by state agencies.

B. The Committee's duties shall also include:

1. Development of agency budget request forms and instructions in conjunction with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;

1       2. Directing studies to aid in the development of legislative  
2 and procedural changes to further improve the budgetary, financial,  
3 accounting, reporting, personnel, and purchasing processes and  
4 systems of the state;

5       3. Direction of program evaluation and management studies;

6       4. Oversight and reporting on executive branch compliance with  
7 the legislative intent of appropriation measures. Such oversight  
8 and reporting duties may include:

9           a. agency reorganization actions,

10          b. executive orders calling for reduction of full-time-  
11             equivalents or hiring freezes, and

12          c. transfer of funds by the executive branch;

13       5. The development of revenue and expenditure estimates and  
14 analyses;

15       6. Study of the management, operations, programs and fiscal  
16 needs of the agencies and institutions of Oklahoma state government  
17 pursuant to the Oklahoma Program Performance Budgeting and  
18 Accountability Act;

19       7. Review of the executive budget, agency strategic plans and  
20 the estimate of needs of each state agency and institution. Reports  
21 may be issued by the Committee as it deems appropriate; and

22       8. Implementation of an ongoing evaluation review procedure of  
23 existing programs based on performance-informed budgeting techniques  
24 pursuant to the Oklahoma Program Performance Budgeting and  
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1 Accountability Act. The ~~committee~~ Committee in cooperation with the  
2 Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall establish a  
3 schedule to review strategic plans and existing programs for each  
4 agency a minimum of once every four (4) years. The ~~committee~~  
5 Committee shall issue an evaluation report for each agency once  
6 every four (4) years which will include, but not be limited to, the  
7 following information:

- 8 a. a review of the agency's programs, performance and  
9 management,
- 10 b. whether the agency has demonstrated that there is a  
11 need for the services and programs which justifies the  
12 agency's continued existence, and
- 13 c. whether the agency is the most appropriate provider of  
14 the programs and services furnished by the agency.

15 C. Any reference in the Oklahoma Statutes to the Joint  
16 Legislative Committee on Budget and Program Oversight shall be a  
17 reference to the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget  
18 Performance.

19 D. The Committee shall be composed of three members appointed  
20 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, three members appointed  
21 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two members by the  
22 ~~minority leader~~ Minority Leader of the Senate and two members  
23 appointed by the ~~minority leader~~ Minority Leader of the House of  
24 Representatives. The ~~Chair~~ chair and ~~Vice-Chair~~ vice chair of the

1 Committee shall rotate every two (2) years between the Senate and  
2 the House of Representatives beginning with a Senate member serving  
3 as ~~Chair~~ chair in 2003. The Committee shall meet at least four (4)  
4 times per year and at other times as called by the ~~Chair~~ chair. The  
5 Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance shall  
6 function as a committee of the Legislature when the Legislature is  
7 in session and is not in session. Each member of the Committee  
8 shall serve until a successor is appointed. The duties of the  
9 Committee may be performed by the Appropriations Committee of the  
10 Senate and the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the House of  
11 Representatives or subcommittees thereof.

12 E. The Committee shall be staffed jointly by the staff of the  
13 fiscal divisions of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

14 F. The Committee may make use of all available teleconferencing  
15 technology to facilitate meetings of the Committee when the  
16 Legislature is not in session. The Committee shall take any  
17 appropriate action to make such teleconferenced meetings comply with  
18 the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq.  
19 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

20 G. The Committee shall periodically meet in different  
21 geographical regions of the state to enhance the Committee's  
22 understanding of local conditions and to help educate the public as  
23 to the fiscal condition of the state.

1       H. 1. Any person offering testimony before the Legislative  
2 Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance, the Appropriations  
3 Committee of the Senate or the Appropriations and Budget Committee  
4 of the House of Representatives, any subcommittee thereof, or any  
5 policy committee of the Legislature shall have an oath administered  
6 that he or she will testify truly, or that any written testimony  
7 provided is true or believed to be true.

8       2. A person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if the person  
9 violates the oath required in paragraph 1 of this subsection by  
10 knowingly and willfully:

- 11           a. falsifying or concealing any material fact,
- 12           b. making any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent  
13           statement or representation, or
- 14           c. presenting any false writing or document.

15       SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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