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IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED – GOVERNOR’S SALES TAX ON SERVICES PROPOSAL

Each year, the Oklahoma Legislative Session begins with the Governor providing a vision of where we are as a state and where the Governor believes we should be heading. This year, Governor Fallin presented a vision to address the structural problem in recurring state revenue in a number of ways.

Among these plans was a proposal to expand the sales tax base to encompass some services that are taxed in other states, but not in Oklahoma. Changes in consumer patterns are not just affected by the lack of sales tax collection by internet retailers. The overall economy is becoming more geared toward services than goods. A typical family will likely spend less on goods such as clothing and household items than they do on services like grooming, cleaning and repair.

The fact is that the State of Oklahoma is not bringing in enough revenue to fund basic state services. This is now widely recognized among state leaders and must be addressed. Recently, S&P Global Ratings issued a report that lowered the state’s general obligation bond debt rating and its rating on the state’s appropriation debt. This is another sign that the state is not on a sustainable financial path and needs to make changes.

Think about whether you are happy with either the educational outcomes or health outcomes we are experiencing in the State of Oklahoma. Our state’s rankings are abysmal and we can barely keep essential functions of state government running. In order for us to make progress in these areas, they must be funded at a level where basic services can be provided.

Although all may not agree with all aspects of the Governor’s proposal, the Oklahoma Municipal League’s board of directors, who represent Oklahoma cities and towns, unanimously voted to support the Governor on her efforts to start the conversation about addressing the structural issues with Oklahoma’s revenue. The time to act is now!

Please contact your legislators and encourage them to support the Governor’s sales tax proposal on services.

JCAB BILLS

HB 2347 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) eliminates sales tax exemptions for tickets to certain types of professional athletic and sporting events.

The bill passed through the Joint Committees on Appropriations & Budget by a vote of 23-2 and is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

HB 2351 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) authorizes specified facilities to delay the five-year period of exemption from ad valorem taxes following the expiration or termination of the ad valorem exemption, abatement or other incentive provided through the tax incentive district established under the Local Development Act.

The bill passed the House with the JCR adopted by a vote of 60-31. It is currently being held on a Motion to Reconsider.

HB 2356 by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) Sen. Eddie Fields (R-Wynona) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) modifies the due and payable date for the franchise tax to May 1 for taxpayers that remitted the maximum amount of franchise tax for the preceding tax year. It provides if the payment is not paid on or before June 1 that penalties will be applied.

The bill passed the House with the JCR adopted by a vote of 52-40. It is currently being held on a Motion to Reconsider.

HB 2373 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) adds 15.5 mills per unit tax on little cigars. It also adds a \$50 per 1,000 units' tax on regular cigars.

The bill passed the Joint Committees on Appropriations & Budget by a vote of 19-6 and is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

HB 2372 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) adds a \$1.50 per pack tax on cigarettes. It also creates the Health Care Authority Enhancement Fund, the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Enhancement Fund, the Human Services Enhancement Fund, Oklahoma State University Medical Authority Enhancement Fund and the Health Department Enhancement Fund and apportions the first \$185 million among the

funds for FY2018. It apportions the full amount to the Health Care Enhancement Fund for subsequent fiscal years.

The bill passed the Joint Committees on Appropriations & Budget by a vote of 17-9 and is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

HB 2377 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) establishes a July 1, 2017, sunset date for the following gross production tax credit: secondary recovery projects; tertiary recovery projects; reestablished production; production enhancement projects; production of oil, gas or oil and gas from wells spudded or reentered between July 1, 1995, and July 1, 2015; and three-dimensional seismic shoots on or after July 1, 2000. The bill contains further details.

The bill passed the Joint Committee on Appropriations & Budget by a vote of 25-1 and is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

HB 2378 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) limits adjustments to the federal net operating loss deduction to tax years beginning before Jan. 1, 2017.

The bill passed the House Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget by a vote of 21-5.

HB 2386 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) expands the definition of "teacher" to include any person who is employed to serve as district superintendent, principal, supervisor, or school nurse.

The bill passed the House Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget by a vote of 20-5.

HB 2389 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) authorizes the issuance of certain net amount of obligations by Capitol Improvement Authority for funding of certain projects for the State Department of Health.

The bill passed the Joint Committees by a vote of 20-6 and is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

HB 2375 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) directs the Oklahoma Tax Commission to implement a

biennial registration for all vehicles beginning January 1, 2018 and establishes a fee and process by which vehicles must be registered. The bill also creates the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Fund.

The bill passed the House Joint Committee on Appropriations & Budget by a vote of 13-8.

SB 836 by Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) and Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) changes the amount of motor fuel tax to be deposited into the Corporation Commission Revolving Fund from the first 1 million to the first 2.4 million collected during each fiscal year.

The bill passed through the Joint Committees on Appropriation & Budget by a vote of 40-0. It is now waiting to be heard on the Senate Floor.

HB 2376 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) authorizes non-house-banked table games involving a wheel, ball or dice to be used within the parameters of the Model Tribal Gaming Compact.

The bill passed the House Joint Committee on Appropriations & Budget by a vote of 20-6.

HB 2380 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) creates the Revenue and Taxation Strategic Reform Act of 2017. The bill contains further details.

The bill passed the Joint Committees on Appropriations & Budget and is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

HB 2387 by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) directs the Office of Juvenile Affairs to plan and execute a construction strategy through a best-value analysis of two financing sources. It also specifies additional authority of the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. The bill contains further details.

The bill passed through the House and Senate Joint Committees on Appropriations and Budget on Tuesday and is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

BILLS ON THE MOVE

Municipal Court/OSBI Fees: **SB 840** by Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) and Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) increases OSBI DNA fee from current law's \$9 to \$10 for each person convicted of an offense, including traffic offenses but excluding parking and standing violations, punishable by a fine of \$10 or more or by incarceration or any person forfeiting bond.

The bill's language is identical to HB 1670, which was vetoed by the Governor on May 1. SB 840 and its emergency clause passed the Senate by a vote of 34-11 and is now waiting to be heard on the House Floor.

Police & First Responders/Memorial Highway: **SB 166** by Sen. Bryce Marlatt (R-Woodward) and Rep. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) amends 69 O.S. Section 1600 regarding the exemption from the requirement that the cost of signage on naming highways/bridges be paid by the group requesting the sign. Added to this exception are peace officers and first responders who have fallen in the performance of their duties.

The bill passed the Senate with the House Amendments adopted by a vote of 43-0 and will now head to the Governor's desk.

Pension Systems: **SB 242** by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) and Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) adds the State Treasurer or a designee of the State Treasurer to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System Board of Trustees (OTRS). The amendment requires all appointees, including those not political nominated, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may be removed and replaced without cause.

The bill passed the Senate with the House Amendments adopted by a vote of 33-4. It will now head to the Governor's desk.

Victim Impact Panel: **SB 252** by Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) amends 22 O.S. Section 991a regarding Victims Impact Panel Programs by authorizing corporations registered with the Secretary of State to conduct the program. The bill provides details,

certificate of completion and reporting duties for the provider of the panels. In addition, the victim impact panel program is amended by adding the requirement for persons who have committed the offense of operating a motor vehicle while using an electronic device.

The bill passed with the House Amendments adopted by a vote of 40-0. It will now head to the Governor's desk.

Law Enforcement/Bus Passengers: [SB 397](#) by Sen. Joe Newhouse (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Greg Babinec (R-Cushing) amends the Bus Passenger Safety Act by redefining "bus", "deadly or dangerous weapon" and "passenger". In addition, it removes current laws prohibition on anyone except an authorized law enforcement officer boarding a bus with a dangerous or deadly concealed weapon and authorizes discharge of any firearm into or within any bus if it deemed defensive force. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the Senate with the House Amendments adopted by a vote of 39-1. It will now head to the Governor's desk.

Code Inspection/Construction Industries Board: [HB 1283](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Dan Newberry (R-Tulsa) impacts the ability of municipalities and other political subdivisions to perform code inspection via a third party. A "building and construction inspector" means any person actively engaged in the inspection of any phase of building and construction "by the political subdivision having managerial and superintending control over building codes as the code official" for the purpose of enforcing "and having the authority to enforce" compliance with applicable code including structural "building" inspectors. A "building official" means the "licensed employee code official having the duty to administer and the authority to enforce building codes in the political subdivision". New definitions of "certification", "inactive building and construction inspector", "provisional license" "report writer" and "authorized agent" are added. Various changes are made to 59 O.S. Section 1036 and a new law section is added creating an "authorized agent" which is one who is not a governmental employee but an independent contractor. The bill contains extensive details.

The bill had the Senate Amendments rejected and was sent to Committee on Tuesday.

Contracts/Roofing: [HB 1389](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) and Sen. Jason Smalley (R-Stroud) creates new law providing that any contract for roofing repairs or replacement that does not exceed \$50,000 entered into on behalf of a state agency or political subdivision by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services is required to utilize the Oklahoma Optional Roofing Program. If the cost exceeds \$50,000 the Optional Roofing Program may be used or the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974. The bill contains changes to the RAMP program, details and exceptions.

The bill had the Senate Amendments rejected and was sent to Conference Committee on Tuesday.

Tax Code/Study: [HB 1856](#) by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Stephanie Bice (R-Oklahoma City) creates a Task Force for the Study of the Oklahoma Tax Code. The comprehensive study includes a review of all different levels of government to determine sustainable revenue streams and budget cuts.

The bill passed through the House with the Senate Amendments adopted by a vote of 87-0. It will now head to the Governor's desk.

OTC/Penalty and Interest: [HB 2252](#) by Former Rep. Brumbaugh and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) amends 68 O.S. Section 220 regarding interest or penalty by reason of a taxpayer's failure to file a report or return, failure to file in the correct form or failure to pay a state tax within the required time period. Waiver or remission of all or part of any interest or penalties in excess of \$25,000 shall not be effective unless approved by the district court. Current law's dollar limit is \$10,000. There is a new language in Subsection C for a voluntary disclosure agreement with OTC which, among other criteria, does not apply to taxpayers who have not collected taxes from others, such as sales and use taxes or payroll taxes, and not reported those taxes. In Subsection F Taxpayers who meet all the qualifications in Subsection C, except those who have collected taxes from others, such as sales and use taxes or payroll taxes, and not reported those taxes, may enter into a modified voluntary

disclosure agreement. The bill contains details of the voluntary disclosure agreement and the modified voluntary disclosure agreement.

The bill passed through the House with the Senate Amendments adopted by a vote of 88-0 and will now head to the Governor's desk.

Municipal Court/Domestic Violence: [HB 1121](#) by Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) and Sen. Stephanie Bice (R-Oklahoma City) creates the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Court Act of 2017. Subject to the availability of funds, any district or municipal court of record may establish a domestic violence court program as a specialized judicial process for domestic matters both civil and criminal under the bills requirements.

The bill passed the House with the Senate Amendments adopted by a vote of 88-3 and was sent to the Governor on Tuesday.

Engineers/Licensing: [HB 1282](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Dan Newberry (R-Tulsa) contains over 20 sections impacting engineers in a variety of ways including by adding a definition of "professional structural engineer" for structural engineering analysis and design services for "significant structures". Significant structures will be defined by the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. This extensive bill contains additional definition changes, amended duties for the Board, expenditure of funds and the like. 59 O.S. Section 475.12, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 475.12) is repealed. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the House with the Senate Amendments adopted by a vote of 92-0 and was sent to the Governor on Tuesday.

Jails/Cost: [HB 1483](#) by Rep. Leslie Osborn (R-Mustang) and Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) amends jail reimbursement rates in 57 O.S. Sections 37 and 38.

The bill passed the House with the Senate Amendments adopted by a vote of 75-9 and was sent to the Governor on Tuesday.

Law Enforcement/National Guard: [HB 2306](#) by Rep. Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. Jason

Smalley (R-Stroud) authorizes Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard personnel to carry a firearm if he has successfully completed a firearm course conducted or designated by the Adjutant General equal to the minimum requirements set forth by CLEET.

The bill had the Senate Amendment rejected and was sent to the Senate General Conference Committee on Appropriations.

Law Enforcement/OK Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (OLETS): [SB 28](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to assess and collect a fee from subscribers of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. The funds and expenditures are for personnel, recurring use fees, necessary hardware and accessories, of equipment, maintenance and operational expenses of the system.

The bill passed the Senate with the House Amendments adopted by a vote of 27-14 and was sent to the Governor on Tuesday.

Firearms/Felony Pointing: [SB 40](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Bobby Cleveland (R-Slaughterville) amends current statutes on felony pointing of firearms to exclude an act of self-defense and armed security guards licensed by CLEET pursuant to the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act in the performance of their duties. In addition, pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense in order to stop a forcible felony or attempted forcible felony shall not be guilty of committing a criminal act. It also defines "defensive force".

The bill passed the Senate with the House Amendments adopted by a vote of 34-8 and was sent to the Governor on Tuesday.

Insurance/Surplus Lines Tax: [SB 438](#) by Sen. John Sparks (D-Norman) and Rep. Glen Mulready (R-Tulsa) amends 36 O.S. Section 1115 by providing the policies sold to any city or town in this state, incorporated pursuant to law, shall be exempt from the surplus lines premium tax.

The bill passed the Senate with the House amendments adopted by a vote of 43-0 and was sent to the Governor on Tuesday.

Veteran Registry: [SB 456](#) by Sen. Joe Newhouse (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Broken Arrow) creates an Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs registry of 100% service-disabled Oklahoma veterans. The bill contains details.

The House amendment was rejected and the bill was sent to Conference Committee on Wednesday.

Airports/Passenger Protection Act: [SB 477](#) by Sen. Joe Newhouse (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Charles Ortega (R-Altus) amends the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act. It enlarges the intent of the Act to regulate obstructions to air navigation with the potential of endangering lives and property of military aircraft pilots in military training routes. Changes are made to the definition of “incompatible purpose”, “military drop area”, “military training route”, “military traffic pattern” and “total structure height”. Extensive details include presumptions, notification and comment requirements.

The House amendment was rejected and the bill was sent to Conference Committee on Wednesday.

Health Care/Options: [SB 478](#) by Sen. Bill Brown (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Lewis Moore (R-Arcadia) creates the Health Care Choice Act to negotiate compacts with other states to allow out-of-state insurers to sell specified lines of coverage in Oklahoma. The bill contains details.

The House Amendment was rejected and the bill was sent to Conference Committee on Wednesday.

Municipal Court/Expungement: [SB 650](#) by Sen. Wayne Shaw (R-Grove) and Rep. Ben Loring (D-Miami) amends 22 O.S. Section 18 by altering the categories for persons authorized to file a motion for expungement. Included are decreasing of time frames since a felony conviction, exclusions and impact on citizenship rights in various subsections of 22 O.S. Section 18 in addition to authorizing the victim to provide testimony at the expungement hearing.

The House Amendment was rejected and the bill was sent to House Conference Committee on

Judiciary-Criminal Justice and Corrections on Wednesday.

Evidence Code/Vulnerable Person: [SB 692](#) by Sen. AJ Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Scott Biggs (R-Chickasha) creates new law impacting a statement made by a vulnerable or incapacitated person which describes any act of abuse or neglect, any act of financial exploitation or any violent act on said person, not otherwise admissible is admissible in criminal and juvenile proceedings under conditions contained in the bill.

The House Amendment was rejected and the bill was sent to House Conference Committee on Judiciary-Criminal Justice and Corrections on Wednesday.

Law Enforcement/Burglary: [SB 786](#) by Sen. Greg Treat (R-Oklahoma City) and Rep. Ben Loring (D-Miami) amends the definition and penalty for burglary. In addition, new law creates penalty for breaking into any coin-operated or vending machine or device.

The House Amendment was rejected and the bill was sent to House Conference Committee on Judiciary-Criminal Justice and Corrections on Wednesday.

Alcoholic Beverages/Public Property: [HB 1302](#) by Rep. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) and Sen. Stephanie Bice (R-Oklahoma City) makes a number of changes regarding alcohol beverages including powdered alcohol, various alcohol-related licensees. The bill contains details.

The bill passed by a vote of 79-14 and the emergency clause passed by a vote of 72-12. It was sent to the Governor on Wednesday.

Nuisance/Agricultural Activities: [HB 1388](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) and Sen. Eddie Fields (R-Wynona) amends 50 O.S. Section 1.1 relating to what constitutes an agricultural nuisance. Changes are made to established date of operation and the penalty provision is expanded if an action for nuisance is found to be frivolous “or malicious”.

The bill passed with the Senate Amendment adopted by a vote of 89-0 and was sent to the Governor on Wednesday.

State/Debt Study: [HB 1533](#) by Rep. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) and Sen. Greg Treat (R-Oklahoma City) requires the State Bond Advisor to produce a written debt affordability study to determine Oklahoma's debt position relative to its benchmark debt ratio of debt service as a percentage of revenues. Included are projections of future debt issuance, unfunded pension liabilities, relevant metrics and sensitivity analysis. The Bill contains details.

The bill passed with the Senate Amendment adopted by a vote of 88-3 and was sent to the Governor on Wednesday.

Law Enforcement/Child Passengers: [HB 1607](#) by Rep. John Enns (R-Enid) and Sen. Roland Pederson (R-Burlington) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-1112 regarding child passenger restraint in motor vehicles. For a child under age 4 an exception is made to a rear-facing child passenger restraint system for a child being transported by a disabled parent issued a detachable placard under 47 O.S. 15-112 or a physically disabled license plate under 47 O.S. Sections 1135.1 or 1135.2. The child passenger shall be otherwise properly secured as required by Section 11-1112.

The bill passed with the Senate Amendment adopted by a vote of 76-11 and was sent to the Governor on Wednesday.

Firearms/Licenses: [SB 35](#) by Sen. Kimberly David (R-Porter) and Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Broken Arrow) allows an individual 21 years or older on active military or National Guard duty, regular military or National Guard reserve duty or retired or honorably discharged from military service and has a valid military identification card instead of a handgun license to carry a concealed or unconcealed weapon without a handgun license. The bill also allows reserve deputy law enforcement offices from the list of those exempt from the training and qualification requirements. It also removes language requiring CLEET to establish criteria for providing proof of an exemption. The bill also allows out-of-state permit holders the right to carry unconcealed weapons.

The bill passed with the House Amendment adopted by a vote of 46-0 and was sent to the Governor on Thursday.

State Agency/Rule-Making: [SB 697](#) by Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Moore) and Rep. George Faught (R-Muskogee) amends 75 O.S. Section 250.2 providing that all rulemaking authority shall be used only to implement law or policy as set by the Legislature. Within three (3) years all rules, including those already in existence shall include a specific reference to the state or federal statutory provision or federal regulation that delegates the authority for the rule. In addition, the definition of "rule" is altered by removing "interprets or prescribes" law or policy and adding "as delegated by the Legislature."

The bill passed with the House Amendment adopted by a vote of 32-14 and was sent to the Governor on Thursday.

Workers' Compensation: [SB 737](#) by Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Moore) and Rep. Jon Echols (R-Oklahoma City) alters the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act in a number of ways with a bill over 110 pages including over 30 sections including a repealed section. It is a comprehensive reform including volunteer firefighter insurance and definition changes to compensable injury, consequential injury, cumulative trauma, disability, employer, evidence based, gainful employment, impairment, incapacity, major cause, objective findings, occupational disease, permanent disability, permanent partial disability, pre-injury or equivalent job, private self-insurer, prosthetic, scheduled member, scientifically based, surgery, time of accident and total loss of use. The bill contains details.

The House Amendment was rejected and conference was requested on Wednesday.

BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR

Small Loan Act/Preemption: [HB 1913](#) by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-Oklahoma City) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) creates the Oklahoma Small Loan Act with over 25 sections of new law regulating various aspects of the business of making small loans including licensing, fees, surety bonds and a number of requirements. Included in section 26 is preemption prohibiting local government units, including cities, towns and counties from

regulating small plan loans. The bill contains details.

The bill was [vetoed](#) by the Governor last Friday.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

Law Enforcement/Vehicle: [HB 2312](#) by Rep. Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-309 regarding driving in the left lane on divided roadways.

The bill takes effect on November 1, 2017.

Environment/CAFO: [SB 147](#) by Sen. Mike Schulz (R-Altus) and Rep. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) amends the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act authorizing a written waiver by a municipal governing body for a feeding operation within three (3) miles of the corporate limits. A change in ownership of the property on which the animal feeding operation is located shall not affect the validity of the waiver.

The bill takes effect on November 1, 2017.

CLEET/Training: [HB 1263](#) by Rep. Matt Meredith (D-Tahlequah) and Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) amends CLEET training requirements. It authorizes reserve officers who have completed the 240 hour certification program and who have been in active service in that capacity for the past six (6) months shall be eligible to attend a 360 hour basic full-time academy to become certified as a full-time officer.

This bill takes effect on November 1, 2017.

Highways/Right-of-Way: [HB 1305](#) by Rep. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) and Sen. Larry Boggs (R-Wilburton) authorizes the County Commissioners, along the county highway system, to issue permits to authorize and regulate harvesting hay along the right-of-way. Details include liability, storing the hay, priority for the abutting land owners, permit fees and regulatory authority.

This bill takes effect on November 1, 2017.

Sales Tax/Remote Sales: [HB 1427](#) by Rep. Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) creates the Out-of-State Tax Collections Enforcement Act of 2017. It states the Tax Commission may establish the Out-of-State Tax

Collections Enforcement Division. The Commission may contract with or employ out-of-state auditors. The bill contains details.

This bill takes effect on November 1, 2017.

Law Enforcement/Sex Offender Registration: [SB 217](#) by Sen. AJ Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) amends the Sex Offenders Registration Act in various ways including requiring certain offenders to report to local law enforcement.

This bill takes effect on November 1, 2017.

Juveniles/Community Intervention Center: [SB 228](#) by Sen. A J Griffin (R-Guthrie) and Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) amends current law regarding the Office of Juvenile Affairs certifying community intervention centers that are established by one or more municipalities or one or more counties or "juvenile bureaus". The bill authorizes "contracts" or subcontracts with one or more service providers and removes current law's requirement of approval by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

This bill takes effect on November 1, 2017.