

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public finance; enacting the  
8 Government Spending Transparency Act; defining terms;  
9 requiring Internet based portal; prescribing required  
10 content related to expenditures by state government;  
11 imposing duties on governmental entities; authorizing  
12 State Treasurer to include certain information;  
providing for annual agreements; prohibiting release  
of confidential information; requiring standards for  
reporting; providing for administrative rules;  
prescribing requirements for website displays;  
providing for codification; and providing an  
effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8201 of Title 62, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Government  
20 Spending Transparency Act".

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8202 of Title 62, unless there  
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       This act will empower taxpayers with better information about  
2 how their state spends taxpayer funds. The purpose of this act is  
3 to ensure that the public can act on information about where  
4 taxpayer funds are spent in order to ensure that government is as  
5 efficient and effective as possible.

6       SECTION 3.     NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8203 of Title 62, unless there  
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9           As used in this act, "Submitting Party" or "Submitting Parties"  
10 means entities required to submit expenditures to the State  
11 Transparency Database, including all agencies, boards, commissions,  
12 and departments of other entities organized within the executive  
13 department of state government.

14       SECTION 4.     NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8204 of Title 62, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17           No later than the effective date of this act, the State  
18 Treasurer shall establish an Internet-based portal freely available  
19 to the public which details information about expenditures made by  
20 Submitting Parties in each fiscal year that commences after the  
21 effective date of this section. The features of the database shall  
22 include at least:

23           1. A detailed ledger of all expenditures made in a fiscal year  
24 by each Submitting Party, including, for each:

- 1           a. the amount of the expenditure,
- 2           b. the date the expenditure was paid,
- 3           c. the name of the individual or entity to which the
- 4           expenditure was paid,
- 5           d. the name of the Submitting Party which paid for or
- 6           authorized the expenditure, and
- 7           e. if the expenditure is a payment to an employee, the
- 8           employee's job title or other information that
- 9           identifies their role within the organization,
- 10          f. each transaction from a state agency shall be assigned
- 11           an expenditure category defined by the U.S. Census
- 12           Bureau.

13         2. The ability to search or browse all individual expenditures  
14         in each fiscal year;

15         3. The ability to aggregate data and where appropriate, through  
16         interactive software, generate totals, averages, and other summary  
17         statistics broken down by year, Submitting Party, spending  
18         categories described in paragraph 1 of this section and other  
19         criteria that may be useful to the public;

20         4. The ability to easily download all or a subset of  
21         expenditure data in a format that is widely usable and useful to  
22         members of the public; and

23         5. The ability to browse and search anonymized annual salary  
24         and benefit information for all employees of each Submitting Party.

1 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8205 of Title 62, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. Submitting Parties shall assist in the development,  
5 establishment, operation, storage, hosting, and support of the  
6 database. Submitting Parties shall submit data to the State  
7 Treasurer in a manner and on a schedule prescribed by the State  
8 Treasurer.

9       B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the  
10 State Treasurer from including any information in the database that  
11 is not required to be included under this section and that is  
12 available to the public.

13       C. The State Treasurer shall enter into an annual agreement  
14 with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and other  
15 appropriate agencies to define data storage, privacy and security,  
16 data handling, user interface requirements, and other provisions  
17 considered necessary to ensure the proper maintenance and operation  
18 of the database.

19       D. The State Treasurer shall ensure that the database does not  
20 include any confidential information, information that is not  
21 eligible for release under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, or the  
22 names, Social Security numbers, or any other personally identifiable  
23 information about employees of Submitting Parties or other  
24 individuals.

1       E. The State Treasurer shall, on an ongoing basis, develop  
2 standardized reporting procedures and methodologies and may develop  
3 secure application programming interfaces so that data can be  
4 reported with minimal administrative burden on the State Treasurer,  
5 Submitting Parties, and others.

6           SECTION 6.     NEW LAW     A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8206 of Title 62, unless there  
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9           The State Treasurer shall promulgate all necessary rules for the  
10 administration of this act within the time prescribed for permanent  
11 rule adoption as provided by law.

12          SECTION 7.     NEW LAW     A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8207 of Title 62, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15           The database shall be hosted and featured prominently on the  
16 State Treasurer's website. Each Submitting Party shall display on  
17 its website a prominent Internet link to a page within the database  
18 that displays a summary of the expenditures from the Submitting  
19 Party in the most recent fiscal year.

20           SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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