

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

HB 1943 as introduced, requires state governmental agencies to use plain writing in all covered documents produced by the agency by November 1, 2026.

A *covered document* is defined in the measure as any:

- Letter, publication, form, notice, or instruction;
- Document necessary for obtaining any state government benefit or service or filing taxes;
- Document that provides information about any state government benefit or service; and
- Document that explains to the public how to comply with a requirement that the State of Oklahoma administers or enforces.

The measure requires the Director of OMES to develop and issue guidance on implementing the requirements of the measure by May 1, 2026. By August 1, 2026 state agency directors must comply with certain requirements including, designating a senior employee to oversee the implementation of this measure, training employees in plain writing, and creating and maintaining a plain writing section on the agency's website to inform the public of the agency's compliance with the requirements of this measure and to receive public input. State agency directors are required to publish a compliance report on the plain writing section of their website by May 1, 2027 and each year after.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1943 creates the Oklahoma Plain Writing Act of 2025. The measure requires state agencies to follow certain guidelines in the development and implementation of plain writing websites, public input mechanisms, and documents. After communication with the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), implementation of the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

