

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 615

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state employee compensation; creating salary limit for state employees; defining term; providing exemptions for certain employees; providing for submission of certain compensation for legislative approval; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 250.8 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and on and after the effective date of this act, no state employee shall be annually compensated more than the Governor of this state pursuant to the salary established in Section 250.4 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section and for the purposes of this section, "state employee" means and includes

1 each officer or employee elected or employed in the service of this
2 state.

3 C. The following state employees shall be exempt from the
4 requirements in subsection A of this section:

5 1. Officers and members of the Oklahoma State Regents for
6 Higher Education and state employees of institutions under the
7 administrative authority of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
8 Education; and

9 2. Physicians and other licensed health care professionals
10 under the administrative authority of any state department or
11 agency.

12 D. State employee compensation greater than the Governor's may
13 be submitted to the Legislature by the director of the respective
14 state department, agency, or political subdivision. The Legislature
15 may approve such compensation by the proper passage of a joint or
16 concurrent resolution.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

18 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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