## **BILL SUMMARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Bill No.: HB2164 Version: SAHB

**Request Number:** 

Author: Pfeiffer Date: 5/16/2025 Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure

## **Research Analysis**

The Senate Amendments to HB 2164 raises the penalty for public corruption by making it a felony and any person convicted of public corruption is prohibited from holding any public office in the state. Violations are also ground for removal from office or termination from state employment. The measure provides that an officer, employee or contractor of a state agency who obtains nonpublic information by virtue of their government employment who uses the information for personal gain or benefit is guilty of a felony, punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 5 years, a fine of \$10,000 or both fine and imprisonment and shall be prohibited from holding any public office or entering into any state contract. The definition of corruption in office is modified to include the use of public office or authority to procure or attempt to procure a personal benefit, profit, or perquisite. The measure provides that appointed officers may be subjected to removal for acts or omission or neglect of office.

The measure provides that any agreement or collusion among bidders to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding will render the bids of such bidders void. Willful violation is a felony. The measure provides that the disclosure of an employee of a public agency of the terms of a bid submitted in response to a bid notice in advance of the time set for opening of the bid is a felony. The measure requires bidders to provide business or familial relationship information between any officer or director of the bidding company and any officer or employee of the state agency receiving the bid. The measure voids sole source or professional services contracts, transactions and agreements entered into with persons who have been terminated from employment. Each contract must include a statement from the chief executive officer or head of the contracting state agency certifying that no officer or employee has any direct or indirect financial or other interest in the contract has been involved in the contract through influence, decision, or recommendation.

Beginning January 1, 2027, every person elected or appointed a chief executive officer or head of a state agency, board, bureau, trust, commission, council, department, system, or authority shall be required within one year after taking the oath of office to attend a course directed by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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## **Other Considerations**

None.
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