

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB1543</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No impact, see below</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 1543 separates the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) from the State Department of Health (OSDH), making it a separate and distinct agency, and directs the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to coordinate the transfer of records, property, funds, and other assets. OSDH and OMMA may enter into an agreement for the transfer of personnel. No employee may be transferred without written consent of the employee, and all employees who are transferred will not be required to accept a lesser grade or salary and will retain leave, sick, and annual time and retirement and longevity benefits. The Executive Director of OMMA is to be appointed by the Governor with advice and consent from the Senate.

The measure also strikes language regarding the Medical Marijuana Advisory Council and gives OMMA the authority to investigate violations of criminal laws regarding medical marijuana, seize illegal held product, refer evidence, reports, or charges to appropriate law enforcement authorities, and aid enforcement authorities in prosecutions of violations of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

After review, SB1543 has no fiscal or revenue considerations to the state. All costs, if any, will be incurred by OMMA.

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**Other Considerations**

None.