

2019 Legislation Highlights

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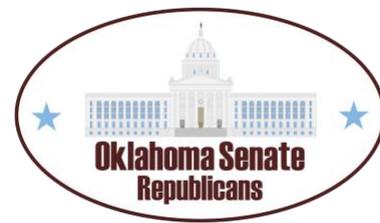
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Senate Bill 210, authored by Appropriations Chair Roger Thompson, R-Okemah, and Public Safety Chair Wayne Shaw, R-Grove, creates the *Pay for Success Act*. According to the bill's language, the purpose of this legislation is to inspire further innovation within state agencies and produce more efficient services for Oklahoma citizens. Thompson and Shaw hope SB 210 will accomplish this by authorizing state agencies to enter into public-private partnerships that can receive state funding, but only if specified performance markers and outcomes are met by the partnership. These performance measures are key because they will incentivize higher levels of service and also give a statistical gauge on the success the programs are having. SB 210 will create the *Pay-for-Success Innovation Fund*, which is to be the source of funding for the public-private partnerships that provide a high level of service to Oklahomans. If this legislation is passed, we may see more state agencies like DOC, ODOT, and DHS seeking partnerships with private organizations.

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do not go through all 12 grades) to compensate independent school districts a proportional amount of funds whenever a student transfers from the dependent district to an independent district. Currently, independent districts receiving students from feeder dependent districts receive no ad valorem revenue to cover funding for the transferring student. To help sort out how much funding would go with the student, SB 151 requires the State Department of Education to assist the elementary district in calculating the amount of proceeds the elementary district must provide to the independent district. The measure requires payments made to the independent district included in the calculation of State Aid.

Bill Would Stop Agencies from Overcharging Inmates for Calls

Senator Chuck Hall, a freshman Republican from Perry, has filed a bill that would stop agencies from profiting off of inmate phone calls. Senate Bill 188 would require that all departments, agencies, penal institutions, detention centers and county jails that must purchase inmate calling and communication services shall only contract for the services of the lowest possible cost to the telephone user. Additionally, any department or agency that enters into such a contract shall not charge inmates a rate that is above the direct operating cost of the communication services, and in no case is the cost per phone call to exceed the rate recommended by the Federal Communications Commission or \$0.11 per minute, whichever is lower. In essence, this measure would reduce phone call costs for those held in custody and require agencies contract at the lowest cost possible.