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Research Analysis

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3944 contains clean-up and modernization language for the State Finance Act. Many elements of the Act have not been updated in decades and are antiquated. The changes conform with existing practice and thus are not expected to have an impact of the State Budget or Appropriations. Details of the changes are as follows:

Section 1: removes references to the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, (OSEEGIB) from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) statutes. OSEEGIB transferred from OMES to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority circa 2024.

Section 2: eliminates OMES reporting requirements related to Covid era federal programs that are no longer in existence.

Section 3: moves from October 1 to November 1 the annual deadline for agencies to submit budget requests. The change in date is designed to better allow agencies to incorporate federal budget decisions into agency state budget requests. The Federal Fiscal Year begins October 1, and federal budget decisions have been delayed to that date and beyond that date in recent years. Section 3 additionally eliminates reference to the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance, a Committee that has not existed in well over 20 years. This Section also removes certain reporting requirements for programs that no longer exist.

Section 4: removes requirement that certain report be submitted in written form, allowing for electronic submission.

Section 5: modernizes the format of the Executive Budget submitted to the Legislature annually, and requires that such budget be balanced.

Section 6: expands a budgeting oversight rule from specific lump sum appropriations to all lump sum appropriations, increasing oversight and establishing uniform accounting standards.

Section 7: eliminates the requirement that all agencies designate a "request officer", recognizing that some agencies may not have an ongoing use for such a position.

Section 8: streamlines reporting requirements related to information technology expenses by agencies, and requires such reports be submitted to the Chief Information Officer, as opposed to the Director of OMES.

Section 9: eliminates allotment of funds for less than a fiscal year basis. Agency budgets are yearly budgets, there is no need for allotments for lesser periods of time. The section also eliminates a duplicate reporting requirement related to capital budgeting.

Section 10: eliminates reference to the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance, a Committee that has not existed in well over 20 years.

Section 11: clarifies the transfer of authority of a Board that has previously sunsetted.

Section 12: clarifies that federal funds lapse to their original fund if they are the subject of a cancelled warrant of expenditure.

Section 13: eliminates reference to the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance, a Committee that has not existed in well over 20 years.

Section 14: provides sunset for enhanced reporting and oversight requirements applicable to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services on June 30, 2028.

Section 15: eliminates reference to the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance, a Committee that has not existed in well over 20 years.

Section 16: streamlines agency performance metrics

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Other Considerations

None.