

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 936

By: Thompson of the Senate

3 and

4 Osborn of the House

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6 [Oklahoma Department of Transportation - classified
7 service - exceptions - ~~effective date~~ -
8 emergency]

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 394, O.S.L.
12 2015 (74 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 840-5.25), is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 Section 840-5.25. A. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation
15 shall be under the Merit System. Except as otherwise provided in
16 ~~subsection~~ subsections B through E of this section, all offices,
17 positions, and personnel shall be classified and subject to the
18 provisions of the Merit System of Personnel Administration and rules
19 promulgated pursuant thereto. This section shall supersede and
20 repeal any and all executive orders issued pursuant to the Oklahoma
21 Personnel Act to place the agency or its predecessors under the
22 Merit System.

23 B. In addition to offices, positions, and personnel that are
24 unclassified as specifically provided by law, the Oklahoma

1 Department of Transportation may place any employee initially
2 employed in the following positions on or after July 1, 2015, in the
3 unclassified service:

4 1. Five (5) executive assistant positions, assigned to an
5 assistant director;

6 2. Five (5) project manager positions;

7 3. Five (5) transportation coordinator positions; and

8 4. Five (5) administration coordinator positions.

9 5. Seasonal employees who work less than one thousand six
10 hundred (1,600) hours in any twelve-month period.

11 C. The Department may employ seasonal employees throughout the
12 calendar year. Such labor employed by the Department for a period
13 of time necessary to address a seasonal need shall be in the
14 unclassified service of the state as provided by the Oklahoma
15 Personnel Act of the Oklahoma Statutes. Such employees shall not be
16 entitled to paid leave, paid holidays, retirement, health, dental or
17 life insurance, and shall be exempt from any laws, rules or
18 practices providing for such benefits.

19 D. The Department, in its annual budget request, shall include
20 a summary of the use of seasonal employees, which shall include the
21 number of workers employed under the provisions of this section and
22 the total wages paid to these employees.

23 ~~SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.~~

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