

BILL SUMMARY
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| Bill No.: | HB 1943 |
| Version: | Introduced |
| Request Number: | 12803 |
| Author: | Rep. McCane |
| Date: | 2/21/2025 |
| Impact: | \$0 |

Research Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute to HB 1943 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 an 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. Entities found in violation of this measure are subject to a \$500 fine for a first violation and a \$1,000 fine for subsequent violations.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute to HB 1943 does not materially alter the fiscal impact statement for the original measure. Therefore, the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

