

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 11, 2018

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
5 BILL NO. 3092

6 By: Cockroft of the House

7 and

8 Rader of the Senate

9 [ state government - enacting the Office of  
10 Accountability Act of 2018 -

11 emergency ]

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 455.1 of Title 74, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Office of  
18 Accountability Act of 2018".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 455.2 of Title 74, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created within the Legislative Service  
23 Bureau the Office of Accountability.

1 B. The purpose of the Office of Accountability shall be to  
2 assist the Legislature in performing its constitutional and  
3 statutory function of ensuring government funds are expended in a  
4 fiscally responsible manner.

5 C. The Office of Accountability shall consist of fifteen (15)  
6 persons each of whom shall be employed pursuant to the mutual  
7 agreement of the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
8 and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate. The  
9 positions for the Office of Accountability shall be initially filled  
10 not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this  
11 act.

12 D. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the  
13 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate shall select one  
14 of the persons described by subsection C of this section to serve as  
15 the Director of the Office of Accountability.

16 E. The Office of Accountability shall:

17 1. Gather information regarding the proposed budgets of  
18 executive branch agencies each fiscal year;

19 2. Analyze the information and evaluate the extent to which the  
20 agency budget does or does not fulfill the agency's primary duties  
21 and responsibilities under applicable provisions of federal, state  
22 or other law;

23 3. Analyze and forecast all revenues available to the agency  
24 from appropriations, fees, dedicated revenue or any other source;

1           4. Compare the agency budget information to the comparable  
2 information contained in that agency's budget requests from prior  
3 fiscal years;

4           5. Conduct such investigations regarding the operations of the  
5 agency as required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the  
6 Office of Accountability by law;

7           6. Make such reports to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
8 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State  
9 Senate, the chairs of the standing committees of both chambers to  
10 which appropriation measures are ordinarily assigned or to the  
11 chairs of any joint committee on appropriations and budget  
12 established pursuant to joint rules adopted by both chambers as may  
13 be required;

14           7. Perform such other duties related to the evaluation of the  
15 annual budget process and the adherence of executive branch agencies  
16 to the requirements imposed by the Oklahoma Constitution, Oklahoma  
17 Statutes and applicable provisions of legislative measures enacted  
18 as part of the annual budget-writing process;

19           8. Create and maintain a website to provide public access to  
20 the financial information and other documentation gathered by the  
21 Office of Accountability; and

22           9. Perform such other duties as may be mutually assigned by  
23 agreement of both the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
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1 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State  
2 Senate.

3 F. Compensation for all persons selected to serve within the  
4 Office of Accountability shall be determined pursuant to joint  
5 agreement by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
6 and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

7 G. The persons selected to serve within the Office of  
8 Accountability shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the  
9 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of  
10 the Oklahoma State Senate and may be dismissed pursuant to mutual  
11 action by both such legislative officers.

12 H. Agencies, boards and commissions shall comply with all  
13 requests from the Office of Accountability.

14 ~~SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~  
15 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~  
16 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~  
17 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES  
19 April 11, 2018 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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