

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 455.2 of Title 74, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. There is hereby created within the Legislative Service
5 Bureau the Office of Accountability.

6 B. The purpose of the Office of Accountability shall be to
7 assist the Legislature in performing its constitutional and
8 statutory function of ensuring government funds are expended in a
9 fiscally responsible manner.

10 C. The Office of Accountability shall consist of fifteen (15)
11 persons each of whom shall be employed pursuant to the mutual
12 agreement of the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
13 and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate. The
14 positions for the Office of Accountability shall be initially filled
15 not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this
16 act.

17 D. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
18 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate shall select one
19 of the persons described by subsection C of this section to serve as
20 the Director of the Office of Accountability.

21 E. The Office of Accountability shall:

22 1. Gather information regarding the proposed budgets of
23 executive branch agencies each fiscal year;

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- 1 2. Analyze the information and evaluate the extent to which the
2 agency budget does or does not fulfill the agency's primary duties
3 and responsibilities under applicable provisions of federal, state
4 or other law;
- 5 3. Analyze and forecast all revenues available to the agency
6 from appropriations, fees, dedicated revenue or any other source;
- 7 4. Compare the agency budget information to the comparable
8 information contained in that agency's budget requests from prior
9 fiscal years;
- 10 5. Conduct such investigations regarding the operations of the
11 agency as required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the
12 Office of Accountability by law;
- 13 6. Make such reports to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
14 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
15 Senate, the chairs of the standing committees of both chambers to
16 which appropriation measures are ordinarily assigned or to the
17 chairs of any joint committee on appropriations and budget
18 established pursuant to joint rules adopted by both chambers as may
19 be required;
- 20 7. Perform such other duties related to the evaluation of the
21 annual budget process and the adherence of executive branch agencies
22 to the requirements imposed by the Oklahoma Constitution, Oklahoma
23 Statutes and applicable provisions of legislative measures enacted
24 as part of the annual budget writing process; and

1 8. Perform such other duties as may be mutually assigned by
2 agreement of both the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
3 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
4 Senate.

5 F. Compensation for all persons selected to serve within the
6 Office of Accountability shall be determined pursuant to joint
7 agreement by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
8 and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

9 G. The persons selected to serve within the Office of
10 Accountability shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the
11 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of
12 the Oklahoma State Senate and may be dismissed pursuant to mutual
13 action by both such legislative officers.

14 H. Agencies, boards and commissions shall comply with all
15 requests from the Office of Accountability.

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

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/08/2018 - DO PASS,
22 As Coauthored.

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