

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1877

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 2 O.S.  
8 2021, Sections 5-10, 5-85, as amended by Section 2,  
9 Chapter 174, O.S.L. 2025, 5-507, 3, Chapter 391,  
10 O.S.L. 2022, 6, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2023, 14, Chapter  
11 297, O.S.L. 2023, and 19, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2023 (2  
12 O.S. Supp. 2025, Sections 5-85, 11-13, 4006, 4014,  
13 and 4019), which relate to agriculture; directing  
14 submission of certain reports to utilize certain  
15 centralized filing system; removing certain obsolete  
16 report; amending Section 1, Chapter 126, O.S.L. 2024  
17 (3 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 415), which relates to  
18 the Long-Term Aerospace and Aeronautics  
19 Infrastructure Sustainability Revolving Fund;  
20 directing submission of certain report to utilize  
21 certain centralized filing system; amending 3A O.S.  
22 2021, Sections 204, 619, 733, as amended by Section  
23 4, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2023, and 734 (3A O.S. Supp.  
24 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

O.S. 2021, Sections 127 and 1103H, which relate to reports; repealing Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2023, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 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.

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

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

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

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

## 2. Establish standards and requirements for logos;

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

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

5. Cooperate with other state agencies and other organizations as needed in development of the program;

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:

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;

24       19. Arrange for guaranties or insurance of its bonds by

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 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:

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

maintenance and upkeep of the real property and improvements,

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

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

established in the Oklahoma State University  
Veterinary Medicine Authority Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 126, O.S.L.

2024 (3 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 415), is amended to read as follows:

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

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  
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;

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

contract. Any contract entered into pursuant to this paragraph shall contain the specifications that were in the request for bid for the contract;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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;

18 and

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;

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,

- b. provided information to any state official or Department employee, or
- c. testified, assisted, or otherwise participated in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing against the 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

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

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:

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

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.

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

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

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

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

- a. the report of the medical examiner,
- b. hospital records,
- c. school records,
- d. court records,
- e. prosecutorial records,
- f. local, state, and federal law enforcement records including, but not limited to, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI),
- g. fire department records,
- h. State Department of Health records including birth certificate records,
- i. medical and dental records,

- j. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and other mental health records,
- k. emergency medical service records,
- l. files of the Department of Human Services, and
- m. records in the possession of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board when conducting a joint review pursuant to paragraph 6 of subsection A of this section.

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

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

10. Conduct reviews of specific cases of deaths and near deaths of children and request the preparation of additional information and reports as determined to be necessary by the Board including,

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:

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  
recommendations; and
- 16       7. Any other area of activity that is not related to direct  
delivery of services to applicants and clients.

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

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

- d. receiving services by classification of service objective, and
- e. who were provided a type of service that differed from the objective contained in the client's service plan;

2. The cost of services;

3. The total cost for clients who received services;

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

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

- (1) at least eight hours of care,
- (2) between eight and sixteen hours of care, and
- (3) between sixteen and twenty-four hours of care.

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

- (1) laboratory and x-ray services,
- (2) dental services,
- (3) occupational therapy,
- (4) speech therapy,
- (5) physical therapy,
- (6) doctor services,
- (7) nursing services,
- (8) hospitalization,
- (9) optometry services,
- (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;

1           2. The potential for statewide expansion of programs;

2           3. Funding sources from public and private partnerships;

3           4. Training of professionals to serve children in state

4 custody;

5           5. Monitoring, evaluating, and reviewing continued

6 effectiveness of such programs;

7           6. Special needs of children in state custody from parental

8 addiction to drugs and alcohol and parental mental illness and

9 mental ~~and/or~~ or physical disability and from domestic abuse; and

10           7. Recommendations regarding the issuance of grants and

11 contracts for serving such populations.

12           D. The evaluation team shall consist of not more than two (2)

13 representatives from the following entities who have expertise in

14 child abuse prevention, juvenile delinquency, or a related field and

15 who have an understanding of program evaluation techniques:

16           1. The Department of Human Services;

17           2. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

18 Services;

19           3. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;

20           4. A statewide organization advocating for children's issues;

21           5. A statewide organization representing children in court;

22           6. The University of Oklahoma;

23           7. Oklahoma State University; and

24           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  
24

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

recommendations made at the hearing as they relate to custody or placement of the child,

k. the rulings of the court,

1. specific recommendations made and services rendered by the Department described in any progress reports of a pending case submitted to the court,

m. a summary of the status of the child's case at the time of the death or near death, including, without limitation, whether the child's case was closed by the Department before the death or near death,

n. similar information for any other investigations concerning that child, or other children while living in the same household.

- o. a summary of statutory and policy violations, including notice of any personnel actions taken by the Department, and

p. recommendations for policy changes or practice improvements based upon the interactions between the Department, the child who died or nearly died and the person responsible for the care of the child; and

5. In cases in which the death or near death of the child

occurred while the child was in the custody of the Department and the person responsible for the supervision of the child was the suspected perpetrator, the following information:

- 1       a. the circumstances of the death or near death of the
- 2            child,
- 3       b. information regarding the certification of the person
- 4            with whom the child was residing at the time of death
- 5            or near death,
- 6       c. a summary of any previous reports of abuse or neglect
- 7            investigated by the Department relating to the person
- 8            responsible for the supervision of the child,
- 9            including the disposition of any investigation
- 10           resulting from a report,
- 11      d. any policy violations, including notice of any action
- 12           taken by the Department regarding a violation,
- 13      e. records of any training completed by the person
- 14           responsible for the supervision of the child,
- 15      f. similar information for any other investigations
- 16           concerning that child, or other children while living
- 17           in the same household,
- 18      g. a summary of licensing actions taken by the
- 19           Department, and
- 20      h. recommendations for policy changes or practice
- 21           improvements based upon the interactions between the
- 22           Department and the child who died or nearly died.

23       F. If the Department is unable to release the information

24       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

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

- b. confirmation shall be provided by the Commission as to whether previous reports of suspected child abuse or neglect have been made concerning the alleged victim of the death or near death or against the person responsible for the child and the dates thereof, a summary of those previous reports, the dates and outcome of any investigations or actions taken by the Department and the Commission in response to any previous report of child abuse or neglect, and the specific recommendation made to the district attorney and any subsequent action taken by the district attorney,
- c. the dates of any relevant judicial proceedings prior to the death or near death of the child,
- d. recommendations submitted by the Department and the Commission shall be provided in writing including relevant recommendations made at the hearing as they relate to custody or placement of a child,
- e. the relevant rulings of the court, and
- f. any relevant information listed in subsections E and G of this section.

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

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.

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

2 is amended to read as follows:

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

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

22 2. Programs and services shall be targeted to the areas of the  
23 state having the greatest need for them. The programs and services  
24 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

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

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.

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

2 is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

20 4. Be capable of providing management reports and information  
21 to the various components of the juvenile justice system, and of  
22 providing aggregate information necessary for planning, monitoring,  
23 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.

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

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

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

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,

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

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

(4) The Administrator may enter into cooperative, coordinating and information-sharing agreements with any other agencies that have 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

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

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

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

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,

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

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

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

POSITION	FTE
Docket Clerk	.5

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

18           Section 253. A. No proposed monthly fuel adjustment, purchased  
19      power adjustment or purchased gas adjustment shall become effective  
20      until after the Corporation Commission has had an opportunity to  
21      determine that the adjustment is calculated in accordance with the  
22      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:

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  
24

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

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

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

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

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

3	Fiscal Year Ending	Percentage of Contribution
4	June 30, 2006	3.0%
5	June 30, 2007	4.0%
6	June 30, 2008	5.5%
7	June 30, 2009	7.0%
8	June 30, 2010	8.5%
9	June 30, 2011	10.0%
10	June 30, 2012	11.5%
11	June 30, 2013	13.0%
12	June 30, 2014	14.5%
13	June 30, 2015	16.0%
14	June 30, 2016	17.5%
15	June 30, 2017	19.0%
16	June 30, 2018	20.5%
17	June 30, 2019 and thereafter	22.0%

18 B. The State Judicial Retirement Fund should have a funded  
19 ratio at or near ninety percent (90%) or be receiving sufficient  
20 contributions to amortize any unfunded liability of the fund  
21 according to the amortization schedule adopted by the Board of  
22 Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. The  
23 Board of Trustees shall electronically provide, utilizing the  
24 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

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

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  
25

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 filng 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:

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.

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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