

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1621

By: Hall and Tedford of the  
House

and

**Reinhardt** of the Senate

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11                   An Act relating to public finance; enacting the State  
12                   Department of Education Spending Transparency Act;  
13                   defining terms; requiring Internet-based portal;  
14                   prescribing required content related to expenditures  
15                   by state government; imposing duties on governmental  
16                   entities; authorizing the Office of Management and  
17                   Enterprise Services to include certain information;  
18                   providing for annual agreements; prohibiting release  
19                   of confidential information; requiring standards for  
20                   reporting; providing for administrative rules;  
21                   prescribing requirements for website displays;  
22                   providing for codification; and providing an  
23                   effective date.

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

SECTION 1.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8201 of Title 62, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "State  
2 Department of Education Spending Transparency Act".

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8202 of Title 62, unless there  
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 This act will empower taxpayers with better information about  
7 how their state spends taxpayer funds. The purpose of this act is  
8 to ensure that the public can act on information about where  
9 education taxpayer funds are spent in order to ensure that  
10 government is as efficient and effective as possible.

11 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8203 of Title 62, unless there  
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 As used in this act, "Submitting Party" means the State  
15 Department of Education.

16 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8204 of Title 62, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 No later than the effective date of this act, the Office of  
20 Management and Enterprise Services shall utilize an existing  
21 Internet-based portal freely available to the public which details  
22 information about expenditures made by the Submitting Party in each  
23 fiscal year that commences after the effective date of this section.  
24 The features of the database shall include at least:

1 1. A detailed ledger of all expenditures made in a fiscal year  
2 by the Submitting Party, including, for each:

- 3 a. the amount of the expenditure,
- 4 b. the date the expenditure was paid,
- 5 c. the name of the individual or entity to which the  
6 expenditure was paid, and
- 7 d. if the expenditure is a payment to an employee, the  
8 employee's job title or other information that  
9 identifies their role within the organization.

10 2. The ability to search or browse all individual expenditures  
11 in each fiscal year;

12 3. The ability to aggregate data and where appropriate, through  
13 interactive software, generate totals, averages, and other summary  
14 statistics broken down by year, Submitting Party, spending  
15 categories described in paragraph 1 of this section and other  
16 criteria that may be useful to the public;

17 4. The ability to easily download all or a subset of  
18 expenditure data in a format that is widely usable and useful to  
19 members of the public; and

20 5. The ability to browse and search anonymized annual salary  
21 and benefit information for all employees of the Submitting Party.

22 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8205 of Title 62, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. The Submitting Party shall assist in the development,  
2 establishment, operation, storage, hosting, and support of the  
3 database. The Submitting Party shall submit data to the Office of  
4 Management and Enterprise Services in a manner and on a schedule  
5 prescribed by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

6       B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the  
7 Office of Management and Enterprise Services from including any  
8 information in the database that is not required to be included  
9 under this section and that is available to the public.

10       C. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall enter  
11 into an annual agreement with other appropriate agencies to define  
12 data storage, privacy and security, data handling, user interface  
13 requirements, and other provisions considered necessary to ensure  
14 the proper maintenance and operation of the database.

15       D. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall  
16 ensure that the database does not include any confidential  
17 information, information that is not eligible for release under the  
18 Oklahoma Open Records Act, or the names, Social Security numbers, or  
19 any other personally identifiable information about employees of  
20 Submitting Parties or other individuals.

21       E. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall, on  
22 an ongoing basis, develop standardized reporting procedures and  
23 methodologies and may develop secure application programming  
24 interfaces so that data can be reported with minimal administrative

1 | burden on the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the  
2 | Submitting Party, and others.

3 |       SECTION 6.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
4 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8206 of Title 62, unless there  
5 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 |       The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall  
7 | promulgate all necessary rules for the administration of this act  
8 | within the time prescribed for permanent rule adoption as provided  
9 | by law.

10 |       SECTION 7.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
11 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8207 of Title 62, unless there  
12 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 |       The database shall be hosted and featured prominently on a  
14 | website owned or controlled by the Office of Management and  
15 | Enterprise Services for purposes of allowing the display of  
16 | information required by this act. The Submitting Party shall  
17 | display on its website a prominent Internet link to a page within  
18 | the database that displays a summary of the expenditures from the  
19 | Submitting Party in the most recent fiscal year.

20 |       SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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22 | COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, dated  
23 | 03/10/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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