An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2197

By: Murphey of the House

and

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An Act relating to state government; creating the Cost Reduction and Saving Act; amending 62 O.S. 2011, Section 34.11.1, which relates to the Chief Information Officer; modifying duties; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Sections 85.3A and 85.45k, which relate to the Department of Central Services; authorizing certain advisory committee; authorizing invitation to certain entities; modifying duties of State Travel Office; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 500.2, which relates to the State Travel Reimbursement Act; modifying use of purchase card; defining terms; requiring certain consideration prior to expenditure; prohibiting acquisition of certain products; authorizing agency to consider certain contracts; defining term; providing for codification; and providing for noncodification.

SUBJECT: Cost Reduction and Saving Act

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Cost Reduction and Saving Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 34.11.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 34.11.1 A. There is hereby created the position of Chief Information Officer who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Chief Information Officer, in addition to having authority over the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance, shall also serve as Secretary of Information Technology and Telecommunications or successor cabinet position and shall have jurisdictional areas of responsibility related to information technology and telecommunications systems of all state agencies as provided for in the Oklahoma Information Services Act. The salary of the Chief Information Officer shall not be less than One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars ($130,000.00) or more than One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($160,000.00). The first Chief Information Officer shall be appointed no later than January 1, 2010.

B. Any person appointed to the position of Chief Information Officer shall meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. A baccalaureate degree in Computer Information Systems, Information Systems or Technology Management, Business Administration, Finance, or other similar degree;

2. A minimum of ten (10) years of professional experience with responsibilities for management and support of information systems and information technology, including seven (7) years of direct management of a major information technology operation;

3. Familiarity with local and wide-area network design, implementation, and operation;

4. Experience with data and voice convergence service offerings;

5. Experience in developing technology budgets;

6. Experience in developing requests for proposal and administering the bid process;

7. Experience managing professional staff, teams, and consultants;

8. Knowledge of telecommunications operations;

9. Ability to develop and set strategic direction for information technology and telecommunications and to manage daily development and operations functions;

10. An effective communicator who is able to build consensus;

11. Ability to analyze and resolve complex issues, both logical and interpersonal;

12. Effective verbal and written communications skills and effective presentation skills, geared toward coordination and education;

13. Ability to negotiate and defuse conflict; and

14. A self-motivator, independent, cooperative, flexible and creative.

C. The salary and any other expenses for the Chief Information Officer shall be budgeted as a separate line item through the Office of State Finance. The operating expenses of the Information Services Division shall be set by the Chief Information Officer and shall be budgeted as a separate line item through the Office of State Finance. The Office of State Finance shall provide adequate office space, equipment and support necessary to enable the Chief Information Officer to carry out the information technology and telecommunications duties and responsibilities of the Officer and the Information Services Division.

D. 1. Within twelve (12) months of appointment, the first Chief Information Officer shall complete an assessment of the implementation of the transfer, coordination, and modernization of all information technology and telecommunication systems of all state agencies in the state as provided for in the Oklahoma Information Services Act. The assessment shall include the information technology and telecommunications systems of all institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the telecommunications network known as OneNet.

2. Within twelve (12) months of appointment, the first Chief Information Officer shall issue a report setting out a plan of action which will include the following:

a. define the shared service model organization structure and the reporting relationship of the recommended organization,

b. the implementation of an information technology and telecommunications shared services model that defines the statewide infrastructure environment needed by most state agencies that is not specific to individual agencies and the shared applications that are utilized across multiple agencies,

c. define the services that shall be in the shared services model under the control of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance,

d. define the roadmap to implement the proposed shared services model. The roadmap shall include recommendations on the transfer, coordination, and modernization of all information technology and telecommunication systems of all the state agencies in the state,

e. recommendations on the reallocation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel,

f. recommendations on maximizing the benefits to the state by the alignment and operation of the communications and data transfer network assets known as OneNet,

g. a cost benefit analysis to support the recommendations on the reallocation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel,

h. a calculation of the net savings realized through the reallocation and consolidation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel after compensating for the cost of contracting with a private consultant as authorized in paragraph 4 of this subsection, implementing the plan of action, and ongoing costs of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance, and

i. the information required in subsection B of Section ~~5~~ 35.5 of this ~~act~~ title.

3. The plan of action report shall be presented to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.

4. The Chief Information Officer may contract with a private consultant or consultants to assist in the assessment and development of the plan of action report as required in this subsection.

E. Beginning on the effective date of appointment, the Chief Information Officer shall be authorized to employ personnel, fix the duties and compensation of the personnel, not otherwise prescribed by law, and otherwise direct the work of the personnel in performing the function and accomplishing the purposes of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance.

F. Beginning on the effective date of the appointment of the first Chief Information Officer, the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance shall be responsible for the following duties:

1. Formulate and implement the information technology strategy for all state agencies;

2. Define, design, and implement a shared services statewide infrastructure and application environment for information technology and telecommunications for all state agencies;

3. Direct the development and operation of a scalable telecommunications infrastructure that supports data and voice communications reliability, integrity, and security;

4. Supervise the applications development process for those applications that are utilized across multiple agencies;

5. Provide direction for the professional development of information technology staff of state agencies and oversee the professional development of the staff of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance;

6. Evaluate all technology and telecommunication investment choices for all state agencies;

7. Create a plan to ensure alignment of current systems, tools, and processes with the strategic information technology plan for all state agencies;

8. Set direction and provide oversight for the support and continuous upgrading of the current information technology and telecommunication infrastructure in the state in support of enhanced reliability, user service levels, and security;

9. Direct the development, implementation, and management of appropriate standards, policies and procedures to ensure the success of state information technology and telecommunication initiatives;

10. Recruit, hire and transfer the required technical staff in the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance to support the services provided by the Division and the execution of the strategic information technology plan;

11. Establish, maintain, and enforce information technology and telecommunication standards;

12. Delegate, coordinate, and review all work to ensure quality and efficient operation of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance;

13. Create and implement a communication plan that disseminates pertinent information to state agencies on standards, policies, procedures, service levels, project status, and other important information to customers of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance and provide for agency feedback and performance evaluation by customers of the Division;

14. Develop and implement training programs for state agencies using the shared services of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance and recommend training programs to state agencies on information technology and telecommunication systems, products and procedures;

15. Provide counseling, performance evaluation, training, motivation, discipline, and assign duties for employees of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance;

16. Approve the purchasing of all information technology and telecommunication products and services for all state agencies;

17. Develop and enforce an overall infrastructure architecture strategy and associated roadmaps for desktop, network, server, storage, and statewide management systems for state agencies;

18. Effectively manage the design, implementation and support of complex, highly available infrastructure to ensure optimal performance, on-time delivery of features, and new products, and scalable growth;

19. Define and implement a governance model for requesting services and monitoring service level metrics for all shared services; and

20. Create the budget for the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance to be submitted to the Legislature each year.

G. Upon receiving approval of the State Governmental Technology Applications Review Board, the Chief Information Officer shall implement the plan of action as set forth in subsection D of this section; provided, the plan of action for the Department of Human Services shall not be implemented until July 1, 2011. The State Governmental Technology Applications Review Board shall provide ongoing oversight of the implementation of the plan of action. Any proposed amendments to the plan of action shall be approved by the Board prior to adoption. The net savings realized through the reallocation and consolidation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel after compensating for the up-front costs and ongoing costs of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance which are identified and reported in the plan of action shall be realized no later than July 1, 2012, and shall at a minimum be not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the overall statewide information technology and telecommunications expenditures made by all state agencies during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

H. Beginning on the effective date of appointment, the Chief Information Officer shall act as the Information Technology and Telecommunications Purchasing Director for all state agencies and shall be responsible for the procurement of all information technology and telecommunication software, hardware, equipment, peripheral devices, maintenance, consulting services, high technology systems, and other related information technology, data processing, telecommunication and related peripherals and services for all state agencies. The Chief Information Officer shall

establish, implement, and enforce policies and procedures for the procurement of information technology and telecommunication software, hardware, equipment, peripheral devices, maintenance, consulting services, high technology systems, and other related information technology, data processing, telecommunication and related peripherals and services by purchase, lease-purchase, lease with option to purchase, lease and rental for all state agencies. The procurement policies and procedures established by the Chief Information Officer shall be consistent with The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act and Section 6 of this act.

I. The Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance and the Chief Information Officer shall be subject to The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act for the approval and purchase of equipment and products not related to information and telecommunications technology, equipment, software, products and related peripherals and services and shall also be subject to the requirements of the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974, the Oklahoma Lighting Energy Conservation Act and the Public Building Construction and Planning Act when procuring data processing, information technology, telecommunication, and related peripherals and services and when constructing information technology and telecommunication facilities, telecommunication networks and supporting infrastructure. The Chief Information Officer shall be authorized to delegate all or some of the procurement of information technology and telecommunication products and services and construction of facilities and telecommunication networks to another state entity if the Chief Information Officer determines it to be cost-effective and in the best interest of the state. The Chief Information Officer shall have authority to designate information technology and telecommunication contracts as statewide contracts and mandatory statewide contracts pursuant to Section 85.5 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Any contract entered into by a state agency for which the Chief Information Officer has not acted as the Information Technology and Telecommunications Purchasing Director as required in this subsection or subsection H of this section, shall be deemed to be unenforceable and the Office of State Finance shall not process any claim associated with the provisions thereof.

J. The Chief Information Officer shall establish and implement charges and a system to assess the charges to state agencies for their use of shared information technology and telecommunication services subject to the approval of the State Governmental Technology Applications Review Board.

K. The Chief Information Officer shall establish, implement, and enforce policies and procedure for the development and procurement of an interoperable radio communications system for state agencies. The Chief Information Officer shall work with local governmental entities in developing the interoperable radio communications system.

L. The Chief Information Officer shall develop and implement a plan to utilize open source technology and products for the information technology and telecommunication systems of all state agencies.

M. All state agencies and authorities of this state and all officers and employees of those entities shall work and cooperate with and lend assistance to the Chief Information Officer and the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance and provide any and all information requested by the Chief Information Officer.

N. The Chief Information Officer shall prepare an annual report detailing the ongoing net saving attributable to the reallocation and consolidation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel and shall submit the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

O. For purposes of the Oklahoma Information Services Act, unless otherwise provided for, "state agencies" shall include any office, officer, bureau, board, commission, counsel, unit, division, body, authority or institution of the executive branch of state government, whether elected or appointed; provided, except with respect to the provisions of subsection D of this section, the term "state agencies" shall not include institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the telecommunications network known as OneNet.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 85.3A, is amended to read as follows:

Section 85.3A A. Compliance with the provisions of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act shall not be required of:

1. County government;

2. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the institutions, centers, or other constituent agencies of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education;

3. The telecommunications network known as OneNet;

4. The Department of Public Safety gun range;

5. The State Treasurer for the following purchases:

a. services, including, but not limited to, legal services to assist in the administration of the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, as provided in Section 668 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and

b. software, hardware and associated services to assist in the administration of funds and securities held by the state, as provided in Section 71.2 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

6. CompSource Oklahoma if CompSource Oklahoma is operating pursuant to a pilot program authorized by Sections 3316 and 3317 of this title; or

7. The Oklahoma Wheat Utilization, Reasearch and Market Development Commission.

B. The State Purchasing Director may form an advisory committee consisting of representatives from entities exempted from the provisions of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act. The purpose of the committee shall be to allow committee members to provide input into the development of shared state purchasing contracts, collaboratively participate in the integration of their purchasing platforms or electronic purchasing catalogs, analyze solutions that may be used by state government to meet the purchasing needs of the entities, explore joint purchases of general use items that result in mutual procurement of quality goods and services at the lowest reasonable cost and explore flexibility, administrative relief, and transformation changes through utilization of procurement technology.

C. At the invitation of the State Purchasing Director entities exempted from the provisions of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act shall participate in the advisory committee referenced in subsection B of this section.

D. The State Purchasing Director may invite representatives of local government and local common education entities to participate as members of the advisory committee.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 85.45k, is amended to read as follows:

Section 85.45k A. There is hereby created the State Travel Office within the Purchasing Division of the Department of Central Services.

B. All state agencies and departments of this state shall make arrangements for all air travel on scheduled commercial airlines for state employees required to travel in the course of their official duties and for all other persons traveling at state expense through the State Travel Office, except when the state agency determines that:

1. The air travel services can be secured at a cost less than that which can be secured by the State Travel Office; or

2. The air travel originates from a location outside the state and it would be impractical to arrange for the air travel through the State Travel Office; or

3. The air travel is necessitated by an emergency and time does not permit utilization of the State Travel Office's services; or

4. The air travel is part of a package arrangement made by the organization scheduling the meeting or conference.

C. All claims made for reimbursement shall contain a statement showing the reason for the exemption.

~~D. The State Travel Office shall divide the state into high travel areas and low travel areas. A high travel area shall consist of no more than one county. Oklahoma, Tulsa, Payne and Cleveland Counties and any other county that accounts for a substantial portion of air travel at state expense shall be designated as high travel areas. The remaining counties of the state shall be designated as low travel areas. Low travel areas may consist of more than one county, as determined by the State Travel Office. The State Travel Office shall contract with no less than six private travel agencies in a high travel area and one or more private travel~~

~~agencies in a low travel area to provide the scheduling and related travel services required to comply with this section. In order to take advantage of local competitive situations, institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education in high travel areas are authorized to solicit competitive bids for air travel services by travel agencies. If the bids result in greater savings than the state contract, then these institutions may issue individual contracts to not less than two travel agencies. Further, institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education in high travel areas are also authorized to solicit competitive bids for applicable city pair destination rates to airline companies. If the bids result in a greater savings than the state contract rates, these institutions may issue individual contracts to the airline companies with the lowest bids.~~

~~E.~~ D. The State Travel Office shall promulgate rules and contract specifications to which the contract travel agencies shall be subject. The rules and specifications shall be drawn with the intent of obtaining the lowest available fares for scheduled commercial air travel.

~~F.~~ E. At the end of each month the contract travel agencies shall furnish a statement, in a form approved by the State Travel Office, showing certain details of all travel arrangements handled to each state agency for which the contract travel agencies have furnished their services and shall also furnish copies of said statements to the State Travel Office.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 500.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 500.2 A. Officials and employees of the state, traveling on authorized state business, may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in such travel in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act and existing statutes relating to state travel. Persons who are not state employees, but who are performing substantial and necessary services to the state which have been directed or approved by the appropriate department official shall enjoy the protection of the sovereign immunity of the state to the same extent as a paid employee. Such persons may be reimbursed for expenses incurred during authorized official travel under these same statutory provisions, provided it is indicated on the claim the person is not a state employee, a description of services performed is entered, and the agency head by approval of the claim certifies such services were substantial and necessary,

and germane to the duties and functions of the reimbursing agency. Travel expenses incurred by a person during the course of seeking employment with a state agency, unless such travel is performed at the request of the employing agency, shall not be considered expenses incurred in performing substantial and necessary services to the state and shall not be reimbursed under the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

B. The chief administrative officer of the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Central Services, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, the State Fire Marshal, and the State Department of Health may arrange for and charge meals and lodging for a contingent of state personnel moved into an area for the purpose of preserving the public health, safety, or welfare or for the protection of life or property. The cost for meals or lodging so charged shall not exceed the amount authorized in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The chief administrative officer of each agency involved in such an operation shall require the vendor furnishing meals, lodging, or both meals and lodging to submit an itemized statement for payment. When a claim for lodging is made for a contingent of state personnel, individual members of the contingent may not submit a claim for lodging. When a claim for meals is made for a contingent of state personnel, individual members of the contingent may not submit a claim for meals.

C. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry are hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging, meeting facility and beverage expenses as may be necessary for sponsoring seminars and receptions relating to economic development and science and technology issues. Such expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the President of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall each provide a quarterly report of such expenditures to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

D. The Native American Cultural and Educational Authority is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging, and meeting facility as may be necessary to pursue the promotion of fund-raising, marketing, and development of Native American educational programs and cultural projects, or to sponsor luncheons, seminars, and receptions relating to Native American educational, cultural, museum, and economic development issues. Such expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment. The Executive Director shall provide a monthly report of expenditures to the Board.

E. For purposes of this section:

1. "State agency" means any constitutionally or statutorily created state board, commission, or department, including the Legislature and the Courts;

2. State agencies are authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food and lodging expenses as may be necessary for employees or other persons who are performing substantial and necessary services to the state by attending official conferences, meetings, seminars, workshops, or training sessions or in the performance of their duties. Such expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment, provided the meeting qualifies for overnight travel for the employees and the cost for food and lodging for each employee shall not exceed the total daily rate as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act;

3. State agencies are authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of conference registration expenses as may be necessary for employees or other persons who are performing substantial and necessary services to the state by attending official conferences, meetings, seminars, workshops, or training sessions. Such expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment; and

4. State agencies are authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food and lodging expenses as may be necessary for employees attending an official course of instruction or training conducted or sponsored by any state agency. Expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment. The cost for food and lodging for each employee shall not exceed the total daily rate as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. State agencies are authorized to make direct purchases of commercial airline tickets for use by employees in approved out-of-state travel. Each claim or invoice submitted to the Director of State Finance for the payment of the purchase shall bear the airline identifying ticket number, the name of the airline, total cost of each ticket purchased, class of accommodation, social security number, and name of the employee for whom the ticket was purchased, and shall be filed on claim forms as prescribed by the Director of State Finance. The employee shall sign an affidavit stating that the employee did use any direct purchase commercial airline ticket received for his or her approved out-of-state travel.

G. 1. The Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging, and other authorized expenses as may be necessary to host, conduct, sponsor, or participate in conferences, meetings, or training sessions. The Administrator may establish accounts as necessary for the collection and distribution of funds, including funds of sponsors and registration fees, related to such conferences, meetings, and training sessions. Expenses incurred may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment.

2. The cost of food for persons attending any conferences, meetings, and training sessions that do not require overnight travel shall not exceed the total daily rate as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

H. 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging, and other authorized expenses as may be necessary to host, conduct, sponsor, or participate in conferences, meetings, or training sessions. The Commissioner may establish accounts as necessary for the collection and distribution of funds, including funds of sponsors and registration fees, related to such conferences, meetings, and training sessions. Any expenses incurred may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment.

2. The cost of food for persons attending any conferences, meetings, and training sessions that do not require overnight travel shall not exceed the total daily rate as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

I. The Oklahoma Indigent Defense System is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of lodging as necessary for employees to carry out their duties in representing any client whom the System has been properly appointed to represent. Such expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment. The cost for lodging for each employee shall not exceed the daily rate as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

J. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging, and meeting facility and beverage expenses as may be necessary for seminars and receptions relating to familiarization tours and tourism development. The expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment. The Executive Director of Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall provide a monthly report of any such expenditures to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission.

K. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of exhibitor fees and display space charges at expositions to promote the Department's recreational facilities and the tourism and recreation industry. The expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment; provided that no payment shall be made prior to the event unless it conveys a property right to the state for future availability and use.

L. 1. The Oklahoma Highway Safety Office of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging, and other authorized expenses as may be necessary, to host, conduct, sponsor, or participate in highway-safety-related conferences, workshops, seminars, meetings, or training sessions. The payments shall be for all persons in attendance, including, but not limited to, employees of political subdivisions or employees of the state or federal government. For purposes specified in this paragraph, only federal highway safety funds may be used in accordance with federal guidelines and regulations, and no appropriated state funds shall be used.

2. The cost of food for persons attending any highway safety conferences, workshops, seminars, meetings, and training sessions that do not require overnight travel shall not exceed the total daily rate as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

M. 1. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging and other authorized expenses as may be necessary to host, conduct, sponsor or participate in any conference, meeting, training session or initiative to promote the mission and purposes of the Bureau. The payments may be for all persons in attendance, including, but not limited to, employees of political subdivisions or employees of the state or federal government.

2. The cost of food for persons that do not require overnight travel shall not exceed the total daily rate as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

N. The Oklahoma Homeland Security Director is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging and other authorized expenses as may be necessary to host, conduct, sponsor, or participate in homeland security related conferences, meetings, workshops, seminars, exercises or training sessions. The expenses may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment.

O. 1. The Insurance Commissioner of the Insurance Department of the State of Oklahoma is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging, and other authorized expenses as may be necessary to host, conduct, sponsor, or participate in conferences, meetings, or training sessions. The Commissioner may establish accounts as necessary for the collection and distribution of funds, including funds of sponsors and registration fees, related to such conferences, meetings, and training sessions. Any expenses incurred may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment.

2. The cost of food for persons attending any conferences, meetings, and training sessions that do not require overnight travel shall not exceed the total daily rate as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

P. 1. The State Regents for Higher Education is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of food, lodging, and other authorized expenses as may be necessary to host, conduct, sponsor, or participate in conferences, meetings, or training sessions. The State Regents for Higher Education may establish accounts as necessary for the collection and distribution

of funds, including funds of sponsors and registration fees, related to such conferences, meetings, and training sessions. Any expenses incurred may be paid directly to the contracting agency or business establishment.

2. The cost of food for persons attending any conferences, meetings, and training sessions that do not require overnight travel shall not exceed the total daily rate as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

Q. Whenever possible it shall be the policy of each state agency to prepay airline fares and lodging expenses using a purchase card issued to the agency. This policy shall apply to instances where employees of the agency are traveling on behalf of state government.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 85.7h of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For the purposes of this section, "open source software" means software that guarantees the user of the software use of the software for any purpose, allows unrestricted access to the respective source code, enables the use of the internal mechanisms and arbitrary portions of the software with the ability to adapt them to the needs of the user, provides the freedom to make and distribute copies of the software, and guarantees the right to modify the software with the freedom to distribute modifications of the new resulting software under the same license as the original software. "Open standards" means specifications for the encoding and transfer of computer data that is free for all to implement and use in perpetuity, with no royalty or fee, has restrictions on the use of data stored in the format, has no restrictions on the creation of software that stores, transmits, receives, or accesses data codified in such way, has a specification available for all to read, in a human-readable format, written in commonly accepted technical language, is documented, so that anyone can write software that can read and interpret the complete semantics of any data file stored in the data format, allows any file written in that format to be identified as adhering or not adhering to the format, and provides that any encryption or obfuscation algorithms are usable in a royalty-free, nondiscriminatory manner in perpetuity, and are documented so that anyone in possession of the appropriate encryption key or keys or other data necessary to recover the original data is able to write software to access the data.

"Proprietary software" means software that does not fulfill all of the guarantees provided by open source software.

B. Prior to approving software acquisition requests, the Chief Information Officer shall require that the purchasing entity has considered whether proprietary or open source software offers the most cost-effective software solution for the agency, based on consideration of all associated acquisition, support, maintenance, and training costs.

C. Whenever possible the Chief Information Officer shall avoid approving requests for the acquisition of products that do not comply with open standards for interoperability or data storage.

SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 85.7I of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Notwithstanding any other section of law, the Chief Information Officer may allow a public agency to utilize state technology contracts duly awarded by this state under The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act. For the purposes of this section the term "public agency" means a government agency recognized as a state or local government agency in its state of origin.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 16th day of April, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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