

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 28, 2024

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 3802

By: Burns of the House

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6 Hall of the Senate

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9 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.  
10 2021, Section 156, as amended by Section 1, Chapter  
11 272, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 156),  
12 which relates to automobiles owned by the state;  
13 modifying list of entities authorized to purchase  
14 certain vehicles; authorizing the purchase of certain  
15 trucks; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 156, as  
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
19 Section 156), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 156. A. Unless otherwise provided for by law, no state  
21 board, commission, department, institution, official, or employee,  
22 except the following, shall purchase any passenger automobile or bus  
23 with public funds:

- 24 1. The Department of Public Safety;
2. The Department of Human Services;

- 1 3. The State Department of Rehabilitation Services;
- 2 4. The Department of Wildlife Conservation;
- 3 5. The Department of Corrections;
- 4 6. The State Department of Education;
- 5 7. The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics;
- 6 8. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
- 7 Control;
- 8 9. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;
- 9 10. The Transportation Commission;
- 10 11. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;
- 11 12. The State Department of Health;
- 12 13. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- 13 Services;
- 14 14. The J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental
- 15 Disabilities;
- 16 15. The Military Department of the State of Oklahoma;
- 17 16. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department;
- 18 17. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission;
- 19 18. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board;
- 20 19. The Department of Mines;
- 21 20. The Office of Juvenile Affairs;
- 22 21. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;
- 23 22. The Oklahoma Supreme Court;
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1        23. The District Attorneys Council and Oklahoma district  
2 attorneys, provided adequate funding exists;

3        24. The Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization;

4        25. The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission; ~~and~~

5        26. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training; and

6        27. The Oklahoma Historical Society.

7        B. 1. The Oklahoma School for the Deaf at Sulphur, the  
8 Oklahoma School for the Blind at Muskogee, and any state institution  
9 of higher education may purchase, own, or keep if now owned, or  
10 acquire by lease or gift, and use and maintain such station wagons,  
11 automobiles, trucks, or buses as are reasonably necessary for the  
12 implementation of the educational programs of said institutions.

13        2. No bus operated, owned, or used by such educational  
14 institutions shall be permitted to carry any person other than  
15 students, faculty members, employees, or volunteers of such  
16 institutions. The provisions of this section shall not be construed  
17 to prohibit:

18            a. the operation of intracampus buses or buses routed  
19                directly between portions of the campus of any  
20                institution not adjacent to each other, nor to  
21                prohibit the collection of fares from such students,  
22                faculty members, or employees of such institutions,  
23                sufficient in amount to cover the reasonable cost of  
24                such transportation, or

1           b.    the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma  
2                    School for the Deaf from entering into agreements with  
3                    local public school districts pursuant to the  
4                    Interlocal Cooperation Act for the mutual use of the  
5                    schools' and the districts' vehicles.  Such use may  
6                    include, but is not limited to, the transportation of  
7                    students from local school districts with students  
8                    from the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma  
9                    School for the Deaf in vehicles owned by the Oklahoma  
10                   School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the  
11                   Deaf when traveling to school-related activities.

12           C.    The J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental  
13                   Disabilities, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the Oklahoma  
14                   Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Oklahoma Veterans Centers  
15                   may own and maintain such passenger vehicles as those institutions  
16                   have acquired prior to May 1, 1981.

17           D.    The Oklahoma Historical Society may purchase light-duty  
18                   trucks weighing eight thousand five hundred (8,500) pounds or less  
19                   to use at state facilities in order to equip vehicles as necessary  
20                   to maintain historic properties and sites.  Such use may include,  
21                   but is not limited to, the transportation of livestock and hauling  
22                   of heavy equipment.

23           E.    The use of station wagons, automobiles, and buses, other  
24                   than as provided for in this section, shall be permitted only upon

1 written request for such use by heads of departments of the  
2 institution, approved in writing by the president of said  
3 institution or by some administrative official of said institution  
4 authorized by the president to grant said approval. Such use shall  
5 be permitted only for official institutional business or activities  
6 connected therewith. Such use shall be subject to the provisions of  
7 Section 156.1 of this title forbidding personal use of such  
8 vehicles, and to the penalties therein declared.

9 ~~E.~~ F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
10 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by  
11 fine or imprisonment, or both, as provided for in Section 156.1 of  
12 this title.

13 ~~F.~~ G. For the purpose of this section and Section 156.3 of this  
14 title, a station wagon is classified as a passenger automobile and  
15 may not be purchased solely for the use of transporting property.  
16 Such vehicles shall include, but not be limited to, all vehicles  
17 which have no separate luggage compartment or trunk but which do not  
18 have open beds, whether the same are called station wagons, vans,  
19 suburbans, town and country, blazers, or any other names. All state  
20 boards, commissions, departments, and institutions may own and  
21 maintain station wagons purchased solely for the purpose of  
22 transporting property if acquired prior to July 1, 1985.

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1        ~~G.~~ H. The provisions of this section and Section 156.1 of this  
2 title shall not apply to public officials who are statewide elected  
3 commissioners.

4            SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
6 March 28, 2024 - DO PASS  
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