

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1368

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state motor vehicle purchasing; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 156, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 156), which relates to the purchasing of automobiles or buses with public funds; adding to certain exempted entities; allowing certain truck purchasing for certain maintenance; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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