

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2017

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 260

6 By: Schulz

7 An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries;  
8 amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 661, which relates to  
9 apportionment of funds and Section 665, which relates  
10 to review of contracts; modifying certain limitation  
11 on use of funds; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 661, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 661. A. When a county receives monies pursuant to the  
16 County Bridge and Road Improvement Act, a county shall give priority  
17 to reconstructing, replacing, or closing those bridges in the county  
18 that are rated less than three (3) tons or fifteen (15) tons or less  
19 for those bridges on school bus routes. Bridge and road replacement  
20 or reconstruction projects shall be selected by the individual  
21 boards of county commissioners and shall be based on a countywide  
22 assessment of bridge and road reconstruction and replacement needs.  
23 A county may also use such monies for general administrative  
24 expenses of county government.

1 B. Funds accruing to the County Bridge and Road Improvement  
2 Revolving Fund shall be apportioned on the basis of a formula  
3 developed by the Department of Transportation and approved by the  
4 Department of Transportation County Advisory Board created pursuant  
5 to Section 302.1 of this title. The formula shall be similar to  
6 that previously used for the distribution of County Bridge  
7 Improvement Program funds, but shall also take into consideration  
8 the effects of terrain and traffic volume as related to county road  
9 improvement and maintenance costs.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 665, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 665. A. All consulting engineering contracts for  
13 services referred to in this act may be reviewed by the Department  
14 of Transportation except those contracts entered into pursuant to  
15 the provisions of Section 687.1 of this title or by the county or  
16 circuit engineer. The Department, county or circuit engineer shall  
17 make findings on all contracts reviewed that the cost is reasonable  
18 and the firm involved is capable of performing the service within a  
19 reasonable period of time.

20 B. Expenditures which may be allowed pursuant to the provisions  
21 of this act shall include the following:

22 1. The cost of county bridge inspections, classifications, and  
23 evaluations, and county road inspections, classifications and  
24 evaluations for federal and state purposes and to match federal or

1 state funds, provided the applicable federal or state funds are  
2 available;

3 2. Project engineering costs;

4 3. The cost of rights-of-way acquired for projects pursuant to  
5 the provisions of this act and the cost of the relocation of  
6 utilities from the rights-of-way so acquired;

7 4. The cost of reconstruction or replacement of roadway  
8 structures which may be less than twenty (20) feet in length;

9 5. Any cost or expense for administration, program management,  
10 engineering, including the development of appropriate local road  
11 standards which shall apply only to those roads reconstructed,  
12 maintained, or otherwise constructed pursuant to this act, or  
13 construction supervision necessarily incurred by the Department of  
14 Transportation or Circuit Engineering Districts in fulfilling its  
15 duties and responsibilities pursuant to this act;

16 6. Any cost or expense related to a comprehensive plan for  
17 signing or inventory of signs on the county road system;

18 7. The expense and related costs of employing an engineer to  
19 assist a county or counties in carrying out the daily operations of  
20 road and bridge maintenance and construction, including the  
21 employment of a circuit engineer; ~~and~~

22 8. All costs associated with constructing a bituminous surface  
23 treatment or gravel roadway; and

24 9. Any general administrative expenses of county government.

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

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
6 February 20, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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