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OML Accomplishes Plenty as Walkout Continues

Despite the second week of the walkout at the capitol, the Oklahoma Municipal League was able to accomplish a lot for cities and towns. There were several bills that we sent out GRIPS asking you to contact your legislators. Today marks the 3rd deadline for bills to be heard in the opposite House of Origin. Next deadline is April 26th.

Licensed Lenders/Municipal Prohibition: [SB 1494](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) and Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) prohibited any political subdivision from preventing, restricting or discouraging any lender from lending in compliance with Article 3 of Title 14A and Chapter 57 of Title 59. The prohibition extended to stopping a lender from operating in any location properly zoned for such commercial activities or to creating disincentives for making loans.

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Preemption/Occupational Licensing: [SB 1174](#) by Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) and Rep. Glen Mulready (R-Tulsa) created the Freedom to Work Act prohibiting a political subdivision from imposing any occupational fees or licensing requirements on any profession if the political subdivision did not already impose occupational fees or licensing requirements on that profession. Existing regulations could continue on condition that the occupational fees did not exceed \$25 per year. If the fees exceeded \$25, then the licensing authority would have had to immediately reduce fees to the limits of this bill. No one could add additional licensing requirements to those already imposed by a state licensing authority. Municipalities would have had to stop fees and licensing requirements if a state licensing authority imposed any new requirements on any profession that was previously unregulated by the state. Fees would be waived for low-income individuals and military families. The bill contained further detailed regulations, limitations and prohibitions.

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Preemption/Auxiliary Containers: [SB 1465](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) and Rep. Tim Downing (R-Pauls Valley) prohibits any political subdivision from restricting, taxing, prohibiting or issuing any ordinance regulating the use, disposition or sale of auxiliary containers. Auxiliary container means any bag, cup, package, container, bottle or other packaging that is made of cloth, paper, plastic, including foamed or expanded plastic, cardboard, corrugated material, aluminum, glass, post-consumer recycled material or similar material including, but not limited to, coated or laminated materials.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee today by a [vote](#) of 5-4. The Speaker Pro Tempore Harold Wright (R-Weatherford) was called into break the tie vote. The bill will now head to the House floor. There is still time to kill the bill.

Dockless Bikes: [SB 1374](#) by Sen. Jason Smalley (R-Stroud) and Rep. Josh Cockroft (R-Tecumseh) creates new law in Title 47 regulating dockless bicycles defined as a bicycle, including an electric bicycle that is self-locking and is not connected to a docking station. The bill impacts bicycle sharing companies which is an entity that makes dockless bicycles available for private use by reservation through an online application, software or website. Regulation via the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department includes licensing, permitting, insurance requirements and mandates for a company's online application, software or website. The Department may charge a fee and is authorized for rule making. No political subdivision may impose a tax on, or require a license for, a bicycle sharing company for the provision of bicycle rental and use or subject a bicycle sharing company to the political subdivision's requirements for rates, entry, operational or other requirements.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee by a [vote](#) of 8-1 with the title and enacting clause stricken. The bill now awaits a hearing on the House floor.

Oklahoma Inspector's Act: [SB 693](#) by Sen. AJ Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) the measure alters the definitions of building and construction inspector and inactive building and construction inspector. The measure modifies licensing requirements by allowing applicants to show proof of licensing by a program or governmental entity approved by the Construction Industries Board. Additionally, the measure eliminates the required principal-agent relationship. The measure also authorizes license renewal of unemployed inspectors. The bill also specifies requirements for licensing and specifies certain restrictions on license holders.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee by a [vote](#) of 10-0. The bill now heads to the House floor.

FPA/Unfair Labor Practice: [SB 1369](#) by Sen. Chris Kidd (R-Addington) and Rep. John Jordan (R-Yukon) amends the Fire and Police Arbitration Act at 11 O.S. Section 51-102 by changing the definition of "Board" from PERB to an Administrative Hearing Panel as appointed in the bill. This panel shall consider union organization petitions, determine the exclusive employee representative and decide unfair labor practice (ULP) charges. ULP actions utilize the preponderance of the testimony standard, a cease and desist order, district court for enforcement of an order and for appropriate temporary relief of restraining order and the like. The Panel is selected by each party selecting two arbitrators that can agree on a fifth arbitrator. If unable to agree, the parties shall request FMCS to provide a list of five arbitrators. They shall be from the region in which Oklahoma is located. If FMCS no longer groups Oklahoma in a specific region, the parties shall use a FMCS non-regional panel. The first strike is from the party claiming a ULP. Decisions of the former PERB and of the National Labor Relations Board may be considered persuasive on the issues. The bill contains details. 11 O.S. Section 51-104a, as amended by Section 51, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (11 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 51-104a), is repealed.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House County & Municipal Government Committee by a [vote](#) of 12-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor. The title and enacting clause are stricken.

Small Cell Deployment: [SB 1388](#) by Sen. Greg Treat (R-OKC) and Rep. Todd Thomsen (R-Ada) establishes processes and procedures for installation by a wireless service provider of small wireless facilities and utility poles in rights-of-way. The bill gives a wireless provider the right to collocate small wireless facilities and install, maintain, modify, operate and replace utility poles along, across, on, or underneath rights-of-way. The bill requires a wireless provider to comply with reasonable and nondiscriminatory requirements prohibiting communication service providers from installing structures in rights-of-way in areas designated solely for underground or buried cable and facilities. The wireless provider must abide by the NESC and OSHA standards.

The bill passed out of House Utilities Committee yesterday by a [vote](#) of 10-1. It is now awaiting a hearing on the House floor.

BILLS ON THE MOVE

Here is a snapshot of bills impacting cities and towns.

Law Enforcement/Reporting: [HB 2629](#) by Rep. Greg Babinec (R-Cushing) and Sen. Tom Dugger (R-Stillwater) amends the reporting requirements by medical personnel in 22 O.S. Section 40.3A. Incidents must be reported “within 24 hours”. Current law states “promptly”. In new law, upon a report of sexual assault from a health care professional, law enforcement shall collect and take into custody results of examinations, notes, x-rays, photographs and other relevant records within 7 days. The bill contains additional time frames, reporting requirements and specific details.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate General Government Committee by a vote of 9-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Bidding/Bond: [HB 2676](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) amends 61 O.S. Sections 113.1 and 226 in various ways. Changes are made to the availability of retainage depending on whether the public construction contract is or is not subject to a bond. If not subject to a bond a contract may provide up to 5% of all partial payments withheld as retainage. If subject to a bond, no retainage shall be withheld from the entity posting the bond. Subcontracts are also impacted in Section 226.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 9-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Bidding/Published Electronically: [HB 2923](#) by Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) and Sen. Stephanie Bice (R-OKC) amends 61 O.S. Section 110 to authorize the Department of Transportation and the Turnpike Authority to be exempt from current law’s requirement that sealed bids be opened only at the time and place in the bidding documents and read aloud. The exemption is activated if the agency electronically publishes the bids on the website of the agency.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee by a vote of 10-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Transportation/County: [HB 3129](#) by Rep. Dustin Roberts (R-Durant) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) amends 19 O.S. Section 1505 by adding “road and bridge construction services” to county procedures for purchasing.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate General Government Committee by a vote of 10-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

School Surplus Property/Housing Authority: [HB 1334](#) by Rep. Chuck Hoskin (D-Vinita) and Sen. John Sparks (D-Norman) amends 70 O.S. Section 5-117 adding housing authorities to the entities eligible to receive surplus school property without consideration.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 11-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

State Holiday/National Freedom Day: [HB 3471](#) by Rep. Donnie Condit (D-McAlester) and Rep. John Jordan (R-Yukon) amends 25 O.S. Section 82.1 adding the National Freedom Day as a state holiday on the third Saturday in June.

The bill passed the Senate Education Committee with the House Amendment adopted. It has now been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Pension/Actuarial Analysis Act: [HB 1340](#) by Rep. Randy McDaniel (R-Edmond) and Sen. Greg Treat (R-OKC) amends the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act by adding to the definition of a non-fiscal bill. Added is provision for a one-time increase in retirement benefits if the increase in retirement benefits is not a permanent increase in the gross annual retirement benefit payable to a member or beneficiary, occurs only once pursuant to a single statutory authorization and does not exceed four (4) alternative benefit increases/funded ratios. The retirement benefits increase in the alternatives if higher funded ratios are maintained. As an example, included is the lesser of 2% of the gross annual retirement benefit of the member or \$1,000 if the funded ratio of the affected retirement system would not be less than 60% but not greater than 80% after the benefit increase is paid. New law defines “funded ratio” including that the rate of return on public retirement system assets for computation of the funded ratio shall not exceed 7.5% but shall be computed using any assumed rate of return utilized by the applicable retirement system if such rate or return does not exceed 7.5%. Effective October 1, 2018, a public retirement system shall make a one-time distribution, consistent with one of the four above alternative benefit increases/funded ratios, to retired members who have retired for a period of 5 or more years. In addition, new law recites the need for retiree benefit increases since the last authorization in 2008, and the modification of a non-fiscal bill is a prudent response to the needs of retirees and is consistent with obligations for prudent and conservative management.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate Retirement & Insurance Committee by a vote of 5-1. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Open Meeting Act/Executive Session Expansion: [SB 898](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Greg Babinec (R-Cushing) adds two additional items to matters that can be discussed in executive session. The first is safety and security at state penal institutions or correctional facilities. The second is contract negotiations involving contracts requiring approval of the Board of Corrections, which shall be limited to members of the public body, it's attorney and immediate staff. No person who may profit directly or indirectly by a proposed transaction, which is under consideration, may be present or participate in the executive session.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 51-43, but the emergency clause failed by a vote of 30-31.

Drug Courts/Regulations: [HB 2881](#) by Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) and Sen. Greg Treat (R-OKC) amends the Oklahoma Drug Court Act in a variety of ways. Included are changes to eligibility requirements and review and process of an offender for a drug court program.

The bill passed the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with the title restored by a vote of 11-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Controlled Dangerous Substances/Electronic Prescribing: [HB 2931](#) by Rep. Glen Mulready (R-Tulsa) and Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) amends the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act by requiring electronic electronic prescriptions with several exceptions.

The bill passed the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 10-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Nursing Homes/Quality Care Fund: [HB 2958](#) by Rep. Todd Thomsen (R-Ada) and Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) amends the Nursing Facility Quality of Care Fund in 63 O.S. Section 1-1925.2 by removing varies duties of Advisory Committee and authorizing the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to implement a case-mix-adjusted payment methodology. The bill provides details.

The committee substitute passed the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a vote of 11-0. It has now been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Transportation/Bypass of Municipality: [SB 86](#) by Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) and Rep. George Faught (R-Muskogee) amends 69 O.S. Section 1205 providing for all new construction of state highways that have a primary purpose of bypassing municipalities, the Department shall conduct an economic impact study on the affected municipalities. The study shall be conducted in addition to any study required by state or federal law. Upon completion of the study the impact shall be delivered to the governing bodies of the municipalities. Only upon a written official letter of support formally approved by the municipal governing body from the majority of the affected municipalities, shall the construction project be added to the Department's Eight-Year Construction Work Plan.

The bill passed the House Transportation Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a vote of 9-1. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Railroads/Crossings: [SB 1137](#) by Sen. Stephanie Bice (R-OKC) and Rep Weldon Watson (R-Tulsa) amends 66 O.S. Section 128 impacting the duty of a railroad company to construct a crossing across the portion of its track, roadbed or right-of-way over which a public highway runs. The amendment establishes the crossing as "the space between the tracks and two (2) feet on either side thereof."

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Transportation Committee by a vote of 11-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Railroads/Crossing Public Road: [SB 1138](#) by Sen. Stephanie Bice (R-OKC) and Rep. Weldon Watson (R-Tulsa) amends 69 O.S. Section 601. Where a railway company crosses a public road, it shall improve the space between its tracks, and two (2) feet on either side thereof, in the manner that the remainder of the road is to be improved, or with such other material as the county commissioners may require.

The bill passed the House Transportation Committee by a vote of 11-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Vehicles/Special Permit: [SB 1211](#) by Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) amends 47 O.S. Section 14-103 regarding regulation of vehicle exceeding a height of 13 ½ feet. This height can be exceeded if a special DPS permit is created, as provided in 47 O.S. Section 14-103G.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Transportation Committee. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Condemnation/Section Line Roads: [SB 1377](#) by Sen. John Sparks (D-Norman) and Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) amends 69 O.S. Section 646 regarding the county commissioners authority over section line roads involving a proposal to vacate. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the House Transportation Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a vote of 10-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Municipal Court/Protection: [HB 1234](#) by Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) and Sen. Gary Stanislawski (R-Tulsa) creates the Court Records Protection and Modernization Act impacting destruction of records in 10A O.S. Sections 2-6-108 and 2-6-109. In addition, various sections of Title 20 are impacted by court record changes.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 6-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Workers' Compensation: [HB 2722](#) by Rep. Todd Russ (R-Cordell) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) amends Workers' Compensation by altering the definition of employee.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 6-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Pension Actuarial Analysis/Benefit Increase: [HB 2985](#) by Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) amends the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act by altering the definition of a non-fiscal retirement bill. A non-fiscal retirement bill means a retirement bill which does not affect the cost or funding factors of a retirement system or which affects such factors only in a manner which does not grant a benefit increase under the retirement system. This bill adds an exception for "cost-of-living adjustments provided to retirees of the retirement system". New law in the bill grants a 4% increase in retirement benefits to the Oklahoma Firefighter and Police Pension Systems as well as other state pension systems including the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. Volunteer firefighters receiving benefits via 11 O.S. Section 49-101 shall receive a benefit equal to \$7.83 for each year of credited service not to exceed 30 years.

The bill is waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Farming & Ranching/Liability: [SB 1181](#) by Sen. Eddie Fields (R-Wynona) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) amends the Limitation of Liability for Farming and Ranching Land Act by removing current law's

requirement that the landowner not charge more than \$10 per acre for recreational purposes and the definition of "charge". In addition, the bill removes current language in 2 O.S. Section 16-71.5 stating that any consideration received by the landowner for land leased to the state or a subdivision is not deemed a charge.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Agriculture & Rural Development Committee by a vote of 12-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Occupational License/Military Training: [SB 1141](#) by Sen. J.J. Dossett (D-Sperry) and Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) amends 59 O.S. Sections 4100.4 and 4100.5 to require any state licensing or certification authority to implement rules or laws for recognizing appropriate military training and experience for its occupational or professional licensing or certification process.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Veteran & Military Affairs Committee by a vote of 5-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Water/Regional Water Planning: [SB 1241](#) by Sen. Josh Brecheen (R-Coalgate) and Rep. Todd Russ (R-Cordell) creates the Oklahoma Water Sustainability Act to use and develop water resources available within each geographic region of this state. The public policy is to use programs and incentives to maximize the efficient use of water resources available within each region. OWRB is given duties to study the implement of the Comprehensive Water Plan and identify management options to address infrastructure needs, potential water system efficiencies and incentives, assist regional water planning groups and non-regulatory local stakeholders, coordinate partnership opportunities for financing, plans and projects and identify innovative solutions to forecasted water shortages with maintaining water use at current levels through 2060. This includes a statewide conservation campaign and continuing the Produced Water Working Group. OWRB shall assist local and regional groups to maximize efficient use of water including consolidation and regionalization, maximizing existing reservoirs, minimizing evaporative losses of water used for agricultural purposes, managing aquifer storage and implementing conservation measures. OWRB has rule-making authority.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee with the enacting clause stricken by a vote of 11-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Fire Protection District/Elections: [SB 1403](#) by Sen. Marty Quinn (R-Claremore) and Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) amends 26 O.S. Section 3-101 by adding

Fire Protection Districts to this statute for eligible election dates.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Rules Committee by a vote of 9-2. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Occupational License/Preemption: [SB 1475](#) by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) and Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) known as the Occupational Licensing Review Act creates the Occupational Licensing Advisory Commission. The Commission shall review each occupational or professional licensing act in this state. Included is a public meeting with a vote to determine whether to recommend to the Legislature that a license be maintained, modified, or repealed. A report is given to the Governor and legislative leaders and placed on the Department of Labor website. Forms may be developed for consistent evaluation and review of licenses, permits and the like which may be issued by a state regulatory authority, or required by law or rule, before a person may lawfully engage in a particular occupation, profession, trade or business.

The bill was reassigned to the House Rules Committee. The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation by a vote of 10-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Roofing Contractor Registration Act/Labor Only Crews: [SB 1535](#) by Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) amends the Roofing Contractor Registration Act by adding a definition of "labor only crews" and "prefabricated or pre-engineered metal building erector" and altering the definition of "residential roofing contractor work". Metal building erectors who install prefabricated-or pre-engineered metal-building packages and labor only crews are then included in the section of those exempted from the Act. The bill contains details.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Rules Committee by a vote of 10-1. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Wind Energy/Military Bases: [SB 1576](#) by Sen. Mike Schulz (R-Altus) and Rep. Charles Ortega (R-Altus) amends 17 O.S. Section 160.20 to protect the operation of any military installation or branch of the military regarding proposed wind energy facilities or proposed wind energy facility expansion. These facilities shall not encroach or otherwise have a significant adverse impact on missions, training or operations. No wind energy facility may be constructed or expanded unless an active Determination of No Hazard from the FAA or an

approved mitigation plan is obtained from the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse. These are filed with the Corporation Commission which is authorized to make rules. Amendments are made to 17 O.S. Section 160.21 regarding notification of intent to build a facility which must also be submitted to the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission. The bill contains details.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Rules Committee by a vote of 11-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Employment/Garnishment: [SB 559](#) by Sen. John Sparks (D-Norman) and Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) amends 14A O.S. Section 5-106 prohibiting the discharge of an employee regarding garnishment. The bill adds the word "debt" and removes the exception in current law which allows termination if the employer is served with garnishment or like process issued to collect judgments on more than two occasions within one year.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Banking & Business Committee by a vote of 12-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Roofing/Regulation: [SB 1170](#) by Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) and Rep. Rodd Russ (R-Cordell) amends the Roofing Contractor Registration Act by adding an exception to the Act for commercial business entities and their employees.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Banking & Business Committee by a vote of 18-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Bail Bonds/Charges: [SB 1251](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) and Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) amends 59 O.S. Sections 1327 and 1332 regarding the bond being exonerated by operation of law in which the defendant has new or additional charges.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Banking & Business Committee by a vote of 18-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

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The bill was laid over in the House Banking & Business Committee on Tuesday.

Oklahoma Inspectors Act/Circuit Rider Program: [SB 1555](#) by Sen. Tom Dugger (R-Stillwater) and Rep. Dennis Ray Casey (R-Morrison) amends the Oklahoma Inspectors Act by altering the definition of “provisional license and removing the definition of “report writer”. It authorizes the funding and development of a circuit rider program to enable political subdivisions over 10,000 and under 65,000 to share building and construction inspectors.

The bill passed the House Banking & Business Committee with the title and enacting clause stricken by a vote of 16-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Alcohol Beverages/Licenses: [SB 1571](#) by Sen. Stephanie Bice (R-OKC) and Rep. Marcus McEntire (R-Duncan) amends the authorization of a mixed beverage license holder in a municipality in which a university is located. Beer may be sold in original packages only for off-premises consumption, from 8 a.m. until midnight on the day of any regularly scheduled football game of the university.

The bill passed the House Banking & Business Committee with the title and enacting clause restored by a vote of 18-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

County/Road Construction: [SB 1044](#) by Sen. Jack Fry (R-Midwest City) and Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) amends 19 O.S. Section 1505 by adding “road and bridge construction” to current procedures for county purchasing including bidding.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House County & Municipal Government Committee by a vote of 12-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Juveniles/Court Records: [SB 224](#) by Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) amends various sections of Title 10A regarding the confidentiality of youthful offender court records.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 16-0.

Municipal Court/Jail: [SB 340](#) by Sen. Greg Treat (R-OKC) and Rep. Elise Hall (R-OKC) amends 11 O.S. Section 28-124 regarding jail time for a person convicted in a municipal court of record. If the defendant is without

means to pay the fine or costs, and no undue hardship would result, the municipal judge may direct the defendant to perform community service at a rate of not less than the current federal minimum wage.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 18-0.

Indigent Defendant/Bail: [SB 1021](#) by Sen. Stephanie Bice (R-OKC) and Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) amends 19 O.S. Section 138.5, 20 O.S. Section 55 and 22 O.S. Section 1355.A regarding various aspects of eligibility for a court appointed attorney.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 18-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Law Enforcement/Firearm: [SB 1098](#) by Sen. Greg Treat (R-OKC) and Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) enlarges the definition of grand larceny and crimes by persons who receive stolen property to include a firearm, without regard to the value of the firearm.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 18-0.

Medical Marijuana/Regulation: [SB 1120](#) by Sen. Ervin Yen (R-OKC) and Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) creates a number of new sections of new law regulating medical marijuana which will be effective upon certification of election returns favoring passage of State Question No. 788. Included is the authorization for municipalities and counties to create a new zoning classification to regulate the location of registered organizations. The classification shall include reasonable parking, access regulations and other such zoning regulations as it deems necessary. The State Board of Health shall send a notice to cities and counties regarding the registered organization application. The local authority has 20 business days to respond with a recommendation to approve or objection to the applicant, location or both. The bill contains comprehensive details.

The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 11-5.

Law Enforcement/Controlled Dangerous Substances: [SB 1128](#) by Sen. Ervin Yen (R-OKC) and Rep. Dale Derby (R-Owasso) creates new law regarding electronic prescribing of controlled dangerous substances. The bill contains details.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 17-0.

Government Entity: Religious Convictions: [SB 1140](#) by Sen. Greg Treat (R-OKC) and Rep. Travis Dunlap (R-Bartlesville) prohibits a state or local government entity from denying a private child-placing agency any grant, contract, or participation in a government program because the agency's objection to performing or parting in a placement violates the agency's written religious or moral convictions or policies.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 13-6.

Law Enforcement/Abuse: [SB 1150](#) by Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Tim Downing (R-Purcell) creates new law requiring school employees to report to DHS and local law enforcement if they have reason to believe that a student is a victim of abuse or neglect. The bill contains details.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 18-0.

Law Enforcement/Impaired Driving: [SB 1163](#) by Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) and Rep. Greg Babinec (R-Cushing) repeals various 2017 statutes and replaces with new law. 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-212.3, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 392, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 6-212.3) is repealed. New law is created regulating the installation of an ignition interlock device as required by the bill. An Impaired Driver Accountability Program shall be established by DPS under the bills requirements. 47 O.S. 2011, Section 753, as last amended by Section 12, Chapter 392, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 753) is repealed. New law provides for testing to determine alcohol concentration or any other intoxicating substance. 47 O.S. 2011, Section 754, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 392, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S. Suppl. 2017, Section 754) is repealed. New law establishes the procedure when alcohol concentration limits are reached. Finally, 47 O.S. 2011, Section 755 is repealed.

The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 14-3. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Law Enforcement/Impaired Driving: [SB 1164](#) by Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) and Rep. Greg Babinec (R-Cushing) repeals various 2017 statutes and replaces

with new law impacting various aspects of revocation of the driving privilege.

The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 14-3. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Law Enforcement/Ignition Interlock Device: [SB 1165](#) by Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) and Rep. Greg Babinec (R-Cushing) repeals 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-902a. New law impacts driving without an ignition interlock device by a person required to have the device. Penalties are created.

The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 14-3. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Law Enforcement/Controlled Dangerous Substances: [SB 1175](#) by Sen. Josh Brecheen (R-Coalgate) and Rep. Mike Ritze (R-Broken Arrow) amends Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act by adding medical marijuana regulations.

The enacting clause was stricken and then the bill failed in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 4-16.

Law Enforcement/Prescription Drugs: [SB 1367](#) by Sen. Ervin Yen (R-OKC) and Rep. Dale Derby (R-Owasso) prohibits a peace officer from taking a person into custody based solely on an offense involving prescription drugs under conditions listed in the bill. The bill contains details.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 18-0.

County Jails/Maximum Capacity: [SB 1442](#) by Sen. Eddie Fields (R-Wynona), Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter), and Rep. Tim Downing (R-Purcell) amends 57 O.S. Section 37 removes time frame requirements and language regarding Department of Correction payment of costs.

The committee substitute received a do pass recommendation in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 11-6.

Post-Conviction Act/Forensic Evidence: [SB 1464](#) by Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Moore) and Rep. Tim Downing (R-Purcell) amends 22 O.S. Section 1080 by adding forensic scientific evidence that was not available to be offered by a defendant at trial or that disputes forensic scientific evidence relied on by the state at trial.

The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 17-0 after being laid over in March.

Employment/Voting: [SB 926](#) by Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) and Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) amends 26 O.S. Section 7-101 regarding employer's duty to grant employees time off to vote by expanding the duty to in-person absentee voting. Upon proof of voting, the employee shall not be subject to any loss of compensation or other penalty for the absence.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Elections & Ethics Committee by a vote of 4-1. It is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Construction Industries Board/New Authority: [HB 1280](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) creates new authority for the Construction Industries Board including a website, contractual authority with Department of Career and Technology Education and establishment of the Skilled Trade Education and Workforce Development Fund. The Fund consists of an annual transfer of fully adjudicated fine revenue received in the following revolving funds: Mechanical Licensing, Electrical, Plumbing Licensing or Roofing Contractor Registration. This Fund can be spent on a number of costs including instructional materials relating to plumbing, mechanical, electrical and roofing trades and state licensing standards, cost of equipment, materials, personnel and other costs in developing/implementing the workforce development programs and advancement of trade-related education and workforce development. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 37-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Assisted Living Centers/Requirements: [HB 2537](#) by Rep. Tammy West (R-Bethany) and Sen. Tom Dugger (R-Stillwater) requires assisted living centers to have alternate sources of energy to maintain the facility pursuant to the requirements in the bill.

The bill was laid over in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday.

Public Property/Trash: [HB 2702](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) and Sen. Eddie Fields (R-Wynona) increases fines for those who deliberately place garbage, trash, waste, rubbish, refuse, debris or other deleterious substances on any public property or on private property without consent of the property owner. Fines are increased by any person violating this provision with any item of furniture, or item that exceeds 50 pounds. One-

half of the fines are redirected to the general fund of the county if the citation is issued by a county peace officer. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 30-3. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

CLEET/Minimum Standards: [HB 2882](#) by Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) and Sen. Jason Smalley (R-Stroud) creates new law authorizing any state supported technology center or any Oklahoma higher education institution shall be authorized to, upon application and approval of CLEET, offer courses of study for law enforcement certification, basic peace officer certification academies and other law-enforcement training. In addition, CLEET is authorized to conduct basic peace officer certification academies and other law-enforcement-related training for individuals who are neither commissioned nor appointed by a law enforcement agency.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 26-8. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Occupational Licensing/Fee Waiver: [HB 2933](#) by Rep. Glen Mulready (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) creates new law in Title 59 impacting every administrative body, state agency director or official with authority over any occupational or professional license or certification, and each of the respective examining and licensing boards. If an applicant is a low-income individual, there must be a grant of a one-year waiver of any fees associated with the licensure or certification. The bill contains details including rule-making.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 32-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Workers' Compensation/Self-Insurance Fund: [HB 2993](#) by Rep. Marcus McEntire (R-Duncan) and Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Moore) amends the Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund. Monies transferred via Section 99 of Title 85A may be expended by the Fund Board to provide a credit against the assessment required. Section 99 is amended to authorize excess proceeds from the security remaining after each claim of an impaired self-insurer has been paid, settled or lapsed, and associated costs of administration, shall be transferred to the Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 34-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Veteran Center/Talihina: [HB 3042](#) by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) and Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) creates the Oklahoma Veterans Facility Investment Act of 2018. The Department of Veterans Affairs is authorized to develop and construct a long-term care facility in Talihina. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is authorized to issue obligations to acquire real and personal property for projects. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 27-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Law Enforcement/Left Lane: [HB 3306](#) by Rep. Harold Wright (R-Weatherford) and Sen. Eddie Fields (R-Wynona) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-309 impacting all semitrailers, trailers and truck-tractors driving on a roadway divided into three or more lanes. These vehicles shall not drive in the left-lane except when preparing for a left turn at an intersection. The bill contains exceptions.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 21-12. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Trespassing/Penalties: [HB 3370](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) amends 21 O.S. Section 1835.2 increasing the penalty for trespassing on private land primarily devoted to farming, ranching or forestry purposes.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 24-4. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Jails/Pregnant Inmates: [HB 3393](#) by Rep. Ben Loring (D-Miami), Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC), and Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) creates new law regulating penal institutions, detention centers and county jails requiring the least restrictive restraints necessary when the facility has actual or constructive knowledge that an inmate is pregnant. The bill contains comprehensive details.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 33-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Law Enforcement/DNA Collection: [HB 3439](#) by Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Wayne Shaw (R-Grove) amends DNA testing requirements in 20 O.S. Section

1313.2. Impacted are Rapid DNA analysis and fee collection. If an individual is arrested or convicted submits a DNA sample to an arresting authority, jail or booking center for Rapid DNA analysis, the individual shall pay the agency processing the sample a fee of \$150 in lieu of the DNA fee. Collection is the responsibility of the agency conducting the Rapid DNA analysis. The fee shall be used to pay the expenses incurred to perform the Rapid DNA analysis. In addition, 74 O.S. Section 150.27a is amended creating the OSBI Criminalistics Services Division (CSD) to make rules on collection, "storage", "analysis", expungement and dissemination of information and samples for the OSBI CODIS Database. Duties are specified for the CSD including the use of Rapid DNA systems for law enforcement. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 28-3. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

Firearms/Deadly Force: [HB 2632](#) by Rep. Greg Babinec (R-Cushing) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) adds places of worship to 21 O.S. Section 1289.25 regarding the use of deadly force.

The committee substitute passed the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 11-0.

Rural Physicians/Physician Assistant: [HB 2987](#) by Rep. Marcus McEntire (R-Duncan) and Sen. Ervin Yen (R-OKC) amends the Physician Manpower Training Commission adding physician assistants to the educational loan repayment assistance of the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program. Removed from current law is the authority to pay stipends to residents in exchange for a commitment to serve in rural or underserved areas. The maximum rural population criteria of 7,500 or less may be waived by the Commission. The Commission is given rulemaking authority.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 39-3.

Groundwater/Turnpike Authority: [HB 3089](#) by Rep. Josh Cockroft (R-Tecumseh) and Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) amends 69 O.S. Section 1707 impacting the exception to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's authorization to acquire by purchase, or condemnation, land or deposits of rock, gravel and the like. The bill adds "groundwater rights" to the exception which currently is limited to oil and other mineral rights. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 43-0.

Firearm/Police Officer: [HB 1608](#) by Rep. John Enns (R-Enid) and Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Moore) amends concealed carry for off-duty police officer by adding a “service” weapon approved “and issued” by the employing agency and a “personal rifle or shotgun”. The bill contains details.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 10-0.

Firearms/Unlawful Carry: [HB 2527](#) by Rep. Bobby Cleveland (R-Slaughterville) and Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) amends unlawful carry by adding county employees when acting in the scope of employment within the courthouses of the county.

The committee substitute passed the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 6-0.

Firearms/Self Defense Act: [HB 2889](#) by Rep. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Sen. Paul Scott (R-Duncan) amends applications for a handgun license with the sheriff authorized to charge a fee for taking fingerprints.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 10-0.

Forensic Labs/Accreditation: [HB 3134](#) by Rep. Mike Ritze (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Josh Brecheen (R-Coalgate) amends the accreditation of forensic laboratories in 74 O. Section 150.37. It impacts the definitions of “accrediting body”, “ISO/IEC 17025”, “forensic laboratory”, toxicology analysis”, “internationally recognized”, “ISO/IEC 17020” and “supplemental accreditation requirements.”

The bill is waiting to be heard in the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Law Enforcement/Stalking: [HB 3260](#) by Rep. Mark McBride (R-Moore) and Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Moore) amends the definition of stalking in 21 O.S. Section 1173 by adding a definition of “following” to include a GPS device or other monitoring device. The bill contains details.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 9-1.

Law Enforcement/Left Lane: [HB 3290](#) by Rep. John Enns (R-Enid) and Sen. Jack Fry (R-Midwest City) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-309 by altering current law on driving in the left lane by removing “a roadway divided into four or more lanes” and substituting “a roadway”. In addition, this paragraph shall not prohibit driving in the left lane of a roadway within the city limits

of a municipality as long as the roadway is not part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 11-0.

Law Enforcement/Sex Offenders: [HB 3330](#) by Rep. Mike Sanders (R-Kingfisher) and Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) amends the Sex Offenders Registration Act by changing the residency restriction to add family child care homes.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 10-0.

Law Enforcement/Crossbows: [HB 3369](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Jason Smalley (R-Stroud) prohibits the selling or giving to any child a crossbow with exceptions and creates a penalty provision.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 6-4.

Water/DEQ: [SB 1147](#) by Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) and Rep. Tommy Hardin (R-Madill) amends DEQ’s jurisdiction in 27A O.S. Section 1-3-101 by adding the development and utilization of policies and requirements necessary for the implementation of Oklahoma Groundwater Quality Standards to the extent that the implementation of such standards are within the scope of the Department’s jurisdiction, including but not limited to the establishment of points of compliance when warranted.”

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 13-0.

Water/Groundwater: [SB 1294](#) by Sen. Roland Pederson (R-Burlington) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) amends several sections of groundwater law regarding the use of hydrologic surveys to determine the tentative maximum annual yield (MAY). OWRB is authorized to cooperate with tribal agencies as well as state and federal agencies. In addition, in making its final determination as to MAY, which is allocated by “a regular permit”, OWRB may allow for delayed or gradual implementation of equal proportionate share allocations if current total allocated amount of groundwater is 25% or less of the MAY. Such delayed or gradual implementations may be authorized only if it would not interfere or violate limits applicable to use of water from a sensitive sole source aquifer, or allow the use of groundwater in excess of 25% of MAY. It shall not affect any regular permit and shall be effectuated by issuance

of appropriate temporary permits. In subsequent basin or sub-basin hearings, and after additional hydrologic surveys, OWRB may increase the amount of water allocated but shall not decrease the water allocated by “regular permits issued prior to completion of the additional hydrologic surveys”. Finally, changes are made to 82 O.S. Section 1020.17 by allowing withdrawal of water by regular and temporary permits and Section 1020.18 OWRB making a well location exception under 82 O.S. Section 1020.18.

The bill received a do pass recommendation in the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 13-0.

Rights-of-Way/Landowners: [SB 1561](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) creates new law regarding the use of rights-of-way after permission by landowner with exceptions. Provisions are made for temporary pipe, water hoses or lines, meaning the use of rights-of-ways is not anticipated to exist and does not exist for longer than 3 months from the date permission is granted by the record landowner and compensation is received. Those utilizing the rights-of-way shall completely repair or replace any damage injury or other change to public roads or highways or rights-of-way of the state or any county or municipality. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 11-1.

Water/OWRB: [SB 1578](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Todd Russ (R-Cordell) authorizes OWRB to conduct a study on the implementation of the policy recommendations of the 2012 Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan and other water resource management options. A report is due not later than November 1, 2019.

The bill passed the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 12-0.

BILLS MOVE TO GOVERNOR’S DESK

Police Pension/Benefits: [HB 2515](#) by Rep. Randy McDaniel (R-Edmond) and Sen. Marty Quinn (R-Claremore) makes various changes to the Police Pension System impacting benefits in order to remain an IRS qualified plan. Included is benefits payable, including from the deferred option plans, shall be paid from general assets of the Fund and a permanent and total impairment equates to 100% of accrued retirement benefit.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 45-0 and is now on the Governor’s desk awaiting action.

Petroleum Storage Act/Corporation Commission: [HB 3430](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) and Sen. Marty Quinn (R-Claremore) amends the newly named Oklahoma Petroleum Storage Tank Consolidation Act beginning at 17 O.S. Section 301. The Petroleum Storage Tank Program is administered by the Corporation Commission. Among the changes in the 135 page includes release of “regulated substances” from storage tanks into surface and groundwater, air and subsurface soils poses a potential threat to the “environment”. Current law provides for the release of “petroleum” from storage tanks. Storage tank system inspections and regulation of antifreeze are included in the Consolidation Act. Various funds are created including an Indemnity Program funded by a \$0.01 per gallon on sale of gas. Rule-making is given to the Corporation Commission. There are numerous repealed statutes.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 40-6.

Law Enforcement/DUI: [SB 1091](#) by Sen. Greg Treat (R-OKC) and Rep. Dustin Roberts (R-Durant) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-902 by removing current law’s language authorizing the district attorney to seek to enhance punishment.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 91-1.

Finance/Auditor: [SB 1042](#) by former Sen. Holt and Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) amends 11 O.S. Section 17-105.1 regarding required auditor filings with the State Auditor and Inspector who may contract for the “preparation” and reporting of the information submitted on the form.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 90-0.

Elevator Safety Act/Inspections: [SB 1529](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Carl Newton (R-Cherokee) amends the Elevator Safety Act in a number of ways. It removes a penalty provision, alters elevator registration, changes inspections for “new nonresidential installations”, adds a third party inspector and alters the period for property owners to be in full compliance with correcting violations.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 91-0.

Law Enforcement/Sex Offenders Registration: [HB 1124](#) by Rep. Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) amends the Sex Offenders Registration Act by adding the residence of a victim of a

sex crime to the zone of safety in 21 O.S. Section 1125 and 57 O.S. Section 590. In addition, the bill provides prohibition from loitering. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 44-0.

Agriculture/Limitation of Liability: [HB 3416](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) and Sen. Larry Boggs (R-Wilburton) amends the Oklahoma Limitation of Liability for Farming and Ranching Land Act. It removes current law that the Act “applies only to an owner of land who does not charge more than \$10 per acre per year for land used for recreational purposes” In addition, the definition of “charge” is deleted as well as current law impacting land leased to the state or subdivision thereof, that any consideration received by the owner for the lease shall not be deemed a charge.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 45-0.

Pension/Actuarial Analysis Act: [SB 527](#) by Sen. Gary Staislawski (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Randy McDaniel (R-Edmond) alters the definition of a non-fiscal bill in the Oklahoma Pension Legislative Actuarial Analysis Act. Municipalities are impacted by authorizing the purchase, by an active member of the retirement system, of years of service for purposes of reaching a normal retirement date. This cannot be used to compute the number of years of service for purposes of computing the retirement benefit for the member. In addition, those impacted are individuals who are required to be members in the defined benefit plan for those first elected or appointed on or after November 1, 2018, if they had any prior service in OPERS prior to November 1, 2015.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 42-0 with the House amendments adopted.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

Law Enforcement/Controlled Dangerous Substances: [SB 1078](#) by Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Tim Downing (R-Purcell) adds substances to the Trafficking in Illegal Drugs Act.

The bill will take effect on November 1, 2018.

Law Enforcement/Vehicle Load: [HB 1560](#) by Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) and Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) amends 47 O.S. Section 14-103 by authorizing DPS to allow a vehicle exceeding 13 and ½ feet on the road via a special permit. Current law prohibits this vehicle.

The bill will take effect on November 1, 2018.