

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 833

By: Sykes of the Senate

3 and

4 Biggs of the House

5  
6 An Act relating to multiple versions of statutes;  
7 amending, merging, consolidating and repealing  
8 multiple versions of statutes; amending 59 O.S. 2011,  
9 Section 1423, as renumbered by Section 5, Chapter 18,  
10 O.S.L. 2014, and as last amended by Section 1,  
11 Chapter 101, O.S.L. 2016 (2 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
12 11-92); repealing 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1423, as  
13 renumbered by Section 5, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2014, and  
14 as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 133, O.S.L.  
15 2016 (2 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 11-92); amending 10A  
16 O.S. 2011, Section 1-6-103, as last amended by  
17 Section 3, Chapter 130, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.  
18 2016, Section 1-6-103); repealing 10A O.S. 2011,  
19 Section 1-6-103, as last amended by Section 2,  
20 Chapter 137, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp. 2016,  
21 Section 1-6-103); repealing Section 26, Chapter 150,  
22 O.S.L. 2012, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 64,  
23 O.S.L. 2016 (15 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 141.26);  
24 repealing Section 3, Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2016 (15 O.S.  
Supp. 2016, Section 141.33); repealing Section 4,  
Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2016 (15 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
141.34); amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last  
amended by Section 3, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (21  
O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1277); repealing 21 O.S.  
2011, Section 1277, as last amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
1277); amending 22 O.S. 2011, Section 988.2, as last  
amended by Section 3, Chapter 222, O.S.L. 2016 (22  
O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 988.2); repealing 22 O.S.  
2011, Section 988.2, as last amended by Section 9,  
Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (22 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
988.2); repealing 44 O.S. 2011, Section 26, as  
amended by Section 1, Chapter 119, O.S.L. 2016 (44  
O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 26); amending 47 O.S. 2011,  
Section 6-105, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter  
180, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6-105);  
repealing 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-105, as last

1 amended by Section 2, Chapter 86, O.S.L. 2016 (47  
2 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6-105); amending 47 O.S.  
3 2011, Section 7-606, as last amended by Section 1,  
4 Chapter 125, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
5 7-606); repealing 47 O.S. 2011, Section 7-606, as  
6 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 88, O.S.L. 2016  
7 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 7-606); amending 47 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 11-902, as last amended by Section 1,  
9 Chapter 196, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
10 11-902); repealing 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-902, as  
11 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 172, O.S.L. 2016  
12 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 11-902); amending 57  
13 O.S. 2011, Section 510, as last amended by Section 1,  
14 Chapter 115, O.S.L. 2016 (57 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
15 510); repealing 57 O.S. 2011, Section 510, as last  
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 194, O.S.L. 2016 (57  
17 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 510); amending 60 O.S. 2011,  
18 Section 176, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 233,  
19 O.S.L. 2016 (60 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 176);  
20 repealing 60 O.S. 2011, Section 176, as amended by  
21 Section 1, Chapter 12, O.S.L. 2016 (60 O.S. Supp.  
22 2016, Section 176); repealing 60 O.S. 2011, Section  
23 176, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 142, O.S.L.  
24 2016 (60 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 176); amending 63  
O.S. 2011, Section 1-317, as amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 70, O.S.L. 2016 (63 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
1-317); repealing 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-317, as  
amended by Section 1, Chapter 20, O.S.L. 2016 (63  
O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1-317); amending 70 O.S.  
2011, Section 3-104.4, as last amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
3-104.4); repealing 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-104.4, as  
last amended by Section 1, Chapter 205, O.S.L. 2016  
(70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 3-104.4); amending 70  
O.S. 2011, Section 3-132, as last amended by Section  
1, Chapter 27, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
Section 3-132); repealing 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-  
132, as last amended by Section 41, Chapter 210,  
O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 3-132);  
amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-122.3, as last  
amended by Section 1, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 2016 (70  
O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6-122.3); repealing 70 O.S.  
2011, Section 6-122.3, as last amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
6-122.3); repealing 72 O.S. 2011, Section 48.2, as  
amended by Section 1, Chapter 191, O.S.L. 2016 (72  
O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 48.2); repealing 74 O.S.

1 2011, Section 78a, as last amended by Section 6,  
2 Chapter 268, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
3 78a); amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-5.5, as last  
4 amended by Section 1, Chapter 385, O.S.L. 2016 (74  
5 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 840-5.5); repealing 74 O.S.  
6 2011, Section 840-5.5, as last amended by Section 1,  
7 Chapter 330, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
8 840-5.5); repealing 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-5.5, as  
9 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 331, O.S.L. 2016  
10 (74 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 840-5.5); repealing 74  
11 O.S. 2011, Section 840-5.5, as last amended by  
12 Section 1, Chapter 339, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp.  
13 2016, Section 840-5.5); amending 82 O.S. 2011,  
14 Section 862, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter  
15 297, O.S.L. 2016 (82 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 862);  
16 repealing 82 O.S. 2011, Section 862, as last amended  
17 by Section 1, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 2016 (82 O.S. Supp.  
18 2016, Section 862); and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1423, as  
21 renumbered by Section 5, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2014, and as last  
22 amended by Section 1, Chapter 101, O.S.L. 2016 (2 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
23 Section 11-92), is amended to read as follows:

24 Section 11-92. A. Every scrap metal dealer shall keep a  
separate book, record or other electronic system as authorized by  
the Oklahoma Scrap Metal Dealers Act, to record and maintain the  
following data from any seller of any amount of scrap metal as  
defined by the Oklahoma Scrap Metal Dealers Act:

1. A legible photocopy of the seller's driver license or other  
form of government issued photo identification that contains his or  
her name, address, date of birth, weight and height;

1           2. Vehicle description and license tag number of the seller if  
2 the vehicle was used to transport the material being sold;

3           3. Date and place of the transaction and the transaction number  
4 as provided by the scrap metal dealer;

5           4. Description of the items sold and weight of the items as  
6 required by the provisions of the Oklahoma Scrap Metal Dealers Act;

7           5. Whether the scrap metal is in wire, cable, bar, rod, sheet  
8 or tube form;

9           6. If any insulation is on the scrap metal, the names and  
10 addresses of the persons, groups or corporations from whom seller  
11 purchased or obtained the materials; and

12           7. If apparent on the scrap metal, the name of the manufacturer  
13 and serial number of each item of scrap metal.

14           B. Municipalities or other political subdivisions may prescribe  
15 the reporting methods and the format of the information required by  
16 subsection A of this section, either written, electronic or  
17 internet-based.

18           C. Records required by this section shall be made available at  
19 any time to any person authorized by law for such inspection.

20           D. Purchases of thirty-five (35) pounds or more of scrap metal  
21 containing a manufacturer's serial number or other unique label or  
22 mark shall be held separate and apart so that the purchased scrap  
23 metal may be readily identifiable from all other purchases for a  
24 period of not less than ten (10) days from the date of purchase.

1 During the holding period the scrap metal dealer may not change the  
2 form of the purchased scrap metal and shall permit any person  
3 authorized by law to make inspection of such materials.

4 E. Purchases of thirty-five (35) pounds or more of scrap metal  
5 which does not contain a manufacturer's serial number or other  
6 unique label or mark shall either be held for the same time and in  
7 the same manner as required by subsection D of this section; or in  
8 the alternative, the scrap metal dealer shall be required to obtain  
9 a digital image of the items purchased, the seller of the items, a  
10 copy of the bill of sale and a copy of the seller's photo  
11 identification. The digital image shall contain a depiction that  
12 can reasonably be utilized for identification of the seller and the  
13 items sold and captured in the common JPEG format with a minimum  
14 resolution of 640 pixels by 480 pixels. The digital image shall be  
15 retained by the purchaser for a minimum of ninety (90) days from the  
16 date of purchase. For the purpose of this section a "digital image"  
17 means a raster-based two-dimensional, rectangular array of static  
18 data elements called pixels, intended for display on a computer  
19 monitor or for transformation into another format, such as a printed  
20 page.

21 F. No purchase of any amount of scrap metal from an exempted  
22 seller, as defined by Section 11-91 of this title, shall be subject  
23 to any holding period or digital imaging identification required by  
24 subsection D or E of this section.

1 G. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or purchase  
2 copper material or copper wire from which the actual or apparent  
3 insulation or other coating has been burned, melted or exposed to  
4 heat or fire resulting in melting some or all of the insulation or  
5 coating. This provision shall not apply to sales by or purchases  
6 from an exempted seller.

7 H. It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer to purchase  
8 any item from a minor without having first obtained the consent, in  
9 writing, of a parent or guardian of such minor. Such written  
10 consent shall be kept with the book, record or other electronic  
11 recording system required by subsection A of this section and, if  
12 requested by a law enforcement agency where the purchase was made,  
13 shall be transmitted to the law enforcement agency and may be kept  
14 as a permanent record and made available for public inspection.

15 I. A scrap metal dealer shall obtain from each seller of a  
16 scrap metal item regulated by the Oklahoma Scrap Metal Dealers Act,  
17 or a parent or guardian on behalf of a minor, a written declaration  
18 of ownership containing a legible signature of the seller. The  
19 declaration of ownership shall be in the following form and shall  
20 appear on the bill of sale or transaction ticket to be completed by  
21 the seller in the presence of the purchaser at the time of the  
22 transaction:

23 "I hereby affirm under penalty of prosecution that I am the  
24 rightful owner of the hereon described merchandise; or I am an

1 authorized representative of the rightful owner and affirm that I  
2 have been given authority by the rightful owner to sell the hereon  
3 described merchandise.

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5 Signature"

6 J. If requested by a law enforcement agency, a scrap metal  
7 dealer shall report in writing all purchases of scrap metal as  
8 defined by the Oklahoma Scrap Metal Dealers Act within forty-eight  
9 (48) hours following such purchase. The report shall contain all  
10 the information required by this section.

11 K. A scrap metal dealer purchasing a vehicle from any person  
12 shall be required to record the information required in subsection A  
13 of this section and the make, model, license tag number and vehicle  
14 identification number of the purchased vehicle. A person selling a  
15 vehicle to a scrap metal dealer shall be required to present to the  
16 dealer the title of the vehicle or a ~~verified bill of sale from the~~  
17 ~~owner of the vehicle or other proof of ownership~~ certificate of  
18 ownership form, as approved by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and  
19 available at the Oklahoma Tax Commission or through a motor license  
20 agent, in addition to signing a declaration of ownership as required  
21 by subsection I of this section. The provisions of this subsection  
22 shall not apply to sales, purchases or other transfer of vehicles  
23 between scrap metal dealers and licensed automotive dismantlers and  
24 parts recyclers.

1 L. The provisions of the Oklahoma Scrap Metal Dealers Act shall  
2 not apply to the sale or purchase of aluminum beverage cans for  
3 recycling purposes.

4 M. A scrap metal dealer shall not enter into any cash  
5 transactions in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in  
6 payment for the purchase of scrap metal that is listed in subsection  
7 B of Section 11-93 of this title unless the transaction is made with  
8 an exempted seller. Payment by check shall be issued and made  
9 payable only to the seller of the scrap metal whose identification  
10 information has been obtained pursuant to the provisions of this  
11 section.

12 SECTION 2. REPEALER 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1423, as  
13 renumbered by Section 5, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2014, and as last  
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 2016 (2 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
15 Section 11-92), is hereby repealed.

16 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-6-103, as  
17 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 130, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.  
18 2016, Section 1-6-103), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1-6-103. A. Juvenile court records and Department of  
20 Human Services agency records pertaining to a child may be  
21 inspected, and their contents shall be disclosed, without a court  
22 order to the following persons upon showing of proper credentials  
23 and pursuant to their lawful duties:

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1           1. The court having the child currently before it in any  
2 proceeding pursuant to this title, any district court or tribal  
3 court to which such proceedings may be transferred, employees and  
4 officers of the court in the performance of their duties, including  
5 but not limited to guardians ad litem appointed by the court, and  
6 court-appointed special advocates;

7           2. A district attorney, United States Attorney, or Attorney  
8 General of this or another state and the employees of such offices  
9 in the course of their official duties pursuant to this title or the  
10 prosecution of crimes against children, or upon their request in  
11 their official capacity as advisor in a grand jury proceeding;

12           3. The attorney representing a child who is the subject of a  
13 proceeding pursuant to the provisions of this title or other  
14 proceeding where child custody or visitation is at issue;

15           4. Employees of juvenile bureaus in the course of their  
16 official duties pursuant to this title, and employees of the  
17 Department of Human Services in the course of their official duties;

18           5. Employees of a law enforcement agency of this or another  
19 state or military enclave and employees of a child protective  
20 service of another state or military enclave in the course of their  
21 official duties pertaining to investigations of a report of known or  
22 suspected child abuse or neglect or crimes against children or for  
23 the purpose of determining whether to place a child in protective  
24 custody;

1           6. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth as provided by  
2 Sections 601.2 and 601.6 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3           7. The Office of Juvenile Affairs;

4           8. A federally recognized Indian tribe in which the child who  
5 is the subject of the record is a member or is eligible to become a  
6 member of the tribe and is the biological child of a member of an  
7 Indian tribe pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Indian Child  
8 Welfare Act and the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act; provided such  
9 Indian tribe, in the course of its official duties, is:

- 10           a. investigating a report of known or suspected child  
11           abuse or neglect or crimes against children or for the  
12           purpose of determining whether to place a child in  
13           protective custody,
- 14           b. providing services to or for the benefit of a child  
15           including, but not limited to, protective, emergency,  
16           social and medical services, or
- 17           c. the tribe, the tribal court or the tribal child  
18           welfare program has asserted jurisdiction or  
19           intervened in any case in which the child is the  
20           subject of the proceedings or is a party to the  
21           proceedings pursuant to the authority provided in the  
22           Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act.

1 The records that are to be provided to Indian tribes under this  
2 subsection shall include all case records, reports, and documents as  
3 defined in Section 1-6-101 of this title;

4 9. The Governor or to any person the Governor designates, in  
5 writing;

6 10. Any federal official of the United States Department of  
7 Health and Human Services;

8 11. Any member of the Legislature approved in writing by the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore  
10 of the Senate;

11 12. A foster parent, with regard to records concerning the  
12 social, medical, psychological, or educational needs of a child  
13 currently placed with that foster parent or of a child being  
14 considered for placement with that foster parent;

15 13. An employee of any state or federal corrections or law  
16 enforcement agency in the performance of the official duties of the  
17 employee concerning presentence investigations or supervision of a  
18 parent of an alleged or adjudicated deprived child, or the legal  
19 guardian, custodian, or any other adult member of the child's home  
20 who is responsible for the health, safety, or welfare of the child;

21 14. An employee of a state agency of this or another state in  
22 the performance of the official duties of the employee concerning  
23 the establishment of paternity or the establishment or enforcement  
24 of a child support order or other entitlement for the benefit of a

1 child; provided, disclosure shall be limited to information directly  
2 related to the purpose of such disclosure;

3 15. Any member of a city-county Health Department Fetal Infant  
4 Mortality Review (FIMR) in the performance of the official duties of  
5 the member concerning investigations of fetal and infant  
6 mortalities; provided, disclosure shall be limited to information  
7 directly related to the purpose of such disclosure; ~~and~~

8 16. Any designated federal authorities at the federal military  
9 installation where a service member is assigned, when the child is a  
10 member of an active duty military family, as provided by paragraph 4  
11 of subsection A of Section 1-2-102 of this title; and

12 17. Any member of the Child Welfare Review Committee for the  
13 Death and Near Death of Children With Disabilities as established by  
14 Section 1-10-103 of this title.

15 B. In addition to the persons listed in subsection A of this  
16 section, juvenile court records may be inspected, and their contents  
17 shall be disclosed, without a court order to the following persons  
18 upon showing of proper credentials and pursuant to their lawful  
19 duties:

20 1. Employees of court-appointed special advocate programs, as  
21 defined in Section 1-1-105 of this title, in the course of their  
22 official duties pertaining to recruiting, screening, training,  
23 assigning cases, supervising, and supporting volunteers in their  
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1 roles as guardian ad litem pursuant to Section 1-4-306 of this  
2 title;

3 2. Members of postadjudication review boards established  
4 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1116.2 of Title 10 of the  
5 Oklahoma Statutes, the Child Death Review Board, and  
6 multidisciplinary personnel. In addition to juvenile court records,  
7 members of such postadjudication review boards may inspect, without  
8 a court order, information that includes, but is not limited to:

- 9 a. psychological and medical records,
- 10 b. placement history and information, including the names  
11 and addresses of foster parents,
- 12 c. family assessments,
- 13 d. treatment or service plans, and
- 14 e. school records;

15 3. The Department of Human Services or other public or private  
16 agency or individual having court-ordered custody or physical  
17 custody pursuant to Department placement of the child, or conducting  
18 a child abuse or neglect investigation of the child who is the  
19 subject of the record. In addition to juvenile court records,  
20 employees of the Department may inspect, without a court order and  
21 upon a showing of proper credentials and pursuant to their lawful  
22 duties, information that includes, but is not limited to:

- 23 a. psychological and medical records, and
- 24 b. nondirectory education records;

1           4. The child who is the subject of the record and the parents,  
2 legal guardian, custodian, or foster parent of such child; and

3           5. A person authorized by the court to conduct bona fide  
4 research, provided such research may not publish the names or  
5 identities of parents, children, or other persons contained in the  
6 records.

7           C. In addition to the persons and entities named in subsection  
8 A of this section, Department of Human Services agency records may  
9 be inspected, and their contents shall be disclosed, without a court  
10 order to the following persons upon showing of proper credentials  
11 and pursuant to their lawful duties:

12           1. Postadjudicatory review boards, court-appointed special  
13 advocates, and members of the Child Death Review Board;

14           2. Any district court which has ordered a home study by the  
15 Department in an action for divorce, annulment, custody of a child,  
16 or appointment of a legal guardian of a child, or any subsequent  
17 proceeding in such actions; provided, however, the Department may  
18 limit disclosure in the home study to summaries or to information  
19 directly related to the purpose of the disclosure;

20           3. Members of multidisciplinary teams or multidisciplinary  
21 personnel designated by the Department, investigating a report of  
22 known or suspected child abuse or neglect or providing services to a  
23 child or family which is the subject of the report;

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1           4. A physician who has before him or her a child whom the  
2 physician reasonably suspects may be abused or neglected or any  
3 health care or mental health professionals involved in the  
4 evaluation or treatment of the child or the parents, legal guardian,  
5 foster parent, custodian, or other family members of the child;

6           5. Any public or private agency or person authorized by the  
7 Department to diagnose, or provide care, treatment, supervision, or  
8 other services to a child who is the subject of a report or record  
9 of child abuse or neglect; provided, the Department may limit such  
10 disclosure to summaries or to information directly necessary for the  
11 purpose of such disclosure;

12           6. Any person or agency for research purposes, if all of the  
13 following conditions are met:

14           a. the person or agency conducting the research is  
15               employed by the State of Oklahoma or is under contract  
16               with this state and is authorized by the Department to  
17               conduct the research, and

18           b. the person or agency conducting the research ensures  
19               that all documents containing identifying information  
20               are maintained in secure locations and access to the  
21               documents by unauthorized persons is prohibited; that  
22               no identifying information is included in documents  
23               generated from the research conducted; and that all

1 identifying information is deleted from documents used  
2 in the research when the research is completed;

3 7. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority; and

4 8. A medical examiner when such person is determining the cause  
5 of death of a child.

6 D. In accordance with the rules promulgated for such purpose  
7 pursuant to Section 620.6 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
8 records listed in subsection A of Section 1-6-102 of this title may  
9 be inspected and their contents disclosed without a court order to  
10 participating agencies.

11 E. The court may disclose to an employee of an out-of-state  
12 entity, licensed to perform adoption home studies in that state,  
13 whether the prospective adoptive parent has had parental rights to a  
14 child terminated in Oklahoma or whether the prospective adoptive  
15 parent has relinquished parental rights to a child in Oklahoma.

16 F. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting  
17 the Department from disclosing such confidential information as may  
18 be necessary to secure appropriate care, treatment, protection or  
19 supervision of a child alleged to be abused or neglected.

20 SECTION 4. REPEALER 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-6-103, as  
21 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 137, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.  
22 2016, Section 1-6-103), is hereby repealed.



1 SECTION 5. REPEALER Section 26, Chapter 150, O.S.L.  
2 2012, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2016 (15 O.S.  
3 Supp. 2016, Section 141.26), is hereby repealed.

4 SECTION 6. REPEALER Section 3, Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2016  
5 (15 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 141.33), is hereby repealed.

6 SECTION 7. REPEALER Section 4, Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2016  
7 (15 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 141.34), is hereby repealed.

8 SECTION 8. REPEALER Section 5, Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2016  
9 (15 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 141.35), is hereby repealed.

10 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as  
11 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp.  
12 2016, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1277.

14 UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

15 A. It shall be unlawful for any person in possession of a valid  
16 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
17 Self-Defense Act to carry any concealed or unconcealed handgun into  
18 any of the following places:

19 1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or  
20 leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental  
21 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

22 2. Any courthouse, courtroom, prison, jail, detention facility  
23 or any facility used to process, hold or house arrested persons,  
24 prisoners or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent,

1 except as provided in Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes;

3 3. Any public or private elementary or public or private  
4 secondary school, except as provided in subsections C and D of this  
5 section;

6 4. Any publicly owned or operated sports arena or venue during  
7 a professional sporting event, unless allowed by the event holder;

8 5. Any place where ~~pari-mutuel wagering~~ gambling is authorized  
9 by law, unless allowed by the property owner; and

10 6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

11 B. For purposes of ~~paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5~~ of subsection A  
12 of this section, the prohibited place does not include and  
13 specifically excludes the following property:

14 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
15 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county,  
16 state or federal governmental authority;

17 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
18 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, ~~by any entity offering any~~  
19 ~~professional sporting event~~ which is open to the public ~~for~~  
20 ~~admission~~, or by any entity engaged in ~~pari-mutuel wagering~~ gambling  
21 authorized by law;

22 3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building or office  
23 space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by  
24 the provisions of this section;

1           4. Any property designated by a city, town, county or state  
2 governmental authority as a park, recreational area, or fairgrounds;  
3 provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize  
4 any entry by a person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed  
5 handgun into any structure, building or office space which is  
6 specifically prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this  
7 section; and

8           5. Any property set aside by a public or private elementary or  
9 secondary school for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether  
10 attended or unattended; provided, however, said handgun shall be  
11 stored and hidden from view in a locked motor vehicle when the motor  
12 vehicle is left unattended on school property.

13           Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or  
14 subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or  
15 allow any person in control of any place described in ~~paragraph 1,~~  
16 ~~2, 3, 4 or 5~~ of subsection A of this section to establish any policy  
17 or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful  
18 possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun  
19 allowable under such license in places described in ~~paragraph 1, 2,~~  
20 ~~3, 4 or 5~~ of this subsection.

21           C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto  
22 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any  
23 private school for transportation of students or teachers by a  
24 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,

1 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the  
2 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a  
3 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle  
4 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or  
5 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school  
6 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on  
7 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private  
8 school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from  
9 the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection shall  
10 not apply to claims pursuant to the ~~Workers' Compensation Code~~  
11 Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

12 D. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section,  
13 a board of education of a school district may adopt a policy  
14 pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to  
15 authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school  
16 personnel specifically designated by the board of education,  
17 provided such personnel either:

- 18 1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for  
19 in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or
- 20 2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided  
21 for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority  
23 granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.

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1 E. Any person violating the provisions of paragraphs 2 or 3 of  
2 subsection A of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty  
4 Dollars (\$250.00). A person violating any other provision of  
5 subsection A of this section may be denied entrance onto the  
6 property or removed from the property. If the person refuses to  
7 leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the person may  
8 be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty  
9 Dollars (\$250.00).

10 F. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued  
11 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be  
12 authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college, university  
13 or technology center school property, except as provided in this  
14 subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property  
15 shall not be construed as prohibited for persons having a valid  
16 handgun license:

17 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
18 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the handgun is  
19 carried or stored as required by law and the handgun is not removed  
20 from the vehicle without the prior consent of the college or  
21 university president or technology center school administrator while  
22 the vehicle is on any college, university or technology center  
23 school property;

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1           2. Any property authorized for possession or use of handguns by  
2 college, university or technology center school policy; and

3           3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the  
4 college or university president or technology center school  
5 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the  
6 handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university  
7 or technology center school property.

8           The college, university or technology center school may notify  
9 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a  
10 violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon  
11 receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall  
12 give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the  
13 hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any  
14 provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an  
15 administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may  
16 have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

17           Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be  
18 construed to authorize or allow any college, university or  
19 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has  
20 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a  
21 handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such  
22 license in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this  
23 subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection  
24 shall be construed to limit the authority of any college, university

1 or technology center school in this state from taking administrative  
2 action against any student for any violation of any provision of  
3 this subsection.

4 G. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any peace  
5 officer or to any person authorized by law to carry a pistol in the  
6 course of employment. District judges, associate district judges  
7 and special district judges, who are in possession of a valid  
8 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
9 Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list maintained by the  
10 Administrative Director of the Courts, shall be exempt from this  
11 section when acting in the course and scope of employment within the  
12 courthouses of this state. Private investigators with a firearms  
13 authorization shall be exempt from this section when acting in the  
14 course and scope of employment.

15 H. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any  
16 automobile, truck, minivan or sports utility vehicle.

17 SECTION 10. REPEALER 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last  
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
19 Section 1277), is hereby repealed.

20 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 988.2, as  
21 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 222, O.S.L. 2016 (22 O.S. Supp.  
22 2016, Section 988.2), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 988.2. A. For purposes of the Oklahoma Community  
24 Sentencing Act:

1        1. "Local community sentencing system" means the use of public  
2 and private entities to deliver services to the sentencing court for  
3 punishment of eligible felony offenders under the authority of a  
4 community sentence;

5        2. "Community sentence" or "community punishment" means a  
6 punishment imposed by the court as a condition of a deferred or  
7 suspended sentence for an eligible offender;

8        3. "Continuum of sanctions" means a variety of coercive  
9 measures and treatment options ranked by degrees of public safety,  
10 punitive effect, and cost benefit which are available to the  
11 sentencing judge as punishment for criminal conduct;

12       4. "Community sentencing system planning council" or "planning  
13 council" means a group of citizens and elected officials specified  
14 by law or appointed by the Chief Judge of the Judicial District  
15 which plans the local community sentencing system and with the  
16 assistance of the Community Sentencing Division of the Department of  
17 Corrections locates treatment providers and resources to support the  
18 local community sentencing system;

19       5. "Incentive" means a court-ordered reduction in the terms or  
20 conditions of a community sentence which is given for exceptional  
21 performance or progress by the offender;

22       6. "Disciplinary sanction" means a court-ordered punishment in  
23 response to a technical or noncompliance violation of a community  
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1 sentence which increases in intensity or duration with each  
2 successive violation;

3 7. "Division" means the Community Sentencing Division within  
4 the Department of Corrections which is the state administration  
5 agency for the Oklahoma Community Sentencing Act, the statewide  
6 community sentencing system, and all local community sentencing  
7 systems;

8 8. "Eligible offender" means a felony offender who has been  
9 convicted of or who has entered a plea other than not guilty to a  
10 felony offense and who upon completion of a Level of Services  
11 Inventory or another assessment instrument has been found to be in a  
12 range other than the low range, who has been convicted of at least  
13 one prior felony, and who is not otherwise prohibited by law, or is  
14 a person who has had an assessment authorized by Section 3-704 of  
15 Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and the assessment recommends  
16 community sentencing. Provided, however, that no person who has  
17 been convicted of or who has entered a plea other than not guilty to  
18 an offense enumerated in paragraph 2 of Section 571 of Title 57 of  
19 the Oklahoma Statutes, ~~as an exception to the definition of~~  
20 ~~"nonviolent offense"~~ shall be eligible for a community sentence or  
21 community punishment unless the district attorney or an assistant  
22 district attorney for the district in which the offender's  
23 conviction was obtained consents thereto. The district attorney may  
24 consent to eligibility for an offender who has a mental illness or a

1 developmental disability or a co-occurring mental illness and  
2 substance abuse disorder and who scores in the low range on the LSI  
3 or has an assessment authorized by Section 3-704 of Title 43A of the  
4 Oklahoma Statutes or another assessment instrument if the offender  
5 is not otherwise prohibited by law. Any consent by a district  
6 attorney shall be made a part of the record of the case; and

7 9. "Statewide community sentencing system" means a network of  
8 all counties through their respective local community sentencing  
9 systems serving the state judicial system and offering support  
10 services to each other through reciprocal and interlocal agreements  
11 and interagency cooperation.

12 B. For the purposes of the Oklahoma Community Sentencing Act,  
13 if a judicial district does not have a Chief Judge or if a judicial  
14 district has more than one Chief Judge, the duties of the Chief  
15 Judge provided for in the Oklahoma Community Sentencing Act shall be  
16 performed by the Presiding Judge of the Judicial Administrative  
17 District.

18 SECTION 12. REPEALER 22 O.S. 2011, Section 988.2, as  
19 last amended by Section 9, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (22 O.S. Supp.  
20 2016, Section 988.2), is hereby repealed.

21 SECTION 13. REPEALER 44 O.S. 2011, Section 26, as  
22 amended by Section 1, Chapter 119, O.S.L. 2016 (44 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
23 Section 26), is hereby repealed.

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1 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-105, as  
2 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 180, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp.  
3 2016, Section 6-105), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 6-105. A. Unless a legal custodial parent or legal  
5 guardian has filed an objection to licensure pursuant to Section 6-  
6 103.1 of this title, any person under eighteen (18) years of age who  
7 is in compliance with or not subject to Section 6-107.3 of this  
8 title may be permitted to operate:

9 1. A Class D motor vehicle under the graduated driver license  
10 provisions prescribed in subsections B through E of this section;

11 2. A motorcycle under the provisions prescribed in subsection H  
12 of this section; or

13 3. A farm vehicle under the provisions prescribed in subsection  
14 I of this section.

15 B. Any person who is at least fifteen (15) years of age may  
16 drive during a session in which the driver is being instructed in a  
17 driver education course, as set out in subparagraphs a, b, c ~~and~~, d  
18 and e of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section, by a certified  
19 driver education instructor who is seated in the right front seat of  
20 the motor vehicle.

21 C. Any person:

22 1. Who is at least fifteen and one-half (15 1/2) years of age  
23 and is currently receiving instruction in or has successfully  
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1 completed driver education. For purposes of this section, the term  
2 "driver education" shall mean:

- 3 a. a prescribed secondary school driver education course,  
4 as provided for in Sections 19-113 through 19-121 of  
5 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 6 b. a driver education course, certified by the Department  
7 of Public Safety, from a parochial, private, or other  
8 nonpublic secondary school,
- 9 c. a commercial driver training course, as defined by  
10 Sections 801 through 808 of this title,
- 11 d. a parent-taught driver education course, certified by  
12 the Department of Public Safety. The Department shall  
13 promulgate rules for any parent-taught driver  
14 education course, or
- 15 e. a driver education course certified by a state other  
16 than Oklahoma; or

17 2. Who is at least sixteen (16) years of age,  
18 may, upon successfully passing all parts of the driver license  
19 examination administered by the Department except the driving  
20 examination, be issued a learner permit which will grant the  
21 permittee the privilege to operate a Class D motor vehicle upon the  
22 public highways only between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.  
23 and while accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least twenty-  
24 one (21) years of age and who is actually occupying a seat beside

1 the permittee; provided, the written examination for a learner  
2 permit may be waived by the Department of Public Safety upon  
3 verification that the person has successfully completed driver  
4 education.

5 D. 1. Any person:

6 a. who has applied for, been issued, and has possessed a  
7 learner permit for a minimum of six (6) months, and

8 b. whose custodial legal parent or legal guardian

9 certifies to the Department by sworn affidavit that

10 the person has received a minimum of fifty (50) hours

11 of actual behind-the-wheel training, of which at least

12 ten (10) hours of such training was at night, from a

13 licensed driver who was at least twenty-one (21) years

14 of age and who was properly licensed to operate a

15 Class D motor vehicle for a minimum of two (2) years,

16 may be issued an intermediate Class D license upon successfully

17 passing all parts of the driver license examinations administered by

18 the Department; provided, the written examination, if it has not

19 previously been administered or waived, may be waived by the

20 Department upon verification that the person has successfully

21 completed driver education or the driving examination may be waived

22 by the Department upon successful passage of the examination

23 administered by a certified designated examiner, as provided for in

24 Section 6-110 of this title. However, notwithstanding the date of

1 issuance of the learner permit, if the person has been convicted of  
2 a traffic offense which is reported on the driving record of that  
3 person, the time period specified in subparagraph a of this  
4 paragraph shall be recalculated to begin from the date of conviction  
5 for the traffic offense, and must elapse before that person may be  
6 issued an intermediate Class D license. If the person has been  
7 convicted of more than one traffic offense which is reported on the  
8 driving record of that person, the time period specified in  
9 subparagraph a of this paragraph shall be recalculated to begin from  
10 the most recent date of conviction, and must elapse before that  
11 person may be issued an intermediate Class D license.

12 2. A person who has been issued an intermediate Class D license  
13 under the provisions of this subsection:

14 a. shall be granted the privilege to operate a Class D  
15 motor vehicle upon the public highways:

16 (1) only between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 10:00  
17 p.m., except for driving to and from work,  
18 school, school activities, and church activities,  
19 or

20 (2) at any time, if a licensed driver who is at least  
21 twenty-one (21) years of age is actually  
22 occupying a seat beside the intermediate Class D  
23 licensee, or if the intermediate Class D licensee  
24 is a farm or ranch resident, and is operating a

1 motor vehicle while engaged in farming or  
2 ranching operations outside the limits of a  
3 municipality, or driving to and from work,  
4 school, school activities, or church activities,  
5 and

6 b. shall not operate a motor vehicle with more than one  
7 passenger unless:

8 (1) all passengers live in the same household as the  
9 custodial legal parent or legal guardian, or

10 (2) a licensed driver at least twenty-one (21) years  
11 of age is actually occupying a seat beside the  
12 intermediate Class D licensee.

13 E. Any person who has been issued an intermediate Class D  
14 license for a minimum of:

15 1. One (1) year; or

16 2. Six (6) months, if the person has completed both the driver  
17 education and the parent-certified behind-the-wheel training  
18 provisions of subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of subsection D of this  
19 section,

20 may be issued a Class D license. However, notwithstanding the date  
21 of issuance of the Class D license, if the person has been convicted  
22 of a traffic offense which is reported on the driving record of that  
23 person, the time periods specified in paragraph 1 or 2 of this  
24 subsection, as applicable, shall be recalculated to begin from the

1 date of conviction for the traffic offense, and must elapse before  
2 that person may be issued a Class D license. If the person has been  
3 convicted of more than one traffic offense which is reported on the  
4 driving record of that person, the time periods specified in  
5 paragraph 1 or 2 of this subsection, as applicable, shall be  
6 recalculated to begin from the most recent date of conviction, and  
7 must elapse before that person may be issued a Class D license.

8 F. Learner permits and intermediate Class D licenses shall be  
9 issued for the same period as all other driver licenses. The  
10 licenses may be suspended or canceled at the discretion of the  
11 Department for violation of restrictions, for failing to give the  
12 required or correct information on the application, for knowingly  
13 giving false or inaccurate information on the application or any  
14 subsequent documentation related to the granting of driving  
15 privileges, for using a hand-held electronic device while operating  
16 a motor vehicle for non-life-threatening emergency purposes or for  
17 violation of any traffic laws of this state pertaining to the  
18 operation of a motor vehicle.

19 G. The Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules  
20 establishing procedures for removal of learner permit and  
21 intermediate Class D license restrictions from the permit or license  
22 upon the permittee or licensee qualifying for a less restricted or  
23 an unrestricted license.

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1 H. Any person fourteen (14) years of age or older may apply for  
2 a restricted Class D license with a motorcycle-only restriction.  
3 After the person has successfully passed all parts of the motorcycle  
4 examination other than the driving examination, has successfully  
5 completed a certified state-approved motorcycle basic rider course  
6 approved by the Department, and has met all requirements provided  
7 for in the rules of the Department, the Department shall issue to  
8 the person a restricted Class D license with a motorcycle-only  
9 restriction which shall grant to the person, while having the  
10 license in the person's immediate possession, the privilege to  
11 operate a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle:

12 1. With a piston displacement not to exceed three hundred (300)  
13 cubic centimeters;

14 2. Between the hours of 4:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. only;

15 3. While wearing approved protective headgear; and

16 4. While accompanied by and receiving instruction from any  
17 person who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and who is  
18 properly licensed pursuant to the laws of this state to operate a  
19 motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, and who has visual contact with  
20 the restricted licensee.

21 The restricted licensee may apply on or after thirty (30) days  
22 from date of issuance of the restricted Class D license with a  
23 motorcycle-only restriction to have the restriction of being  
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1 accompanied by a licensed driver removed by successfully completing  
2 the driving portion of an examination.

3 The written examination and driving examination for a restricted  
4 Class D license with a motorcycle-only endorsement shall be waived  
5 by the Department of Public Safety upon verification that the person  
6 has successfully completed a certified state-approved motorcycle  
7 basic rider course approved by the Department.

8 I. The Department may in its discretion issue a special permit  
9 to any person who has attained the age of fourteen (14) years,  
10 authorizing such person to operate farm vehicles between the farm  
11 and the market to haul commodities grown on the farm; provided, that  
12 the special permit shall be temporary and shall expire not more than  
13 thirty (30) days after the issuance of the special permit. Special  
14 permits shall be issued only to farm residents and shall be issued  
15 only during the time of the harvest of the principal crops grown on  
16 such farm. Provided, however, the Department shall not issue a  
17 special permit pursuant to this subsection until the Department is  
18 fully satisfied after the examination of the application and other  
19 evidence furnished in support thereof, that the person is physically  
20 and mentally developed to such a degree that the operation of a  
21 motor vehicle by the person would not be inimical to public safety.

22 J. As used in this section:

23 1. "Hand-held electronic device" means a mobile telephone or  
24 electronic device with which a user engages in a telephone call,

1 plays or stores media, including but not limited to music and video,  
2 or sends or reads a text message while requiring the use of at least  
3 one hand; and

4 2. "Using a hand-held electronic device" means engaging any  
5 function on an electronic device.

6 K. All driver education courses provided for in paragraph 1 of  
7 subsection C of this section shall include education regarding the  
8 dangers of texting while driving and the effects of being under the  
9 influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance while driving.

10 SECTION 15. REPEALER 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-105, as  
11 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 86, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp.  
12 2016, Section 6-105), is hereby repealed.

13 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 7-606, as  
14 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp.  
15 2016, Section 7-606), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 7-606. A. 1. An owner or operator who fails to comply  
17 with the Compulsory Insurance Law, ~~or who fails to produce for~~  
18 ~~inspection a valid and current security verification form or~~  
19 ~~equivalent form which has been issued by the Department of Public~~  
20 ~~Safety upon request of any peace officer, representative of the~~  
21 ~~Department of Public Safety or other authorized person,~~ shall be  
22 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a  
23 fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), or  
24 imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such

1 fine and imprisonment, and, in addition thereto, shall be subject to  
2 suspension of the driving privilege of the person in accordance with  
3 Section 7-605 of this title; provided, that if a requesting law  
4 enforcement officer verifies valid and current security and  
5 compliance with the Compulsory Insurance Law through the online  
6 verification system, there shall be no violation of the Compulsory  
7 Insurance Law and no citation shall be issued. Upon issuing a  
8 citation under this paragraph, the law enforcement officer issuing  
9 the citation may:

- 10 a. seize the vehicle being operated by the person and  
11 cause the vehicle to be towed and stored as provided  
12 by subsection ~~B~~ A of Section 955 of this title, if the  
13 officer has probable cause to believe that the vehicle  
14 is not insured as required by the Compulsory Insurance  
15 Law of this state, or
- 16 b. seize the license plate of the vehicle and issue the  
17 citation to the vehicle operator, provided that the  
18 vehicle is in a drivable condition at the time of  
19 issuing the citation. A copy of the citation retained  
20 by the owner or operator of the vehicle shall serve as  
21 the temporary license plate of the vehicle for up to  
22 ten (10) calendar days after the issuance of the  
23 citation. After ten (10) calendar days, the vehicle  
24 shall not be used until the vehicle operator or owner

1 completes the requirements to retrieve the license  
2 plate.

3 (1) After the issuance of the citation, and if the  
4 charges are to be filed in district court, the  
5 law enforcement agency issuing the citation  
6 shall, within three (3) days, deposit the license  
7 plate and deliver a copy of the citation to the  
8 county sheriff's office of the county where the  
9 violation has occurred. If the charges are to be  
10 filed in municipal court, the law enforcement  
11 agency issuing the citation may deposit the  
12 license plate within their own agency. The  
13 county sheriff's office or municipal police  
14 department that is storing the license plate  
15 shall provide the plan administrator with the  
16 seized license plate number by entering the  
17 required information into the statewide database  
18 maintained by the plan administrator. The plan  
19 administrator shall maintain a database including  
20 all seized license plates and shall submit such  
21 information to the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

22 (2) The vehicle owner or operator may retrieve the  
23 license plate from the county sheriff's office or  
24 municipal police department upon providing

1 verification of compliance with the Compulsory  
2 Insurance Law, payment in full of an  
3 administrative fee of One Hundred Twenty-five  
4 Dollars (\$125.00) to the county sheriff's office  
5 or municipal police department and payment in  
6 full of the citation to the court clerk. The  
7 county sheriff's office or municipal police  
8 department shall transfer the administrative fee  
9 to the Plan Administrator. The Plan  
10 Administrator shall notify the Oklahoma Tax  
11 Commission that the vehicle owner or operator is  
12 in compliance with this division and shall  
13 distribute the administrative fee as follows:

14 (a) Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee shall be  
15 distributed to the county sheriff's office  
16 or municipal police department that stored  
17 the seized license plate to defray any  
18 expenses involved in the storage of the  
19 license plate,

20 (b) Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) of the fee shall be  
21 transferred to the law enforcement agency  
22 which issued the citation and may be used  
23 for any lawful purpose,  
24

- 1 (c) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of the fee  
2 shall be transferred to the Temporary  
3 Insurance Premium Pool,  
4 (d) the Plan Administrator shall retain Ten  
5 Dollars (\$10.00) of the fee, and  
6 (e) if, by the end of the second business day  
7 immediately following the date of citation,  
8 a person produces proof to the law  
9 enforcement agency that issued the citation  
10 and is storing the seized license plate that  
11 a current security verification form or  
12 equivalent form which has been issued by the  
13 Department of Public Safety reflecting  
14 liability coverage for the person was in  
15 force at the time of the alleged offense,  
16 the person shall not be required to pay the  
17 administrative fee required by this  
18 division. If no such proof is presented  
19 within that time, the person shall pay the  
20 full administrative fee required by this  
21 division, regardless of whether the person  
22 had minimum auto liability insurance  
23 coverage at the time of citation.  
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1 (3) The county sheriff's office or municipal police  
2 department may dispose of any unclaimed license  
3 plate after ninety (90) days according to  
4 applicable state law. After the license plate  
5 has been disposed of by the county sheriff's  
6 office or municipal police department, the  
7 operator or owner shall be required to obtain a  
8 new license plate pursuant to all existing  
9 requirements.

10 If the operator of the vehicle produces what appears to be a valid  
11 security verification form and the officer is unable to confirm  
12 compliance through the online verification system or noncompliance  
13 by a subsequent investigation, the officer shall be prohibited from  
14 seizing the license plate or seizing the vehicle and causing such  
15 vehicle to be towed and stored. Further, no vehicle shall be seized  
16 and towed under the provisions of this paragraph if the vehicle is  
17 displaying a temporary license plate that has not expired pursuant  
18 to the provisions of Sections 1137.1 and 1137.3 of this title.

19 2. An owner other than an owner of an antique or a classic  
20 automobile as defined by the Oklahoma Tax Commission who files an  
21 affidavit that a vehicle shall not be driven upon the public  
22 highways or public streets, pursuant to Section 7-607 of this title,  
23 who drives or permits the driving of the vehicle upon the public  
24 highways or public streets, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and



1 upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than  
2 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment for not more than  
3 thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and in  
4 addition thereto, shall be subject to suspension of the driving  
5 privilege of the person in accordance with Section 7-605 of this  
6 title.

7 B. A sentence imposed for any violation of the Compulsory  
8 Insurance Law may be suspended or deferred in whole or in part by  
9 the court.

10 C. Any person producing proof in court that a current security  
11 verification form or equivalent form which has been issued by the  
12 Department of Public Safety reflecting liability coverage for the  
13 person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be  
14 entitled to dismissal of the charge. If proof of security  
15 verification is presented to the court by no later than the business  
16 day preceding the first scheduled court appearance date, the  
17 dismissal shall be without payment of court costs. The court may  
18 access information from the online verification system to confirm  
19 liability coverage. The court shall not dismiss the fine unless  
20 proof that liability coverage for the person was in force at the  
21 time of the alleged offense is presented to the court.

22 D. Upon conviction or bond forfeiture, the court clerk shall  
23 forward an abstract to the Department of Public Safety within five  
24 (5) days reflecting the action taken by the court.

1 E. For purposes of this section, "court" means any court in  
2 this state.

3 SECTION 17. REPEALER 47 O.S. 2011, Section 7-606, as  
4 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 88, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp.  
5 2016, Section 7-606), is hereby repealed.

6 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-902, as  
7 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 196, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp.  
8 2016, Section 11-902), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 11-902. A. It is unlawful and punishable as provided  
10 in this section for any person to drive, operate, or be in actual  
11 physical control of a motor vehicle within this state, whether upon  
12 public roads, highways, streets, turnpikes, other public places or  
13 upon any private road, street, alley or lane which provides access  
14 to one or more single or multi-family dwellings, who:

15 1. Has a blood or breath alcohol concentration, as defined in  
16 Section 756 of this title, of eight-hundredths (0.08) or more at the  
17 time of a test of such person's blood or breath administered within  
18 two (2) hours after the arrest of such person;

19 2. Is under the influence of alcohol;

20 3. Has any amount of a Schedule I chemical or controlled  
21 substance, as defined in Section 2-204 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma  
22 Statutes, or one of its metabolites or analogs in the person's  
23 blood, saliva, urine or any other bodily fluid at the time of a test  
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1 of such person's blood, saliva, urine or any other bodily fluid  
2 administered within two (2) hours after the arrest of such person;

3 4. Is under the influence of any intoxicating substance other  
4 than alcohol which may render such person incapable of safely  
5 driving or operating a motor vehicle; or

6 5. Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any other  
7 intoxicating substance which may render such person incapable of  
8 safely driving or operating a motor vehicle.

9 B. The fact that any person charged with a violation of this  
10 section is or has been lawfully entitled to use alcohol or a  
11 controlled dangerous substance or any other intoxicating substance  
12 shall not constitute a defense against any charge of violating this  
13 section.

14 C. 1. Any person who is convicted of a violation of the  
15 provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for the  
16 first offense and shall:

- 17 a. participate in an assessment and evaluation pursuant  
18 to subsection G of this section and shall follow all  
19 recommendations made in the assessment and evaluation,  
20 b. be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than  
21 ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year, and  
22 c. be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars  
23 (\$1,000.00).

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1           2. Any person who, having been convicted of or having received  
2 deferred judgment for a violation of this section or a violation  
3 pursuant to the provisions of any law of this state or another state  
4 prohibiting the offenses provided in this section, Section 11-904 of  
5 this title or paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 852.1 of Title  
6 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or having a prior conviction in a  
7 municipal criminal court of record for the violation of a municipal  
8 ordinance prohibiting the offense provided for in this section  
9 commits a subsequent violation of this section within ten (10) years  
10 of the date following the completion of the execution of said  
11 sentence or deferred judgment, and against whom the district  
12 attorney seeks to enhance punishment pursuant to the provision of  
13 this section, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony and  
14 shall participate in an assessment and evaluation pursuant to  
15 subsection G of this section and shall be sentenced to:

- 16           a. follow all recommendations made in the assessment and  
17                 evaluation for treatment at the defendant's expense,  
18                 or
- 19           b. placement in the custody of the Department of  
20                 Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to  
21                 exceed five (5) years and a fine of not more than Two  
22                 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), or

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1 c. treatment, imprisonment and a fine within the  
2 limitations prescribed in subparagraphs a and b of  
3 this paragraph.

4 However, if the treatment in subsection G of this section does  
5 not include residential or inpatient treatment for a period of not  
6 less than five (5) days, the person shall serve a term of  
7 imprisonment of at least five (5) days.

8 3. Any person who commits a violation of this section after  
9 having been convicted of a felony offense pursuant to the provisions  
10 of this section or a violation pursuant to the provisions of any law  
11 of this state or another state prohibiting the offenses provided for  
12 in this section, Section 11-904 of this title or paragraph 4 of  
13 subsection A of Section 852.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
14 and against whom the district attorney seeks to enhance punishment,  
15 shall be guilty of a felony and participate in an assessment and  
16 evaluation pursuant to subsection G of this section and shall be  
17 sentenced to:

18 a. follow all recommendations made in the assessment and  
19 evaluation for treatment at the defendant's expense,  
20 two hundred forty (240) hours of community service and  
21 use of an ignition interlock device, as provided by  
22 subparagraph n of paragraph 1 of subsection A of  
23 Section 991a of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or  
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1           b. placement in the custody of the Department of  
2           Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to  
3           exceed ten (10) years and a fine of not more than Five  
4           Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or

5           c. treatment, imprisonment and a fine within the  
6           limitations prescribed in subparagraphs a and b of  
7           this paragraph.

8           However, if the treatment in subsection G of this section does  
9           not include residential or inpatient treatment for a period of not  
10          less than ten (10) days, the person shall serve a term of  
11          imprisonment of at least ten (10) days.

12          4. Any person who commits a violation of this section after  
13          having been twice convicted of a felony offense pursuant to the  
14          provisions of this section or a violation pursuant to the provisions  
15          of any law of this state or another state prohibiting the offenses  
16          provided for in this section, Section 11-904 of this title or  
17          paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 852.1 of Title 21 of the  
18          Oklahoma Statutes, and against whom the district attorney seeks to  
19          enhance punishment, shall be guilty of a felony and participate in  
20          an assessment and evaluation pursuant to subsection G of this  
21          section and shall be sentenced to:

22           a. follow all recommendations made in the assessment and  
23           evaluation for treatment at the defendant's expense,  
24           followed by not less than one (1) year of supervision

1 and periodic testing at the defendant's expense, four  
2 hundred eighty (480) hours of community service, and  
3 use of an ignition interlock device, as provided by  
4 subparagraph n of paragraph 1 of subsection A of  
5 Section 991a of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for  
6 a minimum of thirty (30) days, or

7 b. placement in the custody of the Department of  
8 Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to  
9 exceed twenty (20) years and a fine of not more than  
10 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or

11 c. treatment, imprisonment and a fine within the  
12 limitations prescribed in subparagraphs a and b of  
13 this paragraph.

14 However, if the person does not undergo residential or inpatient  
15 treatment pursuant to subsection G of this section the person shall  
16 serve a term of imprisonment of at least ten (10) days.

17 5. Any person who, after a previous conviction of a violation  
18 of murder in the second degree or manslaughter in the first degree  
19 in which the death was caused as a result of driving under the  
20 influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance, is convicted  
21 of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a felony and shall  
22 be punished by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of  
23 Corrections for not less than five (5) years and not to exceed  
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1 twenty (20) years, and a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars  
2 (\$10,000.00).

3 6. Provided, however, a conviction from another state shall not  
4 be used to enhance punishment pursuant to the provisions of this  
5 subsection if that conviction is based on a blood or breath alcohol  
6 concentration of less than eight-hundredths (0.08).

7 7. In any case in which a defendant is charged with ~~a second or~~  
8 ~~subsequent~~ driving under the influence of alcohol or other  
9 intoxicating substance offense within any municipality with a  
10 municipal court other than a court of record, the charge shall be  
11 presented to the county's district attorney and filed with the  
12 district court of the county within which the municipality is  
13 located.

14 D. Any person who is convicted of a violation of driving under  
15 the influence with a blood or breath alcohol concentration of  
16 fifteen-hundredths (0.15) or more pursuant to this section shall be  
17 deemed guilty of aggravated driving under the influence. A person  
18 convicted of aggravated driving under the influence shall  
19 participate in an assessment and evaluation pursuant to subsection G  
20 of this section and shall comply with all recommendations for  
21 treatment. Such person shall be sentenced as provided in paragraph  
22 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of subsection C of this section and to:

23 1. Not less than one (1) year of supervision and periodic  
24 testing at the defendant's expense; and



1           2. An ignition interlock device or devices, as provided by  
2 subparagraph n of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 991a of  
3 Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for a minimum of ninety (90)  
4 days.

5           E. When a person is sentenced to imprisonment in the custody of  
6 the Department of Corrections, the person shall be processed through  
7 the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center or at a place  
8 determined by the Director of the Department of Corrections. The  
9 Department of Corrections shall classify and assign the person to  
10 one or more of the following:

11           1. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
12 pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 612 of Title 57  
13 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

14           2. A correctional facility operated by the Department of  
15 Corrections with assignment to substance abuse treatment.  
16 Successful completion of a Department-of-Corrections-approved  
17 substance abuse treatment program shall satisfy the recommendation  
18 for a ten-hour or twenty-four-hour alcohol and drug substance abuse  
19 course or treatment program or both. Successful completion of an  
20 approved Department of Corrections substance abuse treatment program  
21 may precede or follow the required assessment.

22           F. The Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to  
23 reinstate any suspended or revoked driving privilege when the person  
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1 meets the statutory requirements which affect the existing driving  
2 privilege.

3 G. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the  
4 provisions of this section shall be ordered to participate in an  
5 alcohol and drug substance abuse evaluation and assessment program  
6 offered by a certified assessment agency or certified assessor for  
7 the purpose of evaluating and assessing the receptivity to treatment  
8 and prognosis of the person and shall follow all recommendations  
9 made in the assessment and evaluation for treatment. The court  
10 shall order the person to reimburse the agency or assessor for the  
11 evaluation and assessment. Payment shall be remitted by the  
12 defendant or on behalf of the defendant by any third party;  
13 provided, no state-appropriated funds are utilized. The fee for an  
14 evaluation and assessment shall be the amount provided in subsection  
15 C of Section 3-460 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes. The  
16 evaluation and assessment shall be conducted at a certified  
17 assessment agency, the office of a certified assessor or at another  
18 location as ordered by the court. The agency or assessor shall,  
19 within seventy-two (72) hours from the time the person is evaluated  
20 and assessed, submit a written report to the court for the purpose  
21 of assisting the court in its sentencing determination. The court  
22 shall, as a condition of any sentence imposed, including deferred  
23 and suspended sentences, require the person to participate in and  
24 successfully complete all recommendations from the evaluation, such

1 as an alcohol and substance abuse treatment program pursuant to  
2 Section 3-452 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes. If such report  
3 indicates that the evaluation and assessment shows that the  
4 defendant would benefit from a ten-hour or twenty-four-hour alcohol  
5 and drug substance abuse course or a treatment program or both, the  
6 court shall, as a condition of any sentence imposed, including  
7 deferred and suspended sentences, require the person to follow all  
8 recommendations identified by the evaluation and assessment and  
9 ordered by the court. No person, agency or facility operating an  
10 evaluation and assessment program certified by the Department of  
11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall solicit or refer  
12 any person evaluated and assessed pursuant to this section for any  
13 treatment program or substance abuse service in which such person,  
14 agency or facility has a vested interest; however, this provision  
15 shall not be construed to prohibit the court from ordering  
16 participation in or any person from voluntarily utilizing a  
17 treatment program or substance abuse service offered by such person,  
18 agency or facility. If a person is sentenced to imprisonment in the  
19 custody of the Department of Corrections and the court has received  
20 a written evaluation report pursuant to the provisions of this  
21 subsection, the report shall be furnished to the Department of  
22 Corrections with the judgment and sentence. Any evaluation and  
23 assessment report submitted to the court pursuant to the provisions  
24 of this subsection shall be handled in a manner which will keep such

1 report confidential from the general public's review. Nothing  
2 contained in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the  
3 court from ordering judgment and sentence in the event the defendant  
4 fails or refuses to comply with an order of the court to obtain the  
5 evaluation and assessment required by this subsection. If the  
6 defendant fails or refuses to comply with an order of the court to  
7 obtain the evaluation and assessment, the Department of Public  
8 Safety shall not reinstate driving privileges until the defendant  
9 has complied in full with such order. Nothing contained in this  
10 subsection shall be construed to prohibit the court from ordering  
11 judgment and sentence and any other sanction authorized by law for  
12 failure or refusal to comply with an order of the court.

13 H. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the  
14 provisions of this section may be required by the court to attend a  
15 victims impact panel program, as defined in subsection H of Section  
16 991a of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, if such a program is  
17 offered in the county where the judgment is rendered, and to pay a  
18 fee of not less than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) nor more than Sixty  
19 Dollars (\$60.00) as set by the governing authority of the program  
20 and approved by the court to the program to offset the cost of  
21 participation by the defendant, if in the opinion of the court the  
22 defendant has the ability to pay such fee.

23 I. Any person who is found guilty of a felony violation of the  
24 provisions of this section shall be required to submit to electronic

1 monitoring as authorized and defined by Section 991a of Title 22 of  
2 the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 J. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the  
4 provisions of this section who has been sentenced by the court to  
5 perform any type of community service shall not be permitted to pay  
6 a fine in lieu of performing the community service.

7 K. When a person is found guilty of a violation of the  
8 provisions of this section, the court shall order, in addition to  
9 any other penalty, the defendant to pay a one-hundred-dollar  
10 assessment to be deposited in the Drug Abuse Education and Treatment  
11 Revolving Fund created in Section 2-503.2 of Title 63 of the  
12 Oklahoma Statutes, upon collection.

13 L. 1. When a person is eighteen (18) years of age or older,  
14 and is the driver, operator, or person in physical control of a  
15 vehicle, and is convicted of violating any provision of this section  
16 while transporting or having in the motor vehicle any child less  
17 than eighteen (18) years of age, the fine shall be enhanced to  
18 double the amount of the fine imposed for the underlying driving  
19 under the influence (DUI) violation which shall be in addition to  
20 any other penalties allowed by this section.

21 2. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the prosecution of  
22 a person pursuant to Section 852.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma  
23 Statutes who is in violation of any provision of this section or  
24 Section 11-904 of this title.

1 M. Any plea of guilty, nolo contendere or finding of guilt for  
2 a violation of this section or a violation pursuant to the  
3 provisions of any law of this state or another state prohibiting the  
4 offenses provided for in this section, Section 11-904 of this title,  
5 or paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 852.1 of Title 21 of the  
6 Oklahoma Statutes, shall constitute a conviction of the offense for  
7 the purpose of this section; provided, any deferred judgment shall  
8 only be considered to constitute a conviction for a period of ten  
9 (10) years following the completion of any court-imposed  
10 probationary term.

11 N. If qualified by knowledge, skill, experience, training or  
12 education, a witness shall be allowed to testify in the form of an  
13 opinion or otherwise solely on the issue of impairment, but not on  
14 the issue of specific alcohol concentration level, relating to the  
15 following:

16 1. The results of any standardized field sobriety test  
17 including, but not limited to, the horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN)  
18 test administered by a person who has completed training in  
19 standardized field sobriety testing; or

20 2. Whether a person was under the influence of one or more  
21 impairing substances and the category of such impairing substance or  
22 substances. A witness who has received training and holds a current  
23 certification as a drug recognition expert shall be qualified to  
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1 give the testimony in any case in which such testimony may be  
2 relevant.

3 SECTION 19. REPEALER 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-902, as  
4 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 172, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp.  
5 2016, Section 11-902), is hereby repealed.

6 SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 510, as  
7 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 115, O.S.L. 2016 (57 O.S. Supp.  
8 2016, Section 510), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 510. A. The Director of the Department of Corrections  
10 shall have the following specific powers and duties relating to the  
11 penal institutions:

12 1. To appoint, subject to the approval of the State Board of  
13 Corrections, a warden for each penal institution, who shall qualify  
14 for the position by character, knowledge, skill, ability, training,  
15 and successful administrative experience in the correctional field;  
16 and if the person is not the incumbent warden or superintendent of a  
17 penal institution, the person shall have a bachelor's degree from an  
18 accredited college or university and six (6) years of professional  
19 level work experience in corrections;

20 2. To fix the duties of the wardens and superintendents and to  
21 appoint and fix the duties and compensation of such other personnel  
22 for each institution as may be necessary for the proper operation  
23 thereof. However, correctional officers hired after November 1,  
24 1995, shall be subject to the following qualifications:

- 1 a. the minimum age for service shall be twenty (20) years  
2 of age. The Director shall have the authority to  
3 establish the maximum age for correctional officers  
4 entering service,
- 5 b. possession of a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours  
6 from an accredited college or university, or  
7 possession of a high school diploma acquired from an  
8 accredited high school or GED equivalent testing  
9 program and graduation from a training course  
10 conducted by or approved by the Department and  
11 certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education  
12 and Training either prior to employment or during the  
13 first six (6) months of employment,
- 14 c. be of good moral character,
- 15 d. before going on duty alone, satisfactory completion of  
16 an adequate training program for correctional  
17 officers, as prescribed and approved by the State  
18 Board of Corrections; provided, however, correctional  
19 officers reinstated within three (3) years of  
20 separating from the Department shall not be required  
21 to repeat preservice training. The Director or  
22 designee may, however, require the correctional  
23 officers to attend updated training to ensure  
24 compliance with agency training standards,



1 e. satisfactory completion of minimum testing or  
2 professional evaluation through the Merit System of  
3 Personnel Administration to determine the fitness of  
4 the individual to serve in the position. All written  
5 evaluations shall be submitted to the Department of  
6 Corrections, and

7 f. satisfactory completion of a physical in keeping with  
8 the conditions of the job description on an annual  
9 basis and along the guidelines as established by the  
10 Department of Corrections;

11 3. To designate as peace officers qualified personnel in any  
12 Department of Corrections job classifications. The Director shall  
13 designate as peace officers correctional officers who are employed  
14 in positions requiring said designation. The peace officer  
15 authority of employees designated as peace officers shall be limited  
16 to: maintaining custody of prisoners; preventing attempted escapes;  
17 pursuing, recapturing and incarcerating escapees and parole or  
18 probation violators and arresting such escapees, parole or probation  
19 violators, serving warrants, and performing any duties specifically  
20 required for the job descriptions. Such powers and duties of peace  
21 officers may be exercised for the purpose of maintaining custody,  
22 security, and control of any prisoner being transported outside this  
23 state as authorized by the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act. To  
24 become qualified for designation as peace officers, employees shall

1 meet the training and screening requirements conducted by the  
2 Department and certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education  
3 and Training within twelve (12) months of employment or, in the case  
4 of employees designated as peace officers on or before July 1, 1997,  
5 by July 1, 1998, and shall not be subject to Section 3311 of Title  
6 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

7 4. To maintain such industries, factories, plants, shops,  
8 farms, and other enterprises and operations, hereinafter referred to  
9 as prison industries, at each institution as the State Board of  
10 Corrections deems necessary or appropriate to employ the prisoners  
11 or teach skills, or to sustain the institution; and as provided for  
12 by policies established by the State Board of Corrections, to allow  
13 compensation for the work of the prisoners, and to provide for  
14 apportionment of inmate wages, the amounts thus allowed to be kept  
15 in accounts by the Board for the prisoners and given to the inmates  
16 upon discharge from the institution, or upon an order paid to their  
17 families or dependents or used for the personal needs of the  
18 prisoners. Any industry that employs prisoners shall be deemed a  
19 "State Prison Industry" if the prisoners are paid from state funds  
20 including the proceeds of goods sold as authorized by Section 123f  
21 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Any industry in which wages  
22 of prisoners are paid by a nongovernmental person, group, or  
23 corporation, except those industries employing prisoners in work-

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1 release centers under the authority of the Department of Corrections  
2 shall be deemed a "Private Prison Industry";

3 5. To assign residences at each institution to institutional  
4 personnel and their families;

5 6. To provide for the education, training, vocational  
6 education, rehabilitation, and recreation of prisoners;

7 7. To regulate the operation of canteens for prisoners;

8 8. To prescribe rules for the conduct, management, and  
9 operation of each institution, including rules for the demeanor of  
10 prisoners, the punishment of recalcitrant prisoners, the treatment  
11 of incorrigible prisoners, and the disposal of property or  
12 contraband seized from inmates or offenders under the supervision of  
13 the Department;

14 9. To transfer prisoners from one institution to another;

15 10. To establish procedures that ensure inmates are educated  
16 and provided with the opportunity to execute advance directives for  
17 health care in compliance with Section 3101.2 of Title 63 of the  
18 Oklahoma Statutes. The procedures shall ensure that any inmate  
19 executing an ~~advanced~~ advance directive for health care is competent  
20 and executes the directive with informed consent;

21 11. To maintain courses of training and instruction for  
22 employees at each institution;

23 12. To maintain a program of research and statistics;

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1 13. To provide for the periodic audit, at least once annually,  
2 of all funds and accounts of each institution and the funds of each  
3 prisoner;

4 14. To provide, subject to rules established by the State Board  
5 of Corrections, for the utilization of inmate labor for any agency  
6 of the state, city, town, or subdivision of this state, upon the  
7 duly authorized request for such labor by the agency. The inmate  
8 labor shall not be used to reduce employees or replace regular  
9 maintenance or operations of the agency. The inmate labor shall be  
10 used solely for public or state purposes. No inmate labor shall be  
11 used for private use or purpose. Insofar as it is practicable, all  
12 inmate labor shall be of such a nature and designed to assist and  
13 aid in the rehabilitation of inmates performing the labor;

14 15. To provide clerical services for, and keep and preserve the  
15 files and records of, the Pardon and Parole Board; make  
16 investigations and inquiries as to prisoners at the institutions who  
17 are to be, or who might be, considered for parole or other clemency;  
18 assist prisoners who are to be, or who might be, considered for  
19 parole or discharge in obtaining suitable employment in the event of  
20 parole or discharge; report to the Pardon and Parole Board, for  
21 recommendation to the Governor, violations of terms and conditions  
22 of paroles; upon request of the Governor, make investigations and  
23 inquiries as to persons who are to be, or who might be, considered  
24 for reprieves or leaves of absence; report to the Pardon and Parole

1 Board, for recommendation to the Governor, whether a parolee is  
2 entitled to a pardon, when the terms and conditions of the parole  
3 have been completed; make presentence investigations for, and make  
4 reports thereof to, trial judges in criminal cases before sentences  
5 are pronounced; supervise persons undergoing suspended sentences, or  
6 who are on probation or parole; and develop and operate, subject to  
7 the policies and guidelines of the Board, work-release centers,  
8 community treatment facilities or prerelease programs at appropriate  
9 sites throughout this state;

10 16. To establish an employee tuition assistance program and  
11 promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedures  
12 Act for the operation of the program. The rules shall include, but  
13 not be limited to, program purposes, eligibility requirements, use  
14 of tuition assistance, service commitment to the Department,  
15 reimbursement of tuition assistance funds for failure to complete  
16 course work or service commitment, amounts of tuition assistance and  
17 limitations, and record keeping;

18 17. To establish an employee recruitment and referral incentive  
19 program and promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative  
20 Procedures Act for the operation of the program. The rules shall  
21 include, but not be limited to, program purposes, pay incentives for  
22 employees, eligibility requirements, payment conditions and amounts,  
23 payment methods, and record keeping;

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1 18. To provide reintegration referral services to any person  
2 discharged from the state custody who has volunteered to receive  
3 reintegration referral services. The Director may assign staff to  
4 refer persons discharged from state custody to services. The  
5 Director shall promulgate rules for the referral process. All  
6 reintegration referral services shall be subject to the availability  
7 of funds;

8 19. To conduct continual planning and research and periodically  
9 evaluate the effectiveness of the various correctional programs  
10 instituted by the Department; manage the designing, building, and  
11 maintaining of all the capital improvements of the Department;  
12 establish and maintain current and efficient business, bookkeeping,  
13 and accounting practices and procedures for the operations of all  
14 institutions and facilities, and for the Department's fiscal  
15 affairs; conduct initial orientation and continuing in-service  
16 training for the Department employees; provide public information  
17 services; inspect and examine the condition and management of state  
18 penal and correctional institutions; investigate complaints  
19 concerning the management of prisons or alleged mistreatment of  
20 inmates thereof; and hear and investigate complaints as to  
21 misfeasance or nonfeasance of employees of the Department;

22 20. To authorize any division of the Department to sell  
23 advertising in any Department-approved publication, media production  
24 or other informational material produced by the Department;

1 provided, that such advertising shall be approved by the Director or  
2 designee prior to acceptance for publication. The sale of  
3 advertising and negotiation of rates for the advertising shall not  
4 be subject to The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act or the  
5 Administrative Procedures Act. The Department shall promulgate  
6 rules establishing criteria for accepting or using advertisements as  
7 authorized in this paragraph;

8 21. To issue subpoenas to assist or further investigations into  
9 allegations of crimes committed in public or private prisons within  
10 the State of Oklahoma. Subpoenas issued by the Director shall be  
11 enforced by the District Court in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma;

12 22. To authorize award of the badge of an employee who dies  
13 while employed by the Department to the spouse or next of kin of the  
14 deceased employee; ~~and~~

15 23. To establish, in conjunction with the Information Services  
16 Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, an  
17 emergency alert notification system for the public, capable of  
18 distributing notifications of facility emergencies or prisoner  
19 escapes for all facilities and each facility of the Department of  
20 Corrections; and

21 24. To declare an emergency when, due to shortage of staff,  
22 correctional officers at a facility are required to work more than  
23 two double shifts in a seven-day period. As used in this paragraph,  
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1 "double shift" means two eight-hour shifts in a twenty-four-hour  
2 period.

3 B. When an employee of the Department of Corrections has been  
4 charged with a violation of the rules of the Department or with a  
5 felony pursuant to the provisions of a state or federal statute, the  
6 Director may, in the Director's discretion, suspend the charged  
7 employee, in accordance with the Oklahoma Personnel Act and/or the  
8 Merit System of Personnel Administration Rules, pending the hearing  
9 and final determination of the charges. Notice of suspension shall  
10 be given by the Director, in accordance with the provisions of the  
11 Oklahoma Personnel Act. If after completion of the investigation of  
12 the charges, it is determined that such charges are without merit or  
13 are not sustained before the Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission or  
14 in a court of law, the employee shall be reinstated and shall be  
15 entitled to receive all lost pay and benefits.

16 This subsection shall in no way deprive an employee of the right  
17 of appeal according to the Oklahoma Personnel Act.

18 SECTION 21. REPEALER 57 O.S. 2011, Section 510, as last  
19 amended by Section 1, Chapter 194, O.S.L. 2016 (57 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
20 Section 510), is hereby repealed.

21 SECTION 22. AMENDATORY 60 O.S. 2011, Section 176, as  
22 amended by Section 3, Chapter 233, O.S.L. 2016 (60 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
23 Section 176), is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 176. A. Express trusts may be created to issue  
2 obligations, enter into financing arrangements including, but not  
3 limited to, lease-leaseback, sale-leaseback, interest rate swaps and  
4 other similar transactions and to provide funds for the furtherance  
5 and accomplishment of any authorized and proper public function or  
6 purpose of the state or of any county or municipality or any and all  
7 combinations thereof, in real or personal property, or either or  
8 both, or in any estate or interest in either or both, with the  
9 state, or any county or municipality or any and all combinations  
10 thereof, as the beneficiary thereof by:

11 1. The express approval of the Legislature and the Governor if  
12 the State of Oklahoma is the beneficiary;

13 2. The express approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership  
14 of the governing body of the beneficiary if a county is a  
15 beneficiary;

16 3. The express approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership  
17 of the governing body of the beneficiary if a municipality is a  
18 beneficiary; or

19 4. The express approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership  
20 of the governing body of each beneficiary in the event a trust has  
21 more than one beneficiary; provided, that no funds of a beneficiary  
22 derived from sources other than the trust property, or the operation  
23 thereof, shall be charged with or expended for the execution of the  
24 trust, except by express action of the legislative authority of the

1 beneficiary prior to the charging or expending of the funds. The  
2 officers or any other governmental agencies or authorities having  
3 the custody, management, or control of any property, real or  
4 personal or mixed, of the beneficiary of the trust, or of a proposed  
5 trust, which property shall be needful for the execution of the  
6 trust purposes, are authorized and empowered to lease the property  
7 for those purposes, after the acceptance of the beneficial interest  
8 therein by the beneficiary as hereinafter provided.

9 B. Any trust created pursuant to the provisions of this  
10 section, in whole or in part, may engage in activities outside of  
11 the geographic boundaries of its beneficiary, so long as the  
12 activity provides a benefit to a large class of the public within  
13 the beneficiary's geographic area or lessens the burdens of  
14 government of the beneficiary and which does not solely provide a  
15 benefit by generating administrative fees.

16 C. A municipality may convey title to real property which is  
17 used for an airport to the trustees of an industrial development  
18 authority trust whose beneficiary is the municipality. The  
19 industrial development authority trust must already have the  
20 custody, management, or control of the real property. The  
21 conveyance must be approved by a majority of the governing body of  
22 the municipality. A conveyance pursuant to this section may be made  
23 only for the sole purpose of allowing the authority to sell the  
24 property for fair market value when the property is to be used for

1 industrial development purposes. Conveyances made pursuant to this  
2 subsection shall be made subject to any existing reversionary  
3 interest or other restrictions burdening the property and subject to  
4 any reversionary interest or other restriction considered prudent by  
5 the municipality.

6 D. The trustees of a public trust having the State of Oklahoma  
7 as beneficiary shall make and adopt bylaws for the due and orderly  
8 administration and regulation of the affairs of the public trust.  
9 All bylaws of a public trust having the State of Oklahoma as  
10 beneficiary shall be submitted in writing to the Governor of the  
11 State of Oklahoma. The Governor must approve the proposed bylaws  
12 before they take effect.

13 E. No public trust in which the State of Oklahoma is the  
14 beneficiary may be amended without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of  
15 approval of the trustees of the trust; provided, that any amendment  
16 is subject to the approval of the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.  
17 Any amendments shall be sent to the Governor within fifteen (15)  
18 days of their adoption.

19 F. No trust in which a county or municipality is the  
20 beneficiary shall hereafter create an indebtedness or obligation  
21 until the indebtedness or obligation has been approved by a two-  
22 thirds (2/3) vote of the governing body of the beneficiary. In the  
23 event a trust has more than one beneficiary, as authorized by this  
24 section, the trust shall not incur an indebtedness or obligation

1 until the indebtedness or obligation has been approved by a two-  
2 thirds (2/3) vote of the governing body of two-thirds (2/3) of the  
3 beneficiaries of the trust. Provided, however, a municipality with  
4 a governing body consisting of fewer than seven (7) members shall be  
5 required to approve the creation of an indebtedness or obligation  
6 under this subsection by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the governing  
7 body.

8 G. All bonds described in subsection F of this section, after  
9 December 1, 1976, except bonds sold to the federal government or any  
10 agency thereof or to any agency of the State of Oklahoma, shall be  
11 awarded to the lowest and best bidder based upon open competitive  
12 public offering, advertised at least once a week for two (2)  
13 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county  
14 where the principal office of the trust is located prior to the date  
15 on which bids are received and opened; provided, competitive bidding  
16 may be waived on bond issues with the approval of three-fourths  
17 (3/4) of the trustees, and a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the  
18 governing body of the beneficiary, unless the beneficiary is a  
19 county in which case a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the  
20 governing body shall be required, or three-fourths (3/4) vote of the  
21 governing bodies of each of the beneficiaries of the trust, unless  
22 one of the beneficiaries is a county in which case a two-thirds  
23 (2/3) vote of the members of the governing body of such county shall  
24 be required. No bonds shall be sold for less than par value, except

1 upon approval of three-fourths (3/4) of the trustees, unless the  
2 beneficiary is a county in which case a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the  
3 members of the governing body shall be required. In no event shall  
4 bonds be sold for less than sixty-five percent (65%) of par value;  
5 provided, however, in no event shall the original purchaser from the  
6 issuer of any bonds issued by any public trust for any purpose  
7 receive directly or indirectly any fees, compensation, or other  
8 remuneration in excess of four percent (4%) of the price paid for  
9 the bonds by the purchaser of the bonds from the original purchaser;  
10 and further provided, that the average coupon rate thereon shall in  
11 no event exceed fourteen percent (14%) per annum. No public trust  
12 shall sell bonds for less than ninety-six percent (96%) of par value  
13 until the public trust has received from the underwriter or  
14 financial advisor or, in the absence of an underwriter or financial  
15 advisor, the initial purchaser of the bonds, an estimated  
16 alternative financing structure or structures showing the estimated  
17 total interest and principal cost of each alternative. At least one  
18 alternative financing structure shall include bonds sold to the  
19 public at par. Any estimates shall be considered a public record of  
20 the public trust. Bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness  
21 issued by any public trust shall be eligible for purchase by any  
22 state banking association or corporation subject to such limitations  
23 as to investment quality as may be imposed by regulations, rules or  
24 rulings of the State Banking Commissioner.

1 H. Public trusts created pursuant to this section shall file  
2 annually, with their respective beneficiaries, copies of financial  
3 documents and reports sufficient to demonstrate the fiscal activity  
4 of such trust, including, but not limited to, budgets, financial  
5 reports, bond indentures, and audits. Amendments to the adopted  
6 budget shall be approved by the trustees of the public trust and  
7 recorded as such in the official minutes of such trust.

8 I. Contracts for construction, labor, equipment, material or  
9 repairs in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be  
10 awarded by public trusts to the lowest and best competitive bidder,  
11 pursuant to public invitation to bid, which shall be published in  
12 the manner provided in the preceding section hereof; the  
13 advertisements shall appear in the county where the work, or the  
14 major part of it, is to be done, or the equipment or materials are  
15 to be delivered, or the services are to be rendered; provided,  
16 however, should the trustee or the trustees find that an immediate  
17 emergency exists, which findings shall be entered in the journal of  
18 the trust proceedings, by reason of which an immediate outlay of  
19 trust funds in an amount exceeding ~~Fifty Thousand Dollars~~  
20 ~~(\$50,000.00)~~ Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) is necessary  
21 in order to avoid loss of life, substantial damage to property, or  
22 damage to the public peace or safety, then the contracts may be made  
23 and entered into without public notice or competitive bids; provided  
24 that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to contracts

1 of industrial and cultural trusts. Notwithstanding the provisions  
2 of this subsection, equipment or materials may be purchased by a  
3 public trust directly from any contract duly awarded by this state  
4 or any state agency under The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, or  
5 from any contract duly awarded by a governmental entity which is the  
6 beneficiary of the public trust.

7 J. Any public trust created pursuant to the provisions of this  
8 section shall have the power to acquire lands by use of eminent  
9 domain in the same manner and according to the procedures provided  
10 for in Sections 51 through 65 of Title 66 of the Oklahoma Statutes.  
11 Any exercise of the power of eminent domain by a public trust  
12 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be limited to the  
13 furtherance of public purpose projects involving revenue-producing  
14 utility projects of which the public trust retains ownership;  
15 provided, for public trusts in which the State of Oklahoma is the  
16 beneficiary the exercise of the power of eminent domain may also be  
17 used for public purpose projects involving air transportation.  
18 Revenue-producing utility projects shall be limited to projects for  
19 the transportation, delivery, treatment, or furnishing of water for  
20 domestic purposes or for power, including, but not limited to, the  
21 construction of lakes, pipelines, and water treatment plants or for  
22 projects for rail transportation. Any public trust formed pursuant  
23 to this section which has a county as its beneficiary shall have the  
24 power to acquire, by use of eminent domain, any lands located either

1 inside the county, or contiguous to the county pursuant to the  
2 limitations imposed pursuant to this section.

3 K. Provisions of this section shall not apply to entities  
4 created under Sections 1324.1 through 1324.26 of Title 82 of the  
5 Oklahoma Statutes.

6 L. Any trust created under this act, in whole or in part, to  
7 operate, administer or oversee any county jail facility shall  
8 consist of not less than five members and include a county  
9 commissioner and the county sheriff, or their designee, and one  
10 member appointed by each of the county commissioners. The appointed  
11 members shall not be elected officials.

12 SECTION 23. REPEALER 60 O.S. 2011, Section 176, as  
13 amended by Section 1, Chapter 12, O.S.L. 2016 (60 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
14 Section 176), is hereby repealed.

15 SECTION 24. REPEALER 60 O.S. 2011, Section 176, as  
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 142, O.S.L. 2016 (60 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
17 Section 176), is hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 25. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-317, as  
19 amended by Section 1, Chapter 70, O.S.L. 2016 (63 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
20 Section 1-317), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1-317. A. A death certificate for each death which  
22 occurs in this state shall be filed with the State Department of  
23 Health, within three (3) days after such death.

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1       B. The funeral director shall personally sign the death  
2 certificate and shall be responsible for filing the death  
3 certificate. If the funeral director is not available, the person  
4 acting as such who first assumes custody of a dead body in  
5 accordance with Section 1158 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes  
6 shall personally sign and file the death certificate. The personal  
7 data shall be obtained from the next of kin or the best qualified  
8 person or source available. The certificate shall be completed as  
9 to personal data and delivered to the attending physician or the  
10 medical examiner responsible for completing the medical  
11 certification portion of the certificate of death within twenty-four  
12 (24) hours after the death. No later than July 1, 2012, the  
13 personal data, and no later than July 1, 2017, the medical  
14 certificate portion, shall be entered into the prescribed electronic  
15 system provided by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and the  
16 information submitted to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.  
17 The resultant certificate produced by the electronic system shall be  
18 provided to the physician or medical examiner for medical  
19 certification within twenty-four (24) hours after the death.

20       C. The medical certification shall be completed and signed  
21 within forty-eight (48) hours after death by the physician in charge  
22 of the patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in  
23 death, except when inquiry as to the cause of death is required by  
24 Section 938 of this title. No later than July 1, 2017, the medical

1 certification portion of certificate data shall be entered into the  
2 prescribed electronic system provided by the State Registrar of  
3 Vital Statistics and the information submitted to the State  
4 Registrar of Vital Statistics.

5 D. In the event that the physician in charge of the patient's  
6 care for the illness or condition which resulted in death is not in  
7 attendance at the time of death, the medical certification shall be  
8 completed and signed within forty-eight (48) hours after death by  
9 the physician in attendance at the time of death, except:

10 1. When the patient is under hospice care at the time of death,  
11 the medical certification may be signed by the hospice's medical  
12 director; and

13 2. When inquiry as to the cause of death is required by Section  
14 938 of this title.

15 Provided, that such certification, if signed by other than the  
16 attending physician, shall note on the face the name of the  
17 attending physician and that the information shown is only as  
18 reported.

19 SECTION 26. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-317, as  
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 20, O.S.L. 2016 (63 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
21 Section 1-317), is hereby repealed.

22 SECTION 27. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-104.4, as  
23 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
24 2016, Section 3-104.4), is amended to read as follows:

1       Section 3-104.4. A. On or before February 1, 1991, the State  
2 Board of Education shall adopt standards for the accreditation of  
3 the public schools in this state according to the requirements of  
4 this act, to be effective as set forth in this act. The  
5 accreditation standards shall incorporate the curricular standards  
6 established pursuant to Section 11-103.6 of this title. The  
7 accreditation standards shall equal or exceed the accreditation  
8 standards for schools promulgated by the North Central Association  
9 of Colleges and Schools to the extent that the standards are  
10 consistent with an academic results oriented approach to  
11 accreditation, excluding those standards which deal with affective  
12 behavior to the extent the adoption of the standards does not  
13 conflict with state statute. The accreditation adopted by the State  
14 Board shall encompass accreditation for elementary schools, middle  
15 schools, junior high schools, and high schools. The accreditation  
16 standards shall be made available for public inspection at the  
17 offices of the State Department of Education.

18       B. Standards for accreditation adopted by the State Board of  
19 Education shall include standards relating to the provision of  
20 school counselors to the public school children of this state. The  
21 State Board of Education shall require each local school district to  
22 provide information regarding the number of counselors serving each  
23 school site, the duties of all such counselors including all  
24 administrative duties, the number of students served by each

1 counselor, and information regarding the number of counselors  
2 employed per elementary school, middle school, junior high school  
3 and high school.

4 C. Except as otherwise provided by subsection A of this section  
5 with regard to curricular standards, as a condition of receiving  
6 state accreditation pursuant to this act:

7 1. High schools shall meet the accreditation standards not  
8 later than June 30, 1995; and

9 2. Elementary, middle and junior high schools shall meet the  
10 accreditation standards not later than June 30, 1999.

11 Schools shall thereafter continue to meet the accreditation  
12 standards as a condition of continued accreditation. Nothing herein  
13 shall be construed as preventing changes to the adopted standards by  
14 the State Board of Education pursuant to the Administrative  
15 Procedures Act.

16 D. If one or more school sites fails to receive accreditation  
17 as required pursuant to this section by the dates set forth in  
18 subsection C of this section or subsequently loses accreditation,  
19 the State Board of Education shall close the school and reassign the  
20 students to accredited schools within the district or shall annex  
21 the district to one or more other districts in which the students  
22 can be educated in accredited schools.

23 E. Standards for accreditation adopted by the State Board of  
24 Education shall include standards relating to the provision of

1 educational services provided in partial hospitalization programs,  
2 day treatment programs, day hospital programs, residential treatment  
3 programs and emergency shelter programs for persons between the ages  
4 of three (3) and twenty-one (21) years of age. The accreditation  
5 standards shall apply to onsite and offsite educational services  
6 provided by public school districts or state-accredited private  
7 schools. The accreditation standards shall provide for warnings,  
8 probation or nonaccredited status for schools that fail to meet the  
9 standards. Each school which is providing or is required to provide  
10 educational services for students placed in a program as described  
11 in this subsection shall be actively monitored by the State  
12 Department of Education. The Department shall determine on an  
13 ongoing basis if the educational program and services are in  
14 compliance with the accreditation standards. The Department shall  
15 investigate a complaint of failure to provide educational services  
16 within ten (10) days of receiving the complaint. If the Department  
17 determines that a school has failed to comply with the accreditation  
18 standards the Department shall report the recommended warning,  
19 probation or nonaccredited accreditation status to the State Board  
20 of Education within sixty (60) days. If a school does not take  
21 action to comply with the accreditation standards within ninety (90)  
22 days after a report is filed by the Department, the Board shall  
23 withdraw accreditation for the school.

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1        F. State Board accreditation regulations shall provide for  
2 warnings and for assistance to schools and school districts whenever  
3 there is reason to believe a school is in danger of losing its state  
4 accreditation.

5        ~~F.~~ G. The State Board shall provide assistance to districts in  
6 considering the possibility of meeting accreditation requirements  
7 through the use of nontraditional means of instruction. The State  
8 Board shall also assist districts in forming cooperatives and making  
9 arrangements for the use of satellite instruction or other  
10 instructional technologies to the extent that use of such  
11 instructional means meets accreditation standards.

12        ~~G.~~ H. 1. Accreditation shall not be withdrawn from or denied  
13 nor shall a penalty be assessed against a school or school district  
14 for failing to meet the media materials and equipment standards and  
15 media program expenditure standards as set forth in the  
16 accreditation standards adopted by the Board.

17        2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall cease  
18 to be effective during a fiscal year immediately following a fiscal  
19 year that the state financial support of public schools provides an  
20 amount equal to or more than Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-one  
21 Dollars and sixty cents (\$3,291.60) per weighted average daily  
22 membership as calculated pursuant to Section 18-200.1 of this title  
23 and reported to school districts by the State Department of  
24 Education on the initial tentative State Aid allocation notice.

1           3. If the amount set and calculated as provided for in  
2 paragraph 2 of this subsection is reduced by one percent (1%) or  
3 more as reported to school districts by the Department on the  
4 initial tentative State Aid allocation notice for the following  
5 fiscal year, the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection shall  
6 cease to be effective and the provisions of paragraph 1 of this  
7 subsection shall continue to be effective.

8           ~~H.~~ I. 1. The State Board shall not assess a financial penalty  
9 against any school district which is given a deficiency in  
10 accreditation status during any fiscal year as provided for in this  
11 subsection.

12           2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall cease  
13 to be effective during a fiscal year immediately following a fiscal  
14 year that the state financial support of public schools provides an  
15 amount equal to or more than Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-one  
16 Dollars and sixty cents (\$3,291.60) per weighted average daily  
17 membership as calculated pursuant to Section 18-200.1 of this title  
18 and reported to school districts by the State Department of  
19 Education on the initial tentative State Aid allocation notice.

20           3. If the amount set and calculated as provided for in  
21 paragraph 2 of this subsection is reduced by one percent (1%) or  
22 more as reported to school districts by the Department on the  
23 initial tentative State Aid allocation notice for the following  
24 fiscal year, the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection shall

1 cease to be effective and the provisions of paragraph 1 of this  
2 subsection shall continue to be effective.

3 ~~I.~~ J. Accreditation shall not be withdrawn from or denied, nor  
4 shall a penalty be assessed against, a school district for complying  
5 with this section.

6 SECTION 28. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-104.4, as  
7 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 205, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
8 2016, Section 3-104.4), is hereby repealed.

9 SECTION 29. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-132, as  
10 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 27, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
11 2016, Section 3-132), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 3-132. A. The Oklahoma Charter Schools Act shall apply  
13 only to charter schools formed and operated under the provisions of  
14 the act. Charter schools shall be sponsored only as follows:

15 1. By any school district located in the State of Oklahoma,  
16 provided such charter school shall only be located within the  
17 geographical boundaries of the sponsoring district and subject to  
18 the restrictions of Section 3-145.6 of this title;

19 2. By a technology center school district if the charter school  
20 is located in a school district served by the technology center  
21 school district in which all or part of the school district is  
22 located in a county having more than five hundred thousand (500,000)  
23 population according to the latest Federal Decennial Census;

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1           3. By a technology center school district if the charter school  
2 is located in a school district served by the technology center  
3 school district and the school district has a school site that has  
4 been identified as in need of improvement by the State Board of  
5 Education pursuant to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
6 1965, as amended or reauthorized;

7           4. By an accredited comprehensive or regional institution that  
8 is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or a  
9 community college if the charter school is located in a school  
10 district in which all or part of the school district is located in a  
11 county having more than five hundred thousand (500,000) population  
12 according to the latest Federal Decennial Census;

13           5. By a comprehensive or regional institution that is a member  
14 of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education if the charter  
15 school is located in a school district that has a school site that  
16 has been identified as in need of improvement by the State Board of  
17 Education pursuant to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
18 1965, as amended or reauthorized. In addition, the institution  
19 shall have a teacher education program accredited by the Oklahoma  
20 Commission for Teacher Preparation and have a branch campus or  
21 constituent agency physically located within the school district in  
22 which the charter school is located in the State of Oklahoma;

23           6. By a federally recognized Indian tribe, operating a high  
24 school under the authority of the Bureau of Indian Affairs as of

1 November 1, 2010, if the charter school is for the purpose of  
2 demonstrating native language immersion instruction, and is located  
3 within its former reservation or treaty area boundaries. For  
4 purposes of this paragraph, native language immersion instruction  
5 shall require that educational instruction and other activities  
6 conducted at the school site are primarily conducted in the native  
7 language;

8 7. By the State Board of Education when the applicant of the  
9 charter school is the Office of Juvenile Affairs or the applicant  
10 has a contract with the Office of Juvenile Affairs to provide a  
11 fixed rate level E, D, or D+ group home service and the charter  
12 school is for the purpose of providing education services to youth  
13 in the custody or supervision of the state. Not more than two  
14 charter schools shall be sponsored by the Board as provided for in  
15 this paragraph during the period of time beginning July 1, 2010,  
16 through July 1, 2016; ~~or~~

17 8. By a federally recognized Indian tribe only when the charter  
18 school is located within the former reservation or treaty area  
19 boundaries of the tribe on property held in trust by the Bureau of  
20 Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior for  
21 the benefit of the tribe; or

22 9. By the State Board of Education when the applicant has first  
23 been denied a charter by the local school district in which it seeks  
24 to operate. In counties with fewer than five hundred thousand

1 (500,000) population, according to the latest Federal Decennial  
2 Census, the State Board of Education shall not sponsor more than  
3 five charter schools per year each year for the first five (5) years  
4 after the effective date of this act, with not more than one charter  
5 school sponsored in a single school district per year. In order to  
6 authorize a charter school under this section, the State Board of  
7 Education shall find evidence of all of the following:

- 8 a. a thorough and high-quality charter school application  
9 from the applicant based on the authorizing standards  
10 in subsection B of Section 3-134 of this title,
- 11 b. a clear demonstration of community support for the  
12 charter school, and
- 13 c. the grounds and basis of objection by the school  
14 district for denying the operation of the charter are  
15 not supported by the greater weight of evidence and  
16 the strength of the application.

17 B. An eligible non-school-district sponsor shall give priority  
18 to opening charter schools that serve at-risk student populations or  
19 students from low-performing traditional public schools.

20 C. An eligible non-school-district sponsor shall give priority  
21 to applicants that have demonstrated a record of operating at least  
22 one school or similar program that demonstrates academic success and  
23 organizational viability and serves student populations similar to  
24 those the proposed charter school seeks to serve. In assessing the

1 potential for quality replication of a charter school, a sponsor  
2 shall consider the following factors before approving a new site or  
3 school:

4 1. Evidence of a strong and reliable record of academic success  
5 based primarily on student performance data, as well as other viable  
6 indicators, including financial and operational success;

7 2. A sound, detailed, and well-supported growth plan;

8 3. Evidence of the ability to transfer successful practices to  
9 a potentially different context that includes reproducing critical  
10 cultural, organizational and instructional characteristics;

11 4. Any management organization involved in a potential  
12 replication is fully vetted, and the academic, financial and  
13 operational records of the schools it operates are found to be  
14 satisfactory;

15 5. Evidence the program seeking to be replicated has the  
16 capacity to do so successfully without diminishing or putting at  
17 risk its current operations; and

18 6. A financial structure that ensures that funds attributable  
19 to each charter school within a network and required by law to be  
20 utilized by a school remain with and are used to benefit that  
21 school.

22 D. For purposes of the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, "charter  
23 school" means a public school established by contract with a board  
24 of education of a school district, an area vocational-technical

1 school district, a higher education institution, a federally  
2 recognized Indian tribe, or the State Board of Education pursuant to  
3 the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act to provide learning that will  
4 improve student achievement and as defined in the Elementary and  
5 Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. 8065.

6 E. 1. For the purposes of the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act,  
7 "conversion school" means a school created by converting all or any  
8 part of a traditional public school in order to access any or all  
9 flexibilities afforded to a charter school.

10 2. Prior to the board of education of a school district  
11 converting all or any part of a traditional public school to a  
12 conversion school, the board shall prepare a conversion plan. The  
13 conversion plan shall include documentation that demonstrates and  
14 complies with paragraphs 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,  
15 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 34 and 35 of subsection B of Section 3-134  
16 of this title. The conversion plan and all documents shall be in  
17 writing and shall be available to the public pursuant to the  
18 requirements of the Oklahoma Open Records Act. All votes by the  
19 board of education of a school district to approve a conversion plan  
20 shall be held in an open public session. If the board of education  
21 of a school district votes to approve a conversion plan, the board  
22 shall notify the State Board of Education within sixty (60) days  
23 after the vote. The notification shall include a copy of the

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1 minutes for the board meeting at which the conversion plan was  
2 approved.

3 3. A conversion school shall comply with all the same  
4 accountability measures as are required of a charter school as  
5 defined in subsection D of this section. The provisions of Sections  
6 3-140 and 3-142 of this title shall not apply to a conversion  
7 school. Conversion schools shall comply with the same laws and  
8 State Board of Education rules relating to student enrollment which  
9 apply to traditional public schools. Conversion schools shall be  
10 funded by the board of education of the school district as a school  
11 site within the school district and funding shall not be affected by  
12 the conversion of the school.

13 4. The board of education of a school district may vote to  
14 revert a conversion school back to a traditional public school at  
15 any time; provided, the change shall only occur during a break  
16 between school years.

17 5. Unless otherwise provided for in this subsection, a  
18 conversion school shall retain the characteristics of a traditional  
19 public school.

20 F. A charter school may consist of a new school site, new  
21 school sites or all or any portion of an existing school site. An  
22 entire school district may not become a charter school site.

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1 SECTION 30. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-132, as  
2 last amended by Section 41, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
3 2016, Section 3-132), is hereby repealed.

4 SECTION 31. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-122.3, as  
5 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
6 2016, Section 6-122.3), is amended to read as follows:

7 Section 6-122.3. A. The State Board of Education shall grant  
8 an alternative placement teaching certificate to a person who makes  
9 application to the Board and meets the following criteria:

- 10 1. a. holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an  
11 institution whose accreditation is recognized by the  
12 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and has  
13 attained a retention grade point average of not less  
14 than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale, or
- 15 b. has successfully completed a terminal degree, such as  
16 a doctorate of philosophy, a doctorate in education,  
17 professional doctorates, a master of fine arts degree  
18 or a master of library science degree, from an  
19 institution accredited by a national or regional  
20 accrediting agency which is recognized by the  
21 Secretary of the United States Department of  
22 Education. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
23 Education shall be consulted to verify other terminal  
24 degrees, or

1 c. holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an  
2 institution whose accreditation is recognized by the  
3 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and has  
4 qualified work experience in a field that corresponds  
5 to an area of certification as determined by the State  
6 Board of Education, and

7 d. in addition to the requirements of subparagraphs a, b  
8 and c of this paragraph, has demonstrated competency  
9 or completed a major in a field that corresponds to an  
10 area of specialization for an Elementary-Secondary  
11 Certificate or a Secondary Certificate as determined  
12 by the State Board of Education or a vocational-  
13 technical certificate as recommended by the Oklahoma  
14 Department of Career and Technology Education;

15 2. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by  
16 means of an alternative placement program in not more than three (3)  
17 years. The State Board of Education shall determine the subject  
18 matter and the number of clock or semester hours required for the  
19 professional education component for each person making application  
20 for an alternative placement teaching certificate based on the  
21 criteria of paragraph 1 of this subsection.

22 The State Board of Education shall establish a core minimum of six  
23 (6) semester hours or ninety (90) clock hours and a maximum of  
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1 eighteen (18) semester hours or two hundred seventy (270) clock  
2 hours for the professional education component.

3 The requirements set forth in this subsection shall exclude all  
4 student teaching requirements pursuant to the provisions of  
5 subsection E of this section;

6 3. Has passed the general education and subject area portions  
7 of the competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this  
8 title in the area of specialization for which certification is  
9 sought; and

10 4. Either presents a document from an accredited public school  
11 district in this state offering employment in the area of  
12 specialization for which certification is sought on condition that  
13 the person enroll in an alternative placement program approved by  
14 the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek  
15 employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in  
16 this state. The certificate granted pursuant to this subsection  
17 shall be considered a "valid certificate of qualification" for the  
18 purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this title, and the holder  
19 of the certificate shall be considered a resident teacher for the  
20 purposes of Section 6-195 of this title.

21 B. An alternative placement teaching certificate shall be  
22 renewed for not more than a maximum of three (3) years upon  
23 presentation of a document from an accredited public school district  
24 in this state offering renewed employment in the same area of

1 specialization and a document from a teacher education institution  
2 verifying satisfactory progress in an appropriate alternative  
3 placement program.

4 C. Persons enrolled in an alternative placement program shall:

5 1. Have never been denied admittance to a teacher education  
6 program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,  
7 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the  
8 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to offer teacher  
9 education programs, nor have enrolled in and subsequently failed  
10 courses necessary to successfully meet the minimum requirements of  
11 the program, except those persons who hold a certificate;

12 2. Have on file with the director of teacher education at an  
13 Oklahoma institution of higher education a plan for meeting standard  
14 certification requirements within three (3) years;

15 3. Participate in the Residency Program established in Section  
16 6-195 of this title and have the same duties and responsibilities as  
17 other resident teachers, except those persons who hold a  
18 certificate; and

19 4. Except for persons participating in the federal Troops To  
20 Teachers Program, document at least two (2) years of work experience  
21 which is related to the subject area of specialization if the person  
22 has only a baccalaureate degree with no postbaccalaureate work in a  
23 related area.

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1 D. The State Board of Education may grant an exception to the  
2 requirements for certification and, upon demonstration by an  
3 individual of specific competency in the subject area of  
4 specialization, may grant a certificate to the individual. The  
5 State Board may establish other requirements necessary to grant  
6 exceptions.

7 E. Student teaching and a prestudent teaching field experience  
8 shall not be required of alternative placement program participants  
9 for standard certification.

10 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules  
11 authorizing adjunct teachers who shall be persons with distinguished  
12 qualifications in their field. Adjunct teachers shall not be  
13 required to meet standard certification. Adjunct teachers shall be  
14 limited to ~~ninety (90)~~ two hundred seventy (270) clock hours of  
15 classroom teaching per semester.

16 G. Each teacher education institution shall provide the  
17 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation an annual report of  
18 information as specified by the Commission regarding participation  
19 in the alternative placement programs offered by the institution.

20 H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall not  
21 accredit, renew the accreditation of, or otherwise approve any  
22 teacher education program of any institution of higher education in  
23 this state that has not implemented alternative placement programs  
24 in at least four areas of specialization, including mathematics,

1 science and a foreign language. Each institution shall allow  
2 individuals who meet the criteria of subsections A and C of this  
3 section to be:

4 1. Admitted to an alternative placement program without further  
5 qualification; and

6 2. Offered the opportunity to complete the requirements for  
7 standard certification set forth in subsection A of this section  
8 during the summer preceding and the summer following the first year  
9 of teaching with an alternative placement teaching certificate. Any  
10 person seeking standard certification through an alternative  
11 placement program shall be permitted to take necessary courses  
12 during regular semesters if offered.

13 I. The criteria specified in subsection H of this section can  
14 be met through a cooperative arrangement entered into by two or more  
15 institutions of higher education.

16 SECTION 32. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-122.3, as  
17 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
18 2016, Section 6-122.3), is hereby repealed.

19 SECTION 33. REPEALER 72 O.S. 2011, Section 48.2, as  
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 191, O.S.L. 2016 (72 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
21 Section 48.2), is hereby repealed.

22 SECTION 34. REPEALER 74 O.S. 2011, Section 78a, as last  
23 amended by Section 6, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
24 Section 78a), is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 35. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-5.5, as  
2 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 385, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp.  
3 2016, Section 840-5.5), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 840-5.5. A. The following offices, positions, and  
5 personnel shall be in the unclassified service and shall not be  
6 placed under the classified service:

7 1. Persons chosen by popular vote or appointment to fill an  
8 elective office, and their employees, except the employees of the  
9 Corporation Commission, the State Department of Education and the  
10 Department of Labor;

11 2. Members of boards and commissions, and heads of agencies;  
12 also one principal assistant or deputy and one executive secretary  
13 for each state agency;

14 3. All judges, elected or appointed, and their employees;

15 4. Persons employed with one-time, limited duration, federal or  
16 other grant funding that is not continuing or indefinitely  
17 renewable. The length of the unclassified employment shall not  
18 exceed the period of time for which that specific federal funding is  
19 provided;

20 5. All officers and employees of The Oklahoma State System of  
21 Higher Education, State Board of Education and Oklahoma Department  
22 of Career and Technology Education;

23 6. Persons employed in a professional or scientific capacity to  
24 make or conduct a temporary and special inquiry, investigation, or

1 examination on behalf of the Legislature or a committee thereof or  
2 by authority of the Governor. These appointments and authorizations  
3 shall terminate on the first day of the regular legislative session  
4 immediately following the appointment, if not terminated earlier.  
5 However, nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the reauthorization  
6 and reappointment of any such person. Any such appointment shall be  
7 funded from the budget of the appointing authority;

8 7. Election officials and employees;

9 8. Temporary employees employed to work less than one thousand  
10 (1,000) hours in any twelve-month period, and seasonal employees  
11 employed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department pursuant  
12 to Section 2241 of this title who work less than one thousand six  
13 hundred (1,600) hours in any twelve-month period;

14 9. Department of Public Safety employees occupying the  
15 following offices or positions:

- 16 a. administrative aides to the Commissioner,
- 17 b. executive secretaries to the Commissioner,
- 18 c. the Governor's representative of the Oklahoma Highway  
19 Safety Office who shall be appointed by the Governor,
- 20 d. Highway Patrol Colonel,
- 21 e. Highway Patrol Lieutenant Colonel,
- 22 f. Director of Finance,
- 23 g. noncommissioned pilots,
- 24 h. Information Systems Administrator,

1 i. Law Enforcement Telecommunications System Specialist,  
2 j. Director of Driver Compliance,  
3 k. Director of Transportation Division,  
4 l. Director of the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office,  
5 m. Civil Rights Administrator,  
6 n. Budget Analyst,  
7 o. Comptroller,  
8 p. Chaplain,  
9 q. Helicopter Mechanic,  
10 r. Director of Safety Compliance,  
11 s. Human Resources Director,  
12 t. Administrator of Department Services, and  
13 u. a maximum of seven positions for the purpose of  
14 administering programs in the Oklahoma Highway Safety  
15 Office, within full-time employee limitations of the  
16 Department, employed with federal funding that is  
17 continuing or indefinitely renewable. The  
18 authorization for such positions shall be terminated  
19 if the federal funding for positions is discontinued;  
20 provided, any person appointed to a position prescribed in  
21 subparagraph d or e of this paragraph shall have a right of return  
22 to the classified commissioned position without any loss of rights,  
23 privileges or benefits immediately upon completion of the duties in  
24 the unclassified commissioned position;

1        10. Professional trainees only during the prescribed length of  
2 their course of training or extension study;

3        11. Students who are employed on a part-time basis, which shall  
4 be seventy-five percent (75%) of a normal forty-hour work week or  
5 thirty (30) hours per week, or less, or on a full-time basis if the  
6 employment is pursuant to a cooperative education program such as  
7 that provided for under Title I IV-D of the Higher Education Act of  
8 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a-1087c), as amended, and who are regularly  
9 enrolled in:

10        a. an institution of higher learning within The Oklahoma  
11 State System of Higher Education,

12        b. an institution of higher learning qualified to become  
13 coordinated with The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
14 Education. For purposes of this section, a student  
15 shall be considered a regularly enrolled student if  
16 the student is enrolled in a minimum of five (5) hours  
17 of accredited graduate courses or a minimum of ten  
18 (10) hours of accredited undergraduate courses;

19 provided, however, the student shall only be required  
20 to be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) hours of  
21 accredited undergraduate courses during the summer, or  
22 c. high school students regularly enrolled in a high  
23 school in Oklahoma and regularly attending classes  
24 during such time of enrollment;



1       12. The spouses of personnel who are employed on a part-time  
2 basis to assist or work as a relief for their spouses in the  
3 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department;

4       13. Service substitute attendants who are needed to replace  
5 museum and site attendants who are unavoidably absent. Service  
6 substitutes may work as part-time or full-time relief for absentees  
7 for a period of not more than four (4) weeks per year in the  
8 Oklahoma Historical Society sites and museums; such substitutes will  
9 not count towards the agency's full-time-equivalent (FTE) employee  
10 limit;

11       14. Employees of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the  
12 State Senate, or the Legislative Service Bureau;

13       15. Corporation Commission personnel occupying the following  
14 offices and positions:

- 15           a. Administrative aides, and executive secretaries to the
- 16                   Commissioners,
- 17           b. Directors of all the divisions, personnel managers and
- 18                   comptrollers,
- 19           c. General Counsel,
- 20           d. Public Utility Division Chief Engineer,
- 21           e. Public Utility Division Chief Accountant,
- 22           f. Public Utility Division Chief Economist,
- 23           g. Public Utility Division Deputy Director,
- 24           h. Secretary of the Commission,

- 1 i. Deputy Conservation Director,
- 2 j. Manager of Pollution Abatement,
- 3 k. Manager of Field Operations,
- 4 l. Manager of Technical Services,
- 5 m. Public Utility Division Chief of Telecommunications,
- 6 n. Director of Information Services,
- 7 o. All Data Processing employees hired on or after
- 8 September 1, 2005,
- 9 p. All Public Utilities employees hired on or after
- 10 September 1, 2007,
- 11 q. All Regulatory Program Managers hired on or after
- 12 September 1, 2007, and
- 13 r. All Pipeline Safety Department employees hired on or
- 14 after September 1, 2008;

15 16. At the option of the employing agency, the Supervisor,  
16 Director, or Educational Coordinator in any other state agency  
17 having a primary responsibility to coordinate educational programs  
18 operated for children in state institutions;

19 17. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
20 personnel occupying the following offices and positions at each  
21 facility:

- 22 a. Director of Facility,
- 23 b. Deputy Director for Administration,
- 24 c. Clinical Services Director,

1 d. Executive Secretary to Director, and

2 e. Directors or Heads of Departments or Services;

3 18. Office of Management and Enterprise Services personnel  
4 occupying the following offices and positions:

5 a. State Comptroller,

6 b. Administrative Officers,

7 c. Alternator Claims Auditor,

8 d. Employees hired to fulfill state compliance agency  
9 requirements under Model Tribal Gaming Compacts,

10 e. Employees of the Budget Division,

11 f. Employees of the Fiscal and Research Division,

12 g. Employees hired to work on the CORE Systems Project,  
13 and

14 h. The following employees of the Information Services  
15 Division:

16 (1) Information Services Division Manager,

17 (2) Network Manager,

18 (3) Network Technicians,

19 (4) Security Manager,

20 (5) Contracts/Purchasing Manager,

21 (6) Operating and Applications Manager,

22 (7) Project Manager,

23 (8) Help Desk Manager,

24 (9) Help Desk Technicians,

- 1 (10) Quality Assurance Manager,
- 2 (11) ISD Analysts,
- 3 (12) CORE Manager,
- 4 (13) Enterprise System/Database Software Manager,
- 5 (14) Data Center Operations and Production Manager,
- 6 (15) Voice Communications Manager,
- 7 (16) Applications Development Manager,
- 8 (17) Projects Manager,
- 9 (18) PC's Manager,
- 10 (19) Servers Manager,
- 11 (20) Portal Manager,
- 12 (21) Procurement Specialists,
- 13 (22) Security Technicians,
- 14 (23) Enterprise Communications and Network  
15 Administrator,
- 16 (24) Server Support Specialists,
- 17 (25) Senior Server Support Specialists,
- 18 (26) Systems Support Specialists,
- 19 (27) Senior Systems Support Specialists,
- 20 (28) Chief Technology Officer,
- 21 (29) Facility Manager,
- 22 (30) Application Development Specialists,
- 23 (31) Senior Application Development Specialists,
- 24 (32) Workstation Specialists,

- 1 (33) Senior Workstation Specialists,
- 2 (34) Cabling Infrastructure Administration,
- 3 (35) Planning Specialists,
- 4 (36) Senior Planning Specialists,
- 5 (37) Network Specialists,
- 6 (38) Senior Network Specialists,
- 7 (39) Voice Communication Specialists, and
- 8 (40) Senior Voice Communication Specialists;

9 19. Employees of the Oklahoma Industrial Finance Authority;

10 20. Those positions so specified in the annual business plan of  
11 the Oklahoma Department of Commerce;

12 21. Those positions so specified in the annual business plan of  
13 the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology;

14 22. The following positions and employees of the Oklahoma  
15 School of Science and Mathematics:

- 16 a. positions for which the annual salary is Twenty-four  
17 Thousand One Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$24,193.00)  
18 or more, as determined by the Office of Management and  
19 Enterprise Services; provided, no position shall  
20 become unclassified because of any change in salary or  
21 grade while it is occupied by a classified employee,
- 22 b. positions requiring certification by the State  
23 Department of Education, and

1 c. positions and employees authorized to be in the  
2 unclassified service of the state elsewhere in this  
3 section or in subsection B of this section;

4 23. Office of Management and Enterprise Services employees  
5 occupying the following positions:

- 6 a. the Carl Albert Internship Program Coordinator,
- 7 b. one Administrative Assistant,
- 8 c. one Workforce Planning Manager,
- 9 d. Assistant Administrators,
- 10 e. one Associate Administrator, and
- 11 f. Division Directors;

12 24. Department of Labor personnel occupying the following  
13 offices and positions:

- 14 a. two Deputy Commissioners,
- 15 b. two Executive Secretaries to the Commissioner,
- 16 c. Chief of Staff,
- 17 d. two Administrative Assistants,
- 18 e. Information Systems Administrator,
- 19 f. three Safety and Health Directors,
- 20 g. Research Director,
- 21 h. Employment Standards Director,
- 22 i. Asbestos Director,
- 23 j. General Counsel,
- 24 k. one Legal Secretary,

- 1           l.    one Docket Clerk, and
- 2           m.   two Information Systems Application Specialists,
- 3           n.   one Administrative Programs Officer,
- 4           o.   one Industrial Hygienist Supervisor, and
- 5           p.   one Public Information Officer;

6       25. The State Bond Advisor and his or her employees;

7       26. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission employees  
8 occupying the following positions:

- 9           a.   Associate Director,
- 10          b.   Secretary to the Associate Director, and
- 11          c.   Assistant to the Executive Director;

12       27. Officers and employees of the State Banking Department;

13       28. Officers and employees of the University Hospitals  
14 Authority except personnel in the state classified service pursuant  
15 to Section 3211 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and members of  
16 the University Hospitals Authority Model Personnel System created  
17 pursuant to subsection E of Section 3211 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma  
18 Statutes or as otherwise provided for in Section 3213.2 of Title 63  
19 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

20       29. Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission employees  
21 occupying the following positions:

- 22           a.   three Administrative Service Assistant positions,  
23                however, employees in such positions who are in the  
24                unclassified service on June 4, 2003, may make an

1 election to be in the classified service without a  
2 loss in salary by September 1, 2003, and

- 3 b. the Deputy Director position in addition to the one  
4 authorized by paragraph 2 of this subsection;

5 30. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation employees  
6 occupying the following positions:

- 7 a. five assistant directors,
- 8 b. six special investigators,
- 9 c. one information representative,
- 10 d. one federally funded physical evidence technician,
- 11 e. four federally funded laboratory analysts,
- 12 f. a maximum of fourteen positions employed for the  
13 purpose of managing the automated information systems  
14 of the agency,
- 15 g. one executive secretary in addition to the one  
16 executive secretary authorized pursuant to paragraph 2  
17 of this subsection,
- 18 h. Child Abuse Response Team (CART) investigator,
- 19 i. Child Abuse Response Team (CART) forensic interviewer,  
20 and
- 21 j. nine administration and research positions and five  
22 data processing and information technology positions  
23 transferred from the Criminal Justice Resource Center  
24 pursuant to Section 150.17a of this title;



1 31. The Department of Transportation, the following positions:

- 2 a. Director of the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission,
- 3 b. five Department of Transportation Assistant Director
- 4 positions,
- 5 c. eight field division engineer positions,
- 6 d. one pilot position,
- 7 e. five Project Manager Positions, and
- 8 f. five Transportation Coordinators;

9 32. Commissioners of the Land Office employees occupying the  
10 following positions:

- 11 a. Chief Financial Officer,
- 12 b. two Assistant Directors of Financial Services,
- 13 c. two Archivists,
- 14 d. one Audit Tech position,
- 15 e. two Auditor positions,
- 16 f. two Accounting Tech I positions,
- 17 g. two Administrative Assistant positions,
- 18 h. one Imaging Specialist position,
- 19 i. one Information Systems Specialist position,
- 20 j. Director of Communications,
- 21 k. Director of Royalty Compliance,
- 22 l. Director of Mineral Management,
- 23 m. Accountant or Certified Public Accountant,
- 24 n. Commercial Property Manager,

- 1           o.   Assistant Secretary,
- 2           p.   Director of Real Estate Management,
- 3           q.   one executive assistant,
- 4           r.   one legal secretary,
- 5           s.   one secretary,
- 6           t.   one Assistant Commercial Property Manager,
- 7           u.   one Oil and Gas Production Advisor or Geologist,
- 8           v.   one Soil Conservationist,
- 9           w.   one Administrative Programs Officer,
- 10          x.   one Geographic Information Systems Specialist,
- 11          y.   Director of Oil and Gas Division, and
- 12          z.   Financial Manager/Comptroller;

13           33.   Within the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous  
14   Drugs Control Commission, the following positions:

- 15          a.   six Narcotics Agent positions and three Typist  
16              Clerk/Spanish transcriptionists, including a Typist  
17              Clerk Supervisor/Spanish transcriptionist; provided,  
18              authorization for such positions shall be terminated  
19              if the federal funding for the positions is  
20              discontinued,
- 21          b.   one executive secretary in addition to the one  
22              authorized pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subsection,
- 23          c.   one fiscal officer,
- 24          d.   one full-time Programmer, and

1 e. one full-time Network Engineer;

2 34. The Military Department of the State of Oklahoma is  
3 authorized such unclassified employees within full-time employee  
4 limitations to work in any of the Department of Defense directed  
5 youth programs, the State of Oklahoma Juvenile Justice youth  
6 programs, those persons reimbursed from Armory Board or Billeting  
7 Fund accounts, and skilled trade positions;

8 35. Within the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth the  
9 following unclassified positions:

10 a. one Oversight Specialist and one Community Development  
11 Planner,

12 b. one State Plan Grant Coordinator; provided,  
13 authorization for the position shall be terminated  
14 when federal support for the position by the United  
15 States Department of Education Early Intervention  
16 Program is discontinued,

17 c. one executive secretary in addition to the one  
18 authorized pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subsection,  
19 and

20 d. one Programs Manager;

21 36. The following positions and employees of the Office of  
22 Management and Enterprise Services:  
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- a. one Executive Secretary in addition to the Executive Secretary authorized by paragraph 2 of this subsection,
- b. the Director of Central Purchasing,
- c. one Alternate Fuels Administrator,
- d. one Director of Special Projects,
- e. three postauditors,
- f. four high-technology contracting officers,
- g. one Executive Assistant to the Purchasing Director,
- h. four Contracts Managers,
- i. one Associate Director,
- j. one specialized HiTech/Food Contracting Officer,
- k. one State Use Contracting Officer,
- l. one Property Distribution Administrator,
- m. three licensed architects assigned to the Construction and Properties Division,
- n. three licensed engineers assigned to the Construction and Properties Division,
- o. eight construction consultants assigned to the Construction and Properties Division,
- p. one attorney assigned to the Construction and Properties Division,
- q. three positions assigned to the Information Services Division, which shall include one Information

1 Technology Manager, one Applications Specialist and  
2 one Data Planning Specialist,

3 r. four positions assigned to Fleet Management, which  
4 shall include one Deputy Fleet Manager and three  
5 Management Analysts,

6 s. one Chief Auditor,

7 t. one Assistant Director of Central Purchasing Division,

8 u. one Professional Errors and Omissions Liability  
9 Adjuster,

10 v. three Strategic Sourcing Managers,

11 w. three Strategic Sourcing Assistant Managers, and

12 x. two Printing Services Brokers;

13 37. Oklahoma Water Resources Board personnel occupying the  
14 following offices and positions:

15 a. four Water Quality Assistant Division Chiefs,

16 b. four Water Resources Division Chiefs, and

17 c. Director of Water Planning;

18 38. J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental  
19 Disabilities personnel occupying the following offices and  
20 positions:

21 a. Physical Therapists,

22 b. Physical Therapist Assistants,

23 c. Occupational Therapists,

24 d. Certified Occupational Therapist Aides, and

1 e. Speech Pathologists;

2 39. The Oklahoma Historical Society personnel occupying the  
3 following offices and positions:

4 a. the Development Officer,

5 b. the Director of the State Museum of History and,

6 c. the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Director  
7 within the Oklahoma Historical Society,

8 d. the Director of Museums and Historic Sites,

9 e. the Director of Research,

10 f. the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, and

11 g. the Director of the Oklahoma Museum of Popular  
12 Culture;

13 40. Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry  
14 personnel occupying the following positions:

15 a. one Executive Secretary in addition to the Executive  
16 Secretary authorized by paragraph 2 of this subsection  
17 and one Executive Assistant,

18 b. nineteen Agricultural Marketing Coordinator III  
19 positions,

20 c. temporary fire suppression personnel, regardless of  
21 the number of hours worked, who are employed by the  
22 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and  
23 Forestry; provided, however, notwithstanding the  
24 provisions of any other section of law, the hours

1 worked by such employees shall not entitle such  
2 employees to any benefits received by full-time  
3 employees,

- 4 d. one Information Technology Specialist,
- 5 e. one Director of Administrative Services,
- 6 f. one Professional Engineer,
- 7 g. one hydrologist position,
- 8 h. Pet Breeder Inspectors,
- 9 i. one Information Technology Technician,
- 10 j. Legal Services Director,
- 11 k. Animal Industry Services Director,
- 12 l. Agricultural Environmental Management Services  
13 Director,
- 14 m. Forestry Services Director,
- 15 n. Plant Industry and Consumer Services Director,
- 16 o. one Grants Administrator position,
- 17 p. Director of Laboratory Services,
- 18 q. Chief of Communications,
- 19 r. Public Information Manager,
- 20 s. Inventory/Supply Officer,
- 21 t. five Agriculture Field Inspector positions assigned  
22 the responsibility for conducting inspections and  
23 audits of agricultural grain storage warehouses. All  
24 other Agriculture Field Inspector positions and

1 employees of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,  
2 Food, and Forestry shall be classified and subject to  
3 the provisions of the Merit System of Personnel  
4 Administration. On November 1, 2002, all other  
5 unclassified Agriculture Field Inspectors shall be  
6 given status in the classified service as provided in  
7 Section 840-4.2 of this title,

- 8 u. Rural Fire Coordinator,
- 9 v. one Agricultural Marketing Coordinator I,
- 10 w. Food Safety Division Director,
- 11 x. two Environmental Program Specialists,
- 12 y. two Scale Technicians,
- 13 z. two Plant Protection Specialists,
- 14 aa. Chief Agent,
- 15 bb. Professional Foresters,
- 16 cc. Forestry Education Coordinator,
- 17 dd. Forest Data Analyst,
- 18 ee. Executive Secretary to Chief Agent, and
- 19 ff. Executive Secretary of State Forester;

20 41. The Contracts Administrator within the Oklahoma State  
21 Employees Benefits Council;

22 42. The Development Officer within the Oklahoma Department of  
23 Libraries;



1 43. Oklahoma Real Estate Commission personnel occupying the  
2 following offices and positions:

3 a. Educational Program Director, and

4 b. Data Processing Manager;

5 44. A Chief Consumer Credit Examiner for the Department of  
6 Consumer Credit;

7 45. All officers and employees of the Oklahoma Capitol Complex  
8 and Centennial Commemoration Commission;

9 46. All officers and employees of the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle  
10 Commission;

11 47. One Museum Archivist of The Will Rogers Memorial  
12 Commission;

13 48. One Fire Protection Engineer of the Office of the State  
14 Fire Marshal;

15 49. Acting incumbents employed pursuant to Section 209 of Title  
16 44 or Section 48 of Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes who shall not  
17 be included in any limitation on full-time equivalency imposed by  
18 law on an agency. Permanent classified employees may request a  
19 leave of absence from classified status and accept an unclassified  
20 appointment and compensation as an acting incumbent with the same  
21 agency; provided, the leave shall expire no later than two (2) years  
22 from the date of the acting incumbent appointment. An appointing  
23 authority may establish unclassified positions and appoint  
24 unclassified employees to perform the duties of a permanent

1 classified employee who is on leave of absence from a classified  
2 position to serve as an acting incumbent. All unclassified  
3 appointments created pursuant to this paragraph shall expire no  
4 later than two (2) years from the date of appointment. Classified  
5 employees accepting unclassified appointments and compensation  
6 pursuant to this paragraph shall be entitled to participate without  
7 interruption in any benefit programs available to classified  
8 employees, including retirement and insurance programs. Immediately  
9 upon termination of an unclassified appointment pursuant to this  
10 paragraph, an employee on assignment from the classified service  
11 shall have a right to be restored to the classified service and  
12 reinstated to the former job family level and compensation plus any  
13 adjustments and increases in salary or benefits which the employee  
14 would have received but for the leave of absence;

15 50. The Oklahoma Homeland Security Director and all other  
16 positions assigned the responsibilities of working in the Oklahoma  
17 Office of Homeland Security;

18 51. The following eighteen positions in the State Department of  
19 Health:

- 20 a. one surveillance supervisor,
- 21 b. one surveillance project monitor,
- 22 c. two bilingual interviewers,
- 23 d. eight senior interviewers, and
- 24 e. six interviewers;

1        52. State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and  
2 Land Surveyors personnel occupying the following offices and  
3 positions:

- 4            a. one Director of Enforcement, and
- 5            b. two Board Investigators;

6        53. One Information Systems Data Management Analyst of the  
7 State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board;

8        54. Two Management Information Systems positions of the Office  
9 of Juvenile Affairs; and

10       55. Heads of agencies, principal assistants or deputies and  
11 executive secretaries of an agency that is consolidated into another  
12 agency.

13       B. If an agency has the authority to employ personnel in the  
14 following offices and positions, the appointing authority shall have  
15 the discretion to appoint personnel to the unclassified service:

- 16           1. Licensed medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, dentists,  
17 psychologists, and nurses;
- 18           2. Certified public accountants;
- 19           3. Licensed attorneys;
- 20           4. Licensed veterinarians; and
- 21           5. Licensed pharmacists.

22       C. Effective July 1, 1996, authorization for unclassified  
23 offices, positions, or personnel contained in a bill or joint  
24 resolution shall terminate June 30 of the ensuing fiscal year after

1 the authorization unless the authorization is codified in the  
2 Oklahoma Statutes or the termination is otherwise provided in the  
3 legislation.

4 D. The appointing authority of agencies participating in the  
5 statewide information systems project may establish unclassified  
6 positions and appoint unclassified employees to the project as  
7 needed. Additional unclassified positions may be established, if  
8 required, to appoint an unclassified employee to perform the duties  
9 of a permanent classified employee who is temporarily absent from a  
10 classified position as a result of assignment to this project. All  
11 unclassified appointments under this authority shall expire no later  
12 than December 31, 2007, and all unclassified positions established  
13 to support the project shall be abolished. Both the positions and  
14 appointments resulting from this authority shall be exempt from any  
15 agency FTE limitations and any limits imposed on the number of  
16 unclassified positions authorized. Permanent classified employees  
17 may request a leave of absence from classified status and accept an  
18 unclassified appointment and compensation with the same agency under  
19 the provisions of this subsection; provided, the leave shall expire  
20 no later than December 31, 2007. Employees accepting the  
21 appointment and compensation shall be entitled to participate  
22 without interruption in any benefit programs available to classified  
23 employees, including retirement and insurance programs. Immediately  
24 upon termination of an unclassified appointment pursuant to this

1 subsection, an employee on assignment from the classified service  
2 shall have a right to be restored to the classified service and  
3 reinstated to the former job family level and compensation plus any  
4 adjustments and increases in salary or benefits which the employee  
5 would have received but for the leave of absence.

6 SECTION 36. REPEALER 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-5.5, as  
7 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 330, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp.  
8 2016, Section 840-5.5), is hereby repealed.

9 SECTION 37. REPEALER 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-5.5, as  
10 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 331, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp.  
11 2016, Section 840-5.5), is hereby repealed.

12 SECTION 38. REPEALER 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-5.5, as  
13 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 339, O.S.L. 2016 (74 O.S. Supp.  
14 2016, Section 840-5.5), is hereby repealed.

15 SECTION 39. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 862, as  
16 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2016 (82 O.S. Supp.  
17 2016, Section 862), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 862. The district shall have and is hereby authorized  
19 to exercise the following powers, rights and privileges:

20 1. To control, store and preserve, within the boundaries of the  
21 district, the waters of Grand River and its tributaries, for any  
22 useful purpose, and to use, distribute and sell the same within the  
23 boundaries of the district; provided, however, that any municipal  
24 corporation within the area included within the jurisdiction of the

1 Grand River Dam Authority shall be entitled to take water from the  
2 Grand River and any of its tributaries in any quantities that may be  
3 needed by such municipal corporation;

4 2. To develop and generate water power, electric power and  
5 electric energy, from whatever source, within the boundaries of the  
6 district; to acquire coal or other minerals to be used for the  
7 purposes of providing energy sources for electrical generating  
8 plants; to acquire or lease any and all railroad connections,  
9 equipment, rolling stock, trackage and otherwise, necessary to the  
10 transporting of coal and other minerals to generating plant sites  
11 within the district; and to buy, sell, resell, interchange and  
12 distribute electric power and energy in order to carry forward the  
13 business and functions of the district now or hereafter authorized  
14 by law and may enter into contracts for such purposes, such  
15 contracts to run for a period of not to exceed fifty (50) years  
16 except those contracts provided for in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this  
17 section. All contracts may contain such reasonable provisions,  
18 limitations, qualifications, protective clauses and rights and  
19 obligations of purchase and sale, and such provisions for the  
20 dedication of the use of facilities and the construction of  
21 additional facilities to serve the load requirements of all the  
22 parties as may be deemed advisable by the district to safeguard the  
23 business and properties of all the parties to such contracts, all  
24 within the limits of sound business judgment and practice, good

1 conscience, and not contrary to the public policy of the state. The  
2 district is further authorized to participate in the Southwest Power  
3 Pool Integrated Marketplace or any other program established by a  
4 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission authorized Regional  
5 Transmission Organization in which the district is a member and to  
6 engage in the buying and selling of electricity products, fuel  
7 commodities, and financial instruments as deemed necessary and  
8 prudent by the district and specifically excludes any expansion of  
9 retail activities of the district. The Board of Directors shall  
10 adopt a hedging policy to enable the district to take advantage of  
11 standard market products to reduce risk while preventing speculative  
12 trading and potential abuses;

13 3. To prevent or aid in the prevention of damage to person or  
14 property from the waters of the Grand River and its tributaries;

15 4. To forest and reforest and to aid in the foresting and  
16 reforesting of the watershed area of the Grand River and its  
17 tributaries and to prevent and to aid in the prevention of soil  
18 erosion and floods within the watershed area;

19 5. To acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or in any other manner,  
20 and to maintain, use and operate or to contract for the maintenance,  
21 use and operation of any and all property of any kind, real,  
22 personal, or mixed, or any interest therein, including trucks of any  
23 size or weight and passenger vehicles and to own, construct, operate  
24 and maintain any project or works in conjunction or jointly with, as

1 tenants in common, any public or private corporation duly authorized  
2 and qualified to do business within this state including, but not  
3 limited to, rural electric cooperatives of the State of Oklahoma or  
4 the United States of America, or any department, subdivision or  
5 agency of the State of Oklahoma or the United States of America, or  
6 with any "public agency" as defined under the Interlocal Cooperation  
7 Act, within or without the boundaries of the district, necessary,  
8 incidental or convenient to the exercise of the powers, rights,  
9 privileges and functions conferred upon it by the Grand River Dam  
10 Authority Act;

11       6. In addition to any other powers conferred, the district  
12 shall have power and authority to participate and enter into  
13 agreements with any public or private corporation duly authorized  
14 and qualified to do business within the State of Oklahoma including,  
15 but not limited to, rural electric cooperatives, the state or the  
16 United States of America or any department, subdivision or agency of  
17 the state or the United States of America, or with any "public  
18 agency" as defined under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, for the  
19 purpose of planning, acquiring, financing, owning, operating and  
20 maintaining an undivided ownership of any steam, oil, gas, coal-  
21 fired, thermal, geothermal, solar, waste or refuse reclamation  
22 powered electric generating plant or plants or any facilities of  
23 every kind necessary, incidental or convenient for the production,  
24 generation and transmission of electric power and energy including,



1 but not limited to, any and all related transmission facilities,  
2 which shall be used as common facilities. The agreements shall  
3 provide that the district and any participants therein shall have  
4 the incidents of tenant in common to any plant or facility. It  
5 shall also be provided in the agreements that the district and any  
6 participant in the project shall own a percentage of any common  
7 facility equal to the percentage of the money furnished or the value  
8 of property supplied by it for the acquisition and construction  
9 thereof and shall own and control a like percentage of the  
10 electrical output thereof.

11 Each participant shall defray its own interest payments and  
12 other payments required to be made or deposited in connection with  
13 any financing undertaken by it to pay its percentage of the money  
14 furnished or value of property supplied by it for the planning,  
15 acquisition and construction of any common facility, or any  
16 additions or betterments thereto. The agreement shall further  
17 provide a uniform method of determining and allocating operation and  
18 maintenance expenses of the common facility.

19 In carrying out the powers granted in this section, the district  
20 and each participant shall be severally liable only for its own acts  
21 and not jointly or severally liable for the acts, omissions or  
22 obligations of others. No money or property supplied by the  
23 district or any participant for the planning, financing, acquiring,  
24 constructing, operating or maintaining of any common plant or

1 facility shall be credited or otherwise applied to the account of  
2 any other participant therein, nor shall the undivided share of the  
3 district or any participant therein be charged, directly or  
4 indirectly, with any debt or obligation of any other participant or  
5 be subject to any lien as a result thereof. No action in connection  
6 with a common facility shall be binding upon the district except as  
7 expressly authorized and provided for in the participation  
8 agreement;

9       7. In addition to the powers conferred in paragraph 6 of this  
10 section, the district shall have power and authority to participate  
11 and enter into agreements with any public or private corporation  
12 duly authorized and qualified to do business within this state  
13 including, but not limited to, rural electric cooperatives, the  
14 State of Oklahoma or the United States of America or any department,  
15 subdivision or agency of the State of Oklahoma or the United States  
16 of America, or with any "public agency" as defined under the  
17 Interlocal Cooperation Act, for the purpose of planning, acquiring,  
18 financing, owning, operating and maintaining undivided ownership  
19 interests in any steam, oil, gas, coal-fired, thermal, geothermal,  
20 solar, waste or refuse reclamation powered electric generating plant  
21 or plants or any other facilities of every kind necessary,  
22 incidental or convenient for the production, generation and  
23 transmission of electric power and energy including, but not limited  
24 to, any and all related transmission or other facilities which are

1 to be used as common facilities and to cooperate with other state  
2 agencies and public trusts to promote economic development in the  
3 state and to assist in attracting industry to the state. Such  
4 undivided ownership interests may be created by an agreement entered  
5 into with respect to property to be acquired by the district. Any  
6 such agreement may be a sale agreement, with the purchase price  
7 payable at one time or in installments at such time and over such  
8 period as shall be agreed to by the parties thereto, a lease  
9 agreement, with a nominal purchase option, or any other type of  
10 agreement. In addition to the purchase price, the district shall be  
11 fully indemnified as to operation, maintenance, administrative and  
12 other expenses incurred with respect to such undivided interest.  
13 Any payment received in respect to any such agreement shall be  
14 deemed revenues of the Authority. The district is hereby authorized  
15 to enter into any such agreement in order to sell, lease or  
16 otherwise convey undivided ownership interests in any such property.  
17 Any such agreement shall specify the undivided interest to be owned  
18 or acquired by each of the participants, provide for a waiver of  
19 partition, prescribe the time of vesting of such interest and the  
20 amount of electrical output to be owned and controlled by any  
21 participant.

22 Each participant shall defray its own interest and other  
23 payments required to be made or deposited in connection with any  
24 financing undertaken by it to pay its percentage of the money

1 furnished or value of property supplied by it for the planning,  
2 acquisition and construction of any common facility, or any  
3 additions or betterments thereto. The agreement shall provide a  
4 uniform method of determining and allocating operation and  
5 maintenance expenses of the common facility.

6 In carrying out the powers granted in this section, the district  
7 and each participant shall be severally liable only for its own acts  
8 and not jointly or severally liable for the acts, omissions or  
9 obligations of others. No money or property supplied by the  
10 district or any participant for the planning, financing, acquiring,  
11 constructing, operating or maintaining of any common plant or  
12 facility shall be credited or otherwise applied to the account of  
13 any other participant therein, nor shall the undivided share of the  
14 district or any participant therein be charged, directly or  
15 indirectly, with any debt or obligation of any other participant or  
16 be subject to any lien as a result thereof. No action in connection  
17 with a common facility shall be binding upon the district except as  
18 expressly authorized and provided for in the participation  
19 agreement;

20 8. To acquire by condemnation any and all property of any kind,  
21 real, personal, or mixed, or any interest therein, within or without  
22 the boundaries of the district, necessary, incidental or convenient  
23 to the exercise of the powers, rights, privileges and functions  
24 conferred upon it by the Grand River Dam Authority Act, in the

1 manner provided by general law with respect to condemnation;  
2 provided that nothing in the Grand River Dam Authority Act shall  
3 ever be construed to authorize the district to acquire by  
4 condemnation any privately, municipally or publicly owned electric  
5 public utility system or any part thereof outside of the high-water  
6 mark of a reservoir area or outside a properly located damsite,  
7 except the districts may require the relocation of transmission  
8 lines and substations so owned where such relocation is necessary  
9 for the construction and maintenance of dams, reservoirs, levees,  
10 spillways and floodways, and in such event just compensation shall  
11 be paid. Provided that the Grand River Dam Authority shall have the  
12 right to cross transmission lines of other electric utility  
13 companies under proper engineering standards of construction as  
14 approved by the Corporation Commission;

15 9. Subject to the provisions of the Grand River Dam Authority  
16 Act, from time to time sell, which shall include, but not be limited  
17 to, an installment sale agreement, lease with nominal purchase  
18 options, or otherwise dispose of any property of any kind, real,  
19 personal or mixed, or any interest therein, which shall not be  
20 necessary to the carrying on of the business of the district;

21 10. To overflow and inundate any public lands and public  
22 property and to require the relocation of roads and highways in the  
23 manner and to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the  
24 Grand River Dam Authority Act; provided, that the district shall be

1 liable in damages to the State of Oklahoma or any subdivision  
2 thereof for any injury occasioned or expense incurred by reason  
3 thereof;

4 11. To construct, extend, improve, maintain and reconstruct, to  
5 cause to be constructed, extended, improved, maintained and  
6 reconstructed, and to use and operate any and all facilities of any  
7 kind necessary, incidental or convenient to the exercise of such  
8 powers, rights, privileges and functions;

9 12. To sue and be sued in its corporate name in contracts,  
10 reverse condemnation, tort, equity, mandamus and similar actions and  
11 in its own name plead and be impleaded, provided, however, that any  
12 and all actions of law or in an equity against the district shall be  
13 brought in the county in which the principal office of the district  
14 shall be located or in the county where the cause of action arose;

15 13. To adopt, use and alter a corporate seal;

16 14. To make bylaws for the management and regulation of its  
17 affairs;

18 15. To appoint officers, agents and employees, to prescribe  
19 their duties and to fix their compensation; and enter into contracts  
20 with labor unions, provided, that contracts with labor unions shall  
21 not abrogate the rights of the district to cooperate and carry out  
22 Veterans on the Job Training;

23 16. To make contracts and to execute instruments necessary,  
24 incidental or convenient to the exercise of the powers, rights,

1 privileges and functions conferred upon it by the Grand River Dam  
2 Authority Act;

3 17. To borrow money for its corporate purposes and, without  
4 limitation of the generality of the foregoing, to borrow money and  
5 accept grants from the United States of America, or from any  
6 corporation or agency created or designated by the United States of  
7 America, and, in connection with any such loan or grant, to enter  
8 into such agreements as the United States of America or such  
9 corporation or agency may require; and to make and issue its  
10 negotiable bonds for money borrowed, in the manner provided in the  
11 Grand River Dam Authority Act. Nothing in the Grand River Dam  
12 Authority Act shall authorize the issuance of any bonds, notes or  
13 other evidences of indebtedness of the district, except as  
14 specifically provided in the Grand River Dam Authority Act;

15 18. To prescribe and enforce rules for the use for recreational  
16 and commercial purposes of the lakes created by the district by  
17 impounding the waters of the lakes, and the shorelands of the  
18 district bordering thereon, including the use of firearms, the  
19 inspection of all boats of every character proposing to operate or  
20 operating on the lakes, the issuance of permits for the operation of  
21 boats, surfboards, aquaplanes, sea-skis or similar devices on the  
22 lakes for hire; the charging and collection of fees for the  
23 inspection or operation of such boats, surfboards, aquaplanes, sea-  
24 skis or other similar devices on the lakes for hire; preventing the

1 launching or operation of any commercial or for-hire boat,  
2 surfboard, aquaplane, sea-ski or similar device for hire, on the  
3 waters of the lakes, without a certificate of inspection and a  
4 permit for such use; prescribing the type, style, location and  
5 equipment of all wharves, docks and anchorages along the shores and  
6 upon the water of the lakes; the issuance of permits for wharfage,  
7 dock or anchorage privileges and charging fees for such commercial  
8 or private permits; and the establishment and maintenance of public  
9 wharves, docks or anchorages and the charging and collection of fees  
10 for the use thereof by the public; to appoint or employ such  
11 persons, including CLEET-certified volunteer reserve officers, as  
12 the district may deem proper and suitable for the purpose of  
13 enforcing such rules and regulations as may be issued hereunder, or  
14 as may be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Boating  
15 Safety Regulation Act, and for the enforcing of the provisions of  
16 the Grand River Dam Authority Act, and all violations of criminal  
17 laws occurring within the boundaries of the counties where real  
18 property owned or leased by the Grand River Dam Authority is  
19 located, which employees shall have the power of peace officers  
20 during the performance of those duties, except in the serving or  
21 execution of civil process.

22 Any municipal, county or state law enforcement officer employed  
23 by the Grand River Dam Authority to serve as a part-time or seasonal  
24 commissioned peace officer shall be exempt from the restrictions on



1 dual office holding as provided for in paragraph 16 of subsection A  
2 of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3 19. To do any and all other acts or things necessary,  
4 incidental or convenient to the exercise of the powers, rights,  
5 privileges or functions conferred upon it by the Grand River Dam  
6 Authority Act or any other act or law. Provided the district shall  
7 be liable for damage caused by the district, its agents, servants  
8 and employees in creating, constructing, maintaining or operating  
9 the district to any corporation, partnership, person or individual  
10 whose property, either real or personal, within or without said  
11 district, has been damaged and the damages may be determined by  
12 appropriate action as provided by law. Nothing in the Grand River  
13 Dam Authority Act shall be construed as rendering the district  
14 liable for damage where it is not liable on general principles of  
15 law or statute or Constitutional provision.

16 Provided, however, that in the course of exercising its powers  
17 as herein enumerated, the district shall at all times consider the  
18 rights and needs of the people living within and upon the land lying  
19 within the watershed of the rivers or streams developed by the  
20 district; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent the  
21 district from selling for irrigation purposes within the boundaries  
22 of the district any water impounded by it under authority of law,  
23 provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize the state to  
24 engage in agriculture except for educational and scientific purposes

1 and for the support of its penal, charitable, and educational  
2 institutions;

3       20. To support and assist the efforts of state, regional and  
4 local development organizations, political subdivisions, industrial  
5 committees, chambers of commerce, tourism organizations,  
6 agricultural organizations, environmental organizations and other  
7 similar public and private agencies to obtain new and foster  
8 expansion of existing service, industrial and manufacturing  
9 facilities, businesses and enterprises to enhance the quality of  
10 life for the citizens of the district and the state. Provided,  
11 support and assistance shall be limited to an amount not to exceed a  
12 total of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year for one  
13 or more projects or efforts that are for the benefit of or impact  
14 the quality of life for each city or community located within the  
15 boundaries of the district; and

16       21. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General  
17 Manager, department heads and other essential employees of the  
18 district, as designated by the General Manager, may be permitted to  
19 use a district owned vehicle to provide transportation between the  
20 employee's residence and the assigned place of employment and  
21 between the residence and any location other than the assigned place  
22 of employment to which the employee travels in the performance of  
23 the employee's official duty.

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1 SECTION 40. REPEALER 82 O.S. 2011, Section 862, as last  
2 amended by Section 1, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 2016 (82 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
3 Section 862), is hereby repealed.

4 SECTION 41. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

8 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2017.

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11 Presiding Officer of the Senate

12 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
13 2017.

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