



OKLAHOMA
Rehabilitation Services

Commission for Rehabilitation Services

➤ **Commissioners Janet Barresi, Theresa Flannery,
and Wes Hilliard**

Regular Meeting
and Video Conferencing

3535 NW 58th Street, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK

March 13, 2024

Empowering Oklahomans with Disabilities

**State of Oklahoma
Commission for Rehabilitation Services
Regular Commission Meeting
March 13, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.**

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services
3535 NW 58th Street, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

**Commission link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1605769413>
Phone: 1-669-254-5252; Webinar ID: 160 576 9413**

Wes Hilliard, Commission, Chair
Theresa Flannery, Commission, Vice Chair
Dr. Janet Barresi, Commission Member

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
Wes Hilliard, Chair

- 2. Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act**
Kathleen Arrieta, Commission Assistant

REPORTS

- 3. Presentation of Longevity Certificates**
Wes Hilliard, Chair

- 4. Presentation of 2023 Oklahoma Commission for Rehabilitation Services Award**
Wes Hilliard, Chair

- 5. Executive Director's Report** **Page 6**
Melinda Fruendt, Executive Director
 - a) Report on agency and departmental updates including the State Plan, the Rehabilitation Services Association monitoring report, Process Improvement, and Program Standards.
 - b) Possible discussion

- 6. Legislative Report** **Page 10**
Jennifer Hardin, Legislative Liaison
 - a) Report on the status of legislative bills
 - b) Possible discussion

- 7. Chief Financial Officer’s Report** **Page 34**
Kevin Statham, Chief Financial Officer
 a) Financial Status Reports for FY 24
 b) Possible discussion
- 8. Capital Improvement Report** **Page 42**
Susan Smith, CPO, Management Services | Purchasing
 a) Report on status of capital improvements
 b) Possible Discussion
- 9. Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI) Report** **Page 45**
Tracy Brigham, Division Administrator
 a) Report including Priority Group Updates and Portal Referrals
 b) Possible discussion
- 10. Human Resources Report** **Page 53**
Tom Patt, HR Director
 a) Personnel Activity report as of February 29, 2024.
 b) Introductions of new staff
 c) Possible discussion
- 11. Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (ORC) Report** **Page 59**
Carolina Colclasure, ORC Program Manager
 a) Update on the Council and Committee Activities
 b) Possible discussion

ACTION ITEMS

- 12. Acceptance of Donations to the Oklahoma School for Deaf** **Page 62**
Dr. Heather Laine, Superintendent
 a) Donation Reports for February 2024
 b) Possible discussion and vote to accept the donations.
- 13. Acceptance of Donations to the Oklahoma School for the Blind** **Page 65**
Rita Echelle, Superintendent
 a) Donation Reports for February 2024
 b) Possible discussion and vote to accept the donations.
- 14. Acceptance of Donations to the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped** **Page 67**
Kevin Treese Program Manager III, SBVI
 a) Donation Reports for February 2024
 b) Possible discussion and vote to accept the donations.

15. Proposed Executive Session to Discuss the Implementation of a DRS Employee Survey.

Wes Hilliard, Chair

- a) Discussion and possible vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to 74 O.S. § 166.8(A)(2) and 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) for the purpose of discussing the implementation of a DRS Employee Survey.
- b) Vote to reconvene into Regular Session
- c) Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

16. New Business

Wes Hilliard, Chair

- a) Any matter not known about, or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting 25 O.S. § 311.

17. Announcements

Wes Hilliard, Chair

- a) Next Meeting:
Wednesday, April 17th at 10:30 a.m.
3535 NW 58th Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

- b) May Meeting:
Wednesday, May 15th at 10:30 a.m.
Oklahoma School for the Deaf
1100 East Oklahoma Avenue
Sulphur, OK 73086

18. Public Comments

- a) Under Oklahoma Open Meeting Laws, the Oklahoma Commission for Rehabilitation Services cannot respond to or discuss any matter not on today's agenda.

19. Adjourn

Wes Hilliard, Chair

- a) Discussion and possible action

Note: "Possible action" by the Commission includes, but is not limited to, approval, authorization, adoption, rejection, denial, amendment, taking no action, or tabling the item for disposition at a later date or time.



Executive Director's Report

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
March 13, 2024

Executive

February

14 – Commission for Rehabilitation Services meeting; VR/SBVI Draft Monitoring report response meeting.

15 – Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council quarterly meeting; Workforce Partnership meeting.

19 – Holiday – President’s Day.

20 – Oklahoma Department of Health early intervention discussion on children identified as Deaf and hard of hearing at birth;

Governor’s Council on Executive Development Executive Committee meeting.

22 – Lunch & Learn at Dale Rogers Training Center.

26 – Director’s Pre-Ets Meeting; Meeting with Senator Garvin, appropriations.

28 – Senate Appropriations Subcommittee meeting; Senate Appropriations Committee meeting.

29 – State Plan for Independent Living DRS review.

March

4 – Lawton Workforce Center Open House.

5 – People with Disabilities Awareness Day.

6 – Meeting with Career Tech regarding Pre-Ets and IPSE.

7 – Meeting with SDE on Disability Innovation Funds Grant.

8 – Human Services Cabinet Meeting; Think College planning meeting.

11 – OKIPSE update meeting; Workforce Partnership Meeting.

13 – Commission for Rehabilitation Services meeting.

State Plan – Stephanie Roe

The Vocational Rehabilitation Services portion of the PY 2024 through PY 2027 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2028) have been submitted to the Department of Labor and Education on March 4, 2024. RSA has 90 days to review and approve the plan. No public comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.

RSA Monitoring – Stephanie Roe

On February 5, 2024, DRS received a draft monitoring report. RSA asked for a review of the draft to dispute inaccuracies and respond to the findings. DRS Leadership teams met to review and develop a response that was returned to RSA by the deadline on February 27th. RSA will review and reach out to us with requests for additional information if needed. At this time, we do not have a timeline for when the final report will be issued.

FFY 2021 Sec. 107 Pre-ETS CAP Progress – Stephanie Roe

DRS submitted the first quarterly update for the Section 107 Pre-ETS CAP to RSA on January 31, 2024. RSA noted 1 finding as partially resolved and quarterly reporting will continue to be monitored on the remaining corrective action steps where progress is still ongoing. The next FFY 2021 Sec. 107 Pre-ETS CAP Progress Report is due to RSA on 04/30/2024.

Partnership meetings – Stephanie Roe

OESC, CareerTech and the Department of Rehabilitation Services (OKDRS) have established monthly partnership meetings and are working closely to promote existing workforce resources and services. We have focused on some joint marketing efforts with other core partners to highlight DRS services and supports available. This includes a WIOA partnership highlight reel, and panel video discussion with core partner agency directors about the role our agency plays in workforce development.

Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development – Stephanie Roe

The Governor’s Council has several newly appointed members. On January 19th, Melinda participated on a Workforce Delivery System Partner Presentation Panel with WIOA core partners and Local Workforce Development Boards to educate new members on WIOA and the partnerships between OESC, local workforce boards, DRS and Career Tech. Fast Fact information was provided to the Council members highlighting DRS services and Oklahoman’s served in FY 22.

Process Improvement (PI) – Lyuda Polyun Federal Reporting

RSA 911 was submitted on time.

AWARE

The AWARE team completed data corrections in time for the RSA 911 successful submission for the Program Year 2023 Q2 report.

The AWARE team has been joined by a new Administrative Assistant to help us insure complete and accurate reporting as the Pre-ETS services program expands to reach more students with disabilities throughout the state.

The Missouri Pre-ETS portal project is making progress; multiple meetings have been scheduled with Alliance and the staff at the University of Missouri to get the data connections set up for automated reporting in AWARE. The project should be completed in time for the next quarterly RSA 911 submission in May 2024.

The new Power BI project will commence shortly. The Power BI consultant/contractor officially starts on Monday, February 26.

Case Review

The QA team are currently working on the open audit for February. QA Team is also working on Pre-Ets questions that will be added to the current audit instrument when completed.

Program Standards, Statistical Research, Data Dashboards

The research staff are working on two Power BI reports: one focused on schoolwork study and the other on closure reasons.

The statistical research specialist is learning Structured Query Language (SQL) to help with BI report design.

The research staff and AWARE team met with staff from SDE-SES and the OP2P independent evaluator about service counts needed for the OP2P grant.

The staff remotely attended TechAccess OK 2024 presentations.

***Respectfully submitted by
Melinda Freundt, Executive Director***



Legislative Report

3/13/24 – DRS Commission Legislative Report

by Jennifer Hardin

- **02/29/24** – Committee Deadline
- **Total Pending Bills = 1,721** (Session started with 4,778)
- **03/14/24** – Deadline for bills to be heard on the floor in chamber of origin.

DRS Request Bills

[SB 154](#) [Stanley, Brenda](#)
[Lawson, Mark](#)

This is a carry-over bill from the '23 session. Provides an exception for Braille reading and ASL students from the Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA). The current testing methods used for the RSA do not address an infrastructure that ensures equity practices for students who are hearing and visually impaired. Also, providing accountability measures to monitor proficiency and language attainment.
Note: This is a joint request with the OK. Dept. of Ed.

Bill History: **02/28/23** - Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Education.

02/08/24 – Title Restored.

02/23/24 – Request made to place bill on floor agenda.

[SB 1339](#) [Seifried, Ally](#)

Creates the Oklahoma Opportunity Scholarship Act which provides financial assistance to students with intellectual disabilities pursuing studies through a CTP program (Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary).

This is a joint request with the OK. State Regents for Higher Education & the OK. IPSE Alliance (Inclusive Post-Secondary Education).

Bill History: **02/13/24** – Passed Education Committee

02/28/24 – Not heard in Senate A&B

03/01/24 – Dead pursuant to the rules.

NOTE: HB3792 IS A DUPLICATE BILL AND SET ON THE HOUSE FLOOR AGENDA (See Bill Below).

[HB 3792](#)

[Hefner, Ellyn \(F\)\(D\)](#)
[Seifried, Ally \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Creates the Oklahoma Access and Achievement Act which provides economic assistance to students with intellectual disabilities to pursue higher education.

Bill History: **02/22/24** – Passed in A&B Committee

02/29/24 - Set on the House Floor Agenda

- The DRS legislative monitoring list will continuously be updated as bills are reviewed or amended. I will distribute a bill status report on a weekly basis.
- Please don't hesitate to contact me if you become aware of a specific bill you would like to be monitored.



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Bill Status Report

03-04-2024 - 14:22:48

'24 - DRS Request Bills

[HB 3792](#) [Hefner, Elyn \(F\)\(D\)](#)
[Seifried, Ally \(F\)\(R\)](#) Creates the Oklahoma Access and Achievement Act which provides economic assistance to students with intellectual disabilities to pursue higher education; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 02-29-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda

[SB 154](#) (1) [Stanley, Brenda\(R\)](#)
[Lawson, Mark\(R\)](#) Provides exception for certain school reading level requirements to students meeting certain alternative standards, with continuing reporting of learning progress; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

Total Bills: 2

Direct DRS Impact Bills

[HB 1407](#) [Culver, Bob Ed\(R\)](#)
[Stewart, Jack \(F\)\(R\)](#) Provides for two one-time increases to state employee flexible benefit allowances in 2024 and 2025.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

[HB 1570](#) [Stark, Marilyn\(R\)](#)
[Bullard, David\(R\)](#) Provides that any individual that does not have a disability or is not a trained assistant of someone with a disability, that uses a service animal attempting to gain special treatment shall be subject to being convicted of a misdemeanor.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

[HB 2027](#) [Wolfley, Max\(R\)](#)
[Garvin, Jessica \(F\)\(R\)](#) Exempts the sales of hearing aids from the state sales tax; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

HB 2716	Hefner, Ellyn (F)(D) Kirt, Julia(D)	Requires the Dept. of Human Services to report to the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency on payments made to providers for certain services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and plan for serving more individuals; EMERGENCY.
Bill History:		11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 2722	Hefner, Ellyn (F)(D) Montgomery, John(R)	Requires certain governmental organizations and future contacts to provide or make accessible information about ABLE accounts and programs; EMERGENCY.
Bill History:		11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 2854	Wallace, Kevin(R) Thompson, Roger(R)	Terminates the state defined contribution plan, transferring participants into the standard Public Employees Retirement System with service credits to be purchased, such changes to be defined as non-fiscal under legislative requirements.
Bill History:		11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 3197	Hilbert, Kyle(R) Jech, Darcy(R)	Provides for an income tax credit on donations to vision research institutes meeting certain standards.
Bill History:		02-28-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Appropriations & Budget
HB 3238	Lawson, Mark(R) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Establishes standards for the oversight and management of programs of all inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) by the Health Care Authority, directing alignment with certain federal standards.
Bill History:		02-29-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda
HB 3317	Bashore, Steve(R) Green, Grant (F)(R)	Requires certain teams conducting investigations into abuse of vulnerable adults or the elderly include a member who has received dementia-specific training.
Bill History:		02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Health Services & Long-Term Care
HB 3328	Roe, Cynthia(R) Stanley, Brenda(R)	Requires criminal history checks from applicants for certain nursing licenses and allows the Board of Nursing to require such checks for the renewal of licenses.
Bill History:		02-22-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda

HB 3505	Sneed, Chris(R)	Makes certain legal instruments invalid if such instrument was created or amended after the person creating it was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, dementia or other cognitive impairments or up to two years before such diagnoses.
		Bill History: 02-22-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Judiciary - Civil
HB 3622	Hill, Brian(R) Pugh, Adam(R)	Creates the Oklahoma Enterprise Task Force to make a report on best practices to support infrastructure development; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Rules
HB 3667	Miller, Nicole(R) Gollihare, Todd (F)(R)	Permits courts in guardian and ward cases to compel potential guardians to complete certain training courses before being awarded guardianship.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda
HB 3668	Miller, Nicole(R) Rosino, Paul(R)	Sets a statute of limitations on the sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult and adjusts the standards and penalties for Medicaid fraud.
		Bill History: 02-22-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda
HB 3793	Hefner, Elynn (F)(D)	Sets an age requirement for residents of standard nursing homes and establishes a secondary license for any such establishments which intend to house persons under the age of eighteen.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Health Services & Long-Term Care
HB 3794	Hefner, Elynn (F)(D) Kirt, Julia(D)	Requires any inpatient and residential-based facilities providing services to disabled children and vulnerable adults to post certain abuse and neglect reporting information in a public area.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Health Services & Long-Term Care
HB 3797	Hefner, Elynn (F)(D) Floyd, Kay(D)	Includes references to the Protection and Advocacy System in statutes related to the elderly and other vulnerable adults.
		Bill History: 02-28-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Judiciary - Criminal
HB 3811	Dollens, Mickey(D) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Increases the income threshold for seniors and disabled persons to request certain tax relief from \$12,000 to \$25,000.
		Bill History: 02-28-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Appropriations & Budget

HB 3912	Caldwell, Chad(R) Seifried, Ally (F)(R)	Provides for a sales tax exemption on the sale of hearing aid devices; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 02-28-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Appropriations & Budget
HB 3930	Deck, Jared (F)(D) Green, Grant (F)(R)	Raises the value of state construction contracts which are exempt from certain bidding requirements from \$10,000 to \$25,000; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House General Government
HB 3938	Provenzano, Melissa(D)	Allows for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing certain certification to obtain a Class D driver license and adjusts procedures related to revocation of licenses. Bill History: 02-20-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Public Safety
SB 534	Rosino, Paul(R) West, Tammy(R)	Changes the maximum adjusted gross income to 300 percent of the federal poverty level for the purpose of qualifying for assistance for a child that is severely developmentally disabled; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 G Carried Over
SB 598	Kirt, Julia(D) Pae, Daniel(R)	Updates terminology used in statute relating to individuals with disabilities and the use of terminology used to describe one's ethnicity. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 1310	McCortney, Greg(R) Sneed, Chris(R)	Transfers authority over state employee benefits plans from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to the Health Care Authority; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 02-13-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Retirement & Insurance
SB 1380	Bergstrom, Micheal(R)	Directs the Commissioner of Health to update rules governing intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities relating to direct care staff training, qualifications, and ratios. Bill History: 02-29-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Health & Human Services

[SB 1385](#) [Stanley, Brenda\(R\)](#)
[Lawson, Mark\(R\)](#) Allows the use of remote technology for certain home and community-based support services and establishes vetting standards for DHS to perform related background checks.

Bill History: 02-22-24 S Bill no longer dual referred to Senate Appropriations and is now on General Order

[SB 1416](#) [Hall, Chuck\(R\)](#)
[Wallace, Kevin\(R\)](#) Permits all state agencies to recruit and hire IT personnel deemed necessary to perform duties of the agency, such employees shall be considered employees of the hiring agency, not of the Information Services Division of OMES.

Bill History: 02-08-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate General Government

[SB 1430](#) [Hall, Chuck\(R\)](#)
[Wallace, Kevin\(R\)](#) Creates a new Central Purchasing Dept. for state government and transfers various powers and duties related to central purchasing from OMES and others to it.

Bill History: 02-28-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Appropriations

[SB 1621](#) [Rader, Dave\(R\)](#)
[Stark, Marilyn\(R\)](#) Directs the Office of Disability Concerns to create regulations relating to non-ambulatory parking spaces for persons who use mechanical means to enter or exit vehicles.

Bill History: 02-26-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Business & Commerce

Total Bills: 30

Disability Oversight Bills

[HB 3238](#) [Lawson, Mark\(R\)](#)
[Garvin, Jessica \(F\)\(R\)](#) Establishes standards for the oversight and management of programs of all inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) by the Health Care Authority, directing alignment with certain federal standards.

Bill History: 02-29-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda

[HB 3317](#) [Bashore, Steve\(R\)](#)
[Green, Grant \(F\)\(R\)](#) Requires certain teams conducting investigations into abuse of vulnerable adults or the elderly include a member who has received dementia-specific training.

Bill History: 02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Health Services & Long-Term Care

[HB 3793](#) [Hefner, Elynn \(F\)\(D\)](#) Sets an age requirement for residents of standard nursing homes and establishes a secondary license for any such establishments which intend to house persons under the age of eighteen.

Bill History: 02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass
House Health Services & Long-Term Care

[HB 3794](#) [Hefner, Elynn \(F\)\(D\)](#)
[Kirt, Julia\(D\)](#) Requires any inpatient and residential-based facilities providing services to disabled children and vulnerable adults to post certain abuse and neglect reporting information in a public area.

Bill History: 02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass
House Health Services & Long-Term Care

[HB 3797](#) [Hefner, Elynn \(F\)\(D\)](#)
[Floyd, Kay\(D\)](#) Includes references to the Protection and Advocacy System in statutes related to the elderly and other vulnerable adults.

Bill History: 02-28-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Judiciary - Criminal

[SB 1709](#) [Rosino, Paul\(R\)](#)
[Echols, Jon\(R\)](#) Transfers the Office of Client Advocacy and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman from the Dept. of Human Services to the Dept. of Health.

Bill History: 02-14-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Appropriations

Total Bills: 6

Education Bills

[HB 1028](#) [Talley, John\(R\)](#)
[Rader, Dave\(R\)](#) Prohibits school district personnel from using corporal punishment on any student with significant cognitive disabilities as identified by the Dept. of Education.

Bill History: 02-08-24 S Senator Floyd removed as sponsor, replaced by Senator Rader

[HB 1035](#) [Rosecrants, Jacob\(D\)](#)
[Pemberton, Dewayne\(R\)](#) Provides exemptions for school absence requirements to students missing class for mental health assessments and therapy sessions; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

HB 1081	Rosecrants, Jacob(D) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Creates the Right to Recess Act which requires schools to incorporate physical activity into school days and directs teachers to minimize the reduction in play for disciplinary reasons; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 02-29-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda		
HB 1277	McCall, Charles(R)	Provides for a 2% cost-of-living adjustment increase in benefits for various state retirement systems; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 02-28-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Appropriations & Budget		
HB 1424	Vancuren, Mark(R) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Creates an Education Employee Assistance Program within the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to provide mental health services support to school district employees and their families; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
HB 1426	Vancuren, Mark(R) Stanley, Brenda(R)	Protects accumulated teacher sick leave from being lost due to any break in employment and ensures it is transferrable; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
HB 1936	McCall, Charles(R) Pugh, Adam(R)	Requires teachers that complete certain competency exams to be reimbursed for the cost of the exam by their school district, adjusts requirements of mentor teachers receiving stipends; EMERGENCY
Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over		
HB 2139	McDugle, Kevin(R) Bullard, David(R)	Permits authorized school personnel possessing handgun licenses to carry firearms onto school property; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
HB 2162	Lowe, Dick(R) Pemberton, Dewayne(R)	Adds ten additional years to the top end of the certified school employee salary schedule, commensurate with experience of up to 35 years; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
HB 2320	Hilbert, Kyle(R) McCortney, Greg(R)	Removes certain limitations on teachers accessing monthly retirement benefits when reemployed by another public school after retirement; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 02-26-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Banking, Financial Svcs & Pensions		

HB 2528	Lepak, Mark(R) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Modifies school employee applications to the Teachers' Retirement System, adjusts membership requirements, benefits, options, and repeals provisions relating to prior service credits and unclassified positions heading the System; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
HB 2555	McBride, Mark(R) Thompson, Roger(R)	Creates the Critical Industries Scholarship Program to institute a four-year pilot program to encourage high school graduates to pursue post-secondary education in critical economic growth areas; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
HB 2558	McBride, Mark(R) Pugh, Adam(R)	Provides an annual salary bonus and test expenses reimbursement for certain teachers holding National Board Certification; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
HB 2562	McBride, Mark(R) Murdock, Casey(R)	Increases the membership of the Board of Education to include appointees by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
Bill History: 02-29-24 S Received in the Senate		
HB 2672	Baker, Rhonda(R) Pugh, Adam(R)	Makes an appropriation to the Dept. of Education for teacher and support staff pay increases, raises the teacher minimum salary schedule and directs the establishment of a qualitative bonus pay program for school staff; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over		
HB 2673	Baker, Rhonda(R) Pugh, Adam(R)	Provides for the statewide student assessment to include a retest of the college- and career-readiness assessment or certain portable career-readiness assessments; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
HB 2676	Baker, Rhonda(R) Thompson, Roger(R)	Modifies several requirements for individualized programs of professional development of the School District Empowerment Program and allows local school district boards to adopt alternative evaluation programs and schedules; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
HB 3274	Baker, Rhonda(R) Pugh, Adam(R)	Adds additional optional modules to the statewide student assessment system designed to test college and career-readiness as well as the military ASVAB test; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 02-29-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda		

HB 3278	Baker, Rhonda(R) Pugh, Adam(R)	Adjusts high school graduation requirements to provide flexibility for student individual career pathways; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Common Education
HB 3386	McCall, Charles(R)	Requires schools to accept transfer students from within the same school district unless at capacity; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 02-13-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Rules
HB 3387	McCall, Charles(R)	Exempts guardians who demonstrate that they receive certain government aid from submitting other forms of income verification when applying for the Parental Choice Tax Credit; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 02-13-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Rules
HB 3396	McCall, Charles(R)	Exempts money derived from the Parental Choice Tax Credit from taxable income calculations. Bill History: 02-27-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Rules
HB 3544	Talley, John(R) Seifried, Ally (F)(R)	Adjusts provisions for determining master teacher qualification in child care centers, sets a probationary period for persons to pursue required educational standards and adjusts Reaching for the Stars program qualification based on size; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 02-22-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda
HB 3952	Blancett, Meloyde(D)	Adds requirements for an audiologist and a vision expert to the Literacy Instruction Team. Bill History: 02-20-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Common Education
HB 3974	Echols, Jon(R) Daniels, Julie(R)	Expands a tax credit on contributions to scholarship-granting organizations to include contributions to the educational infrastructure funds of schools. Bill History: 02-28-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Appropriations & Budget
HB 4015	McBride, Mark(R) Stanley, Brenda(R)	Directs the Dept. of Education to develop and implement a program to assist school personnel with threat detection and early intervention to reduce violence and deescalate potential incidents. Bill History: 02-22-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda

HB 4016	McBride, Mark(R) Stanley, Brenda(R)	Creates the School Safety Training Program Revolving Fund to develop crisis management solutions in schools. Bill History: 02-28-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Appropriations & Budget
SB 24	Pemberton, Dewayne(R) West, Tammy(R)	Permits eligible participants in the Teachers' Retirement System to reinstate previously cancelled health and dental benefits coverage during the election period of any coverage year. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 39	Stanley, Brenda(R) Vancuren, Mark(R)	Includes school support employees under provisions which protect school personnel from punitive actions when reporting or disclosing information they reasonably believe relate to a violation of law or constitutional rights; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 99	Daniels, Julie(R) Lepak, Mark(R)	Establishes certain notice requirements for school employees authorizing payroll deductions for professional organizations and requires annual reauthorization. Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 332	Dossett, Jo Anna (F)(D) Vancuren, Mark(R)	Adjusts the definition of a career teacher to include those who have taught for the requisite amount of time but across several different districts; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 358	Daniels, Julie(R) Echols, Jon(R)	Removes requirement that recipients of the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program spend the year prior enrolled in a public school and exempts certain students from other eligibility requirements. Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 359	Pugh, Adam(R) Lowe, Dick(R)	Removes consideration of protested ad valorem tax revenue when calculating the Foundation Program Income and Salary Incentive Aid, further requires the Dept. of Education to include said protested revenue in its annual budget request. Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 360	Pugh, Adam(R)	Requires each public elementary school to employ a reading specialist to assist in providing literacy and reading instruction to students in grades three and below; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 362	Pugh, Adam(R) Baker, Rhonda(R)	Removes certain exemptions for teachers and prospective teachers from submitting to criminal background checks, both state and national, when applying to new positions both in and out of their current school district; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 364	Pugh, Adam(R) Baker, Rhonda(R)	Provides that certain school employees shall be eligible for eight weeks of paid maternity leave upon childbirth, to expire after twelve months of childbirth, in addition to existing sick and pregnancy leave; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 428	Montgomery, John(R) Wallace, Kevin(R)	Directs public school districts to develop and implement security alert and response systems; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 482	Pugh, Adam(R) McBride, Mark(R)	Adds ten additional years to the top end of the certified school employee salary schedule, commensurate with experience of up to 35 years; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 489	Thompson, Roger(R) Hilbert, Kyle(R)	Makes an appropriation to the Public Common School Building Equalization Fund from the Medical Marijuana Authority Fund for redbud school grants; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 522	Pugh, Adam(R) Baker, Rhonda(R)	Requires the State Board of Education to allocate funds to school districts for mentor teachers providing guidance and support to a new teacher; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 525	Pugh, Adam(R) Hasenbeck, Toni(R)	Requires teachers that successfully complete certain competency exams to be reimbursed for the cost of the exam by their employing school district; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over		
SB 526	Pugh, Adam(R) Echols, Jon(R)	Removes provisions relating to the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System and related incentive pay plans; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over		
SB 527	Pugh, Adam(R) Martinez, Ryan(R)	Provides the definition of an English learner, adjusts the school funding formula's factor for transportation and adjusts weights for certain student categories and grade levels; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over		
SB 528	Pugh, Adam(R) Davis, Dean(R)	Creates the Early Childhood Literacy Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the teaching of literacy to students in early childhood and elementary grade levels; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over		
SB 634	Montgomery, John(R)	Permits participants in the Teachers' Retirement System with at least twenty years of credited service to receive a partial lump-sum payment upon retirement and a reduced annuity thereafter, and requires death benefits to be paid in a timely manner.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		
SB 926	Jett, Shane (F)(R) Vancuren, Mark(R)	Places certain maximum limitations on credits for salary increments and retirement that teachers may be granted based on military service history; EMERGENCY.
Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over		
SB 964	Kidd, Chris(R) Caldwell, Trey(R)	Allows certain retired teachers to be eligible for reemployment as an active classroom teacher with no limitations on earnings from the Teachers' Retirement System for three years.
Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over		

SB 1256	Pugh, Adam(R)	Sets fixed pay increases for certain teacher certifications paid from the Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund and removes requirement that school districts match those pay increases; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-06-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Education
SB 1257	Pugh, Adam(R)	Removes penalties against State Aid to school districts based upon carryover in the general fund of a district; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-06-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Education
SB 1258	Pugh, Adam(R) McBride, Mark(R)	Removes requirement that capital expenditures by school districts paid from the district's general fund be approved by the State Board of Ed. or State Board of Career and Technology Ed.; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 H Received in the House
SB 1307	Stanley, Brenda(R) Moore, Anthony(R)	Removes state assessment and certain testing requirements upon adult students pursuing a high school diploma or similar completion program; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-14-24 H Received in the House
SB 1314	Pugh, Adam(R) Caldwell, Chad(R)	Requires all boards of education to adopt phone-free campus policies to prohibit the usage of cell phones by students while on the campus of public schools; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-28-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Appropriations
SB 1319	Seifried, Ally (F)(R) Newton, Carl(R)	Creates a Public School Vision Screening Modernization Fund for the Dept. of Health to provide grants and collect data to improve vision screening equipment and processes in public schools; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-28-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Appropriations

SB 1395	Pugh, Adam(R) West, Tammy(R)	Adds two appointments to the State Board of Ed. for the President Pro Tempore and Speaker of the House each and outlines justifications and procedures for the removal of Board Members; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Education
SB 1437	Stanley, Brenda(R) Baker, Rhonda(R)	Makes a felony the battery of a school employee while they are in the performance of their duties.
		Bill History: 02-15-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Public Safety
SB 1513	Daniels, Julie(R)	Prohibits school districts from requiring employees to participate in certain union-related activities or distributing informational materials, as well as from allowing teacher unions to access school facilities or equipment; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-20-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Education
SB 1520	Pemberton, Dewayne(R) Hays, Neil (F)(R)	Raises the various limits on allowed earnings for members of the Teachers' Retirement System when calculating retirement benefits; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 03-04-24 S Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 42/N: 3)
SB 1624	Seifried, Ally (F)(R) Vancuren, Mark(R)	Provides tuition aid grant eligibility for certain programs approved by the U.S. Dept. of Education; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 03-04-24 S Emergency Passed (Vote: Y: 44/N: 2)
SB 1625	Seifried, Ally (F)(R)	Prohibits school districts from making automatic payroll deductions for professional organization dues or political contributions; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Education
SB 1768	Thompson, Kristen (F)(R) Baker, Rhonda(R)	Creates certain requirements upon virtual instruction days for schools and requires schools that take emergency virtual days submit decisions to the Dept. of Education for audit and review; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-06-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Education

SB 1895	Thompson, Kristen (F)(R) Lowe, Dick(R)	Allows virtual schools and charter schools to participate in the statewide alternative education program under certain standards and allows existing alternative education programs to include a hybrid or virtual component; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-20-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Education
SB 1904	Pugh, Adam(R)	Sets standards and requirements for statewide virtual charter schools to administer certain required assessments in a virtual setting; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Education
SB 1906	Pugh, Adam(R) Baker, Rhonda(R)	Renames the Reading Sufficiency Act to the Strong Readers Act and thoroughly modifies various related provisions, standards and priorities; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Education
SB 1910	Treat, Greg(R)	Directs school boards of education to adopt policies to determine their capacity to accept disabled student transfers and establishes an appeals and audit process for school transfer systems.
		Bill History: 02-20-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Education
SB 1911	Treat, Greg(R)	Requires school districts to report certain information related to student transfers to the Governor and Legislature alongside other required annual reporting; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-27-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Education

Total Bills: 65

General Government Bills

HB 1391	Cantrell, Josh (F)(R) Howard, Brent(R)	Reduces the period prohibiting retired state employees from returning to work from one year to six months, as it relates to certain retirement benefits and the employee's enrollment in the Public Employees Retirement System. Bill History: 02-26-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Banking, Financial Svcs & Pensions
HB 2376	Kannady, Chris(R) Hall, Chuck(R)	Adjusts provisions related to state employee benefits, providing a maximum of 640 hours of carryover leave and clarifying services which qualify for inclusion in benefits calculations; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 2777	McCall, Charles(R) Treat, Greg(R)	Creates the Oklahoma Public Finance Protection Act which sets certain limitations and standards on the authority of fiduciaries for state government funds. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 65	Stanley, Brenda(R) Echols, Jon(R)	Provides for one additional personal holiday each year for permanent state employees to be taken on one of several selected holidays or on the employee's birthday. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 1212	Hicks, Carri(D) Strom, Judd(R)	Requires state entities making purchases of goods or equipment for construction and repairs to prioritize purchasing products produced in the United States except under certain conditions. Bill History: 02-29-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate General Government
SB 1264	Stanley, Brenda(R) Miller, Nicole(R)	Requires state health benefit plans, including the OK Employees Insurance Plan, include coverage for certain genetic testing and screening for cancer. Bill History: 02-20-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Retirement & Insurance

[SB 1399](#) [Hall, Chuck\(R\)](#)
[Wallace, Kevin\(R\)](#) Creates the Oklahoma Long-Range Capital Planning Legacy Fund and related Commission, requires the State Treasurer to appoint investment managers, and creates an annual apportionment to the fund; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 02-21-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Appropriations

[SB 1455](#) [Thompson, Roger\(R\)](#)
[Wallace, Kevin\(R\)](#) Permits the Capitol Improvement Authority to use investment returns for employee salaries; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 02-15-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate General Government

[SB 1525](#) [Gollihare, Todd \(F\)\(R\)](#)
[Lawson, Mark\(R\)](#) Adjusts membership requirements for an advisory committee to the Director of Human Services on matters relating to persons with developmental disabilities.

Bill History: 02-29-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Health & Human Services

[SB 1856](#) [Stewart, Jack \(F\)\(R\)](#)
[Osburn, Mike\(R\)](#) Allows a low performance evaluation to be used as a factor in deciding certain reduction-in-force implementation plans for state employees.

Bill History: 03-04-24 S Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 45/N: 1)

Total Bills: 10

OMES Bills

[HB 1010](#) [West, Rick\(R\)](#)
[Hamilton, Warren \(F\)\(R\)](#) Allows state agencies located within a county to purchase items from local businesses outside of current Central Purchasing Act requirements when there are no state contracted vendors within that county, purchases not to exceed \$2500.

Bill History: 02-22-24 S Received in the Senate

[HB 1784](#) [Martinez, Ryan\(R\)](#) Creates the Information Services Agency as a distinct entity, separated from OMES and transfers related duties and responsibilities.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

HB 3057	Steagall, Jay(R)	Removes certain exemptions upon purchases made by the Chief Information Officer and the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.
		Bill History: 02-13-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Government Modernization & Technology
HB 3508	Sneed, Chris(R) McCortney, Greg(R)	Transfers the Employee Group Insurance Division of OMES to the Public Employees Retirement System, bringing all obligations, responsibilities and other duties along with them; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 02-13-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Government Modernization & Technology
SB 1178	Thompson, Roger(R) Wallace, Kevin(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 1181	Thompson, Roger(R) Wallace, Kevin(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 1182	Thompson, Roger(R) Wallace, Kevin(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 1183	Thompson, Roger(R) Wallace, Kevin(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 1184	Thompson, Roger(R) Wallace, Kevin(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
SB 1185	Thompson, Roger(R) Wallace, Kevin(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

SB 1270	Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Requires OMES to prepare and annually update an 8-year plan for state facility management, operations and maintenance needs which will be submitted to the Governor and Legislative leadership.
	Bill History:	02-08-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate General Government
SB 1400	Hall, Chuck(R)	Directs that the Risk Management Fund will be invested by the Risk Management Administrator, hired or contracted as outlined in statute.
	Bill History:	02-26-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Finance
SB 1430	Hall, Chuck(R) Wallace, Kevin(R)	Creates a new Central Purchasing Dept. for state government and transfers various powers and duties related to central purchasing from OMES and others to it.
	Bill History:	02-28-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Appropriations
SB 1458	Thompson, Roger(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	12-15-23 S Filed
SB 1459	Thompson, Roger(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	12-15-23 S Filed
SB 1460	Thompson, Roger(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	12-15-23 S Filed
SB 1461	Thompson, Roger(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	12-15-23 S Filed
SB 1467	Thompson, Roger(R)	Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	12-15-23 S Filed

[SB 1468](#) [Thompson, Roger\(R\)](#) Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to prescribe certain electronic systems for payroll claims and processing; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 12-15-23 S Filed

[SB 1588](#) [Hall, Chuck\(R\)](#) Transfers the administration of the state-sponsored health and dental benefits plans, HealthChoice, and life insurance plans from the Group and Insurance Division to the Health Care Authority; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 02-08-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Health & Human Services

Total Bills: 20

Workforce Dev. Bills

[HB 2457](#) [Hill, Brian\(R\)](#)
[Paxton, Lonnie\(R\)](#) Creates the NextGen Employee Development Program under the Dept. of Commerce to award funds for training and development of highly skilled workers in select industries; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

[HB 3597](#) [Hill, Brian\(R\)](#)
[Paxton, Lonnie\(R\)](#) Removes certain responsibilities over the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development from the Dept. of Commerce and charges the Employment Security Commission with developing the Work-Based Learning Program.

Bill History: 02-13-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House General Government

[SB 398](#) [Pugh, Adam\(R\)](#)
[Duel, Collin \(F\)\(R\)](#) Identifies the Dept of Veterans Affairs to serve as the state's principal assistance organization for the U.S. Dept of Defense's SkillBridge program, which is to assist qualified businesses and transitioning servicemembers with employment.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

[SB 1358](#) [Pugh, Adam\(R\)](#)
[Moore, Anthony\(R\)](#) Creates a Workforce Development Revolving Fund under the Workforce Commission to increase the number of degrees, certifications, and licenses to fulfill workforce needs; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 02-28-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Appropriations

[SB 1447](#)

[Thompson, Kristen \(F\)\(R\)](#)
[Osburn, Mike\(R\)](#)

Creates the Creating Oklahoma's Modern Plan for Economic Transformation and Effectiveness Act which establishes an Oklahoma Office of Economic Development, Growth and Expansion for business development; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 02-28-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Appropriations

Total Bills: 5

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Chief Financial Officer's Report

Department of Rehabilitation Services Financial Status Report FY 24

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All Programs Agency Summary						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	96,935,137.00	52.4%	47,735,197.01	49.2%	48,344,239.17	99.1%
Travel	1,263,450.00	0.7%	629,257.68	49.8%	48,137.56	53.6%
General Operating	29,366,421.00	15.9%	7,758,867.26	26.4%	10,657,573.88	62.7%
Office Furniture & Equipment	1,647,168.50	0.9%	507,021.55	30.8%	84,039.36	35.9%
Client / General Assistance	44,345,862.00	24.0%	13,875,869.70	31.3%	26,275,384.51	90.5%
Indirect Cost	11,270,854.00	6.1%	5,788,917.59	51.4%	5,481,936.41	100.0%
Total	184,828,892.50	100.0%	76,295,130.79	41.3%	90,891,310.89	90.5%

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All Programs						
Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	30,477,753.00	36.7%	14,127,238.24	46.4%	15,975,800.03	98.8%
Travel	882,950.00	1.1%	465,547.19	52.7%	664.56	52.8%
General Operating	9,996,904.00	12.1%	3,674,231.21	36.8%	5,215,068.62	88.9%
Office Furniture & Equipment	736,508.00	0.9%	289,259.66	39.3%	50,102.60	46.1%
Client / General Assistance	36,371,862.00	43.9%	9,836,797.38	27.0%	22,634,504.46	89.3%
Indirect Cost	4,471,299.00	5.4%	2,212,378.74	49.5%	2,258,920.26	100.0%
Total	82,937,276.00	100.0%	30,605,452.42	36.9%	46,135,060.53	92.5%
Vocational Rehabilitation Grant						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	27,758,218.00	35.5%	12,718,205.97	45.8%	14,678,326.13	98.7%
Travel	864,000.00	1.1%	453,162.64	52.4%	664.56	52.5%
General Operating	9,263,446.00	11.8%	3,454,415.78	37.3%	4,841,094.67	89.6%
Office Furniture & Equipment	543,960.00	0.7%	172,925.87	31.8%	50,102.60	41.0%
Client / General Assistance	35,655,667.00	45.6%	9,604,295.25	26.9%	22,260,376.22	89.4%
Indirect Cost	4,160,619.00	5.3%	2,041,556.60	49.1%	2,119,062.40	100.0%
Total	78,245,910.00	100.0%	28,444,562.11	36.4%	43,949,626.58	92.5%

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All Programs						
Oklahoma School for the Blind						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	7,437,421.00	72.6%	4,135,894.67	55.6%	3,266,085.88	99.5%
Travel	107,000.00	1.0%	38,455.55	35.9%	0.00	35.9%
General Operating	1,576,295.00	15.4%	563,882.80	35.8%	741,448.04	82.8%
Office Furniture & Equipment	270,127.00	2.6%	149,236.45	55.2%	23,442.76	63.9%
Client / General Assistance	76,000.00	0.7%	20,202.29	26.6%	0.00	26.6%
Indirect Cost	784,440.00	7.7%	442,697.76	56.4%	341,742.24	100.0%
Total	10,251,283.00	100.0%	5,350,369.52	52.2%	4,372,718.92	94.8%

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All Programs Oklahoma School for the Deaf						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	9,200,943.00	41.9%	4,348,378.49	47.3%	4,816,033.70	99.6%
Travel	133,000.00	0.6%	65,678.83	49.4%	17,950.00	62.9%
General Operating	10,596,767.00	48.3%	863,706.08	8.2%	1,037,342.59	17.9%
Office Furniture & Equipment	558,322.50	2.5%	56,933.47	10.2%	0.00	10.2%
Client / General Assistance	448,000.00	2.0%	94,334.08	21.1%	115,416.00	46.8%
Indirect Cost	1,007,110.00	4.6%	518,337.16	51.5%	488,772.84	100.0%
Total	21,944,142.50	100.0%	5,947,368.11	27.1%	6,475,515.13	56.6%

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All Programs							
Disability Determination Division							
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	%	Used
Personnel	41,243,263.00	71.1%	20,757,406.83	50.3%	20,296,614.44	99.5%	
Travel	64,300.00	0.1%	22,935.08	35.7%	29,523.00	81.6%	
General Operating	4,207,654.00	7.3%	1,657,152.57	39.4%	2,227,421.58	92.3%	
Office Furniture & Equipment	34,213.00	0.1%	2,400.62	7.0%	0.00	7.0%	
Client / General Assistance	7,450,000.00	12.8%	3,924,535.95	52.7%	3,525,464.05	100.0%	
Indirect Cost	5,000,570.00	8.6%	2,612,153.41	52.2%	2,388,416.59	100.0%	
Total	58,000,000.00	100.0%	28,976,584.46	50.0%	28,467,439.66	99.0%	

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All Programs						
DRS Support Services						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	8,575,757.00	73.3%	4,366,278.78	50.9%	3,989,705.12	97.4%
Travel	76,200.00	0.7%	36,641.03	48.1%	0.00	48.1%
General Operating	2,988,801.00	25.6%	999,894.60	33.5%	1,436,293.05	81.5%
Office Furniture & Equipment	47,998.00	0.4%	9,191.35	19.1%	10,494.00	41.0%
Client / General Assistance	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Indirect Cost	7,435.00	0.1%	3,350.52	45.1%	4,084.48	100.0%
Total	11,696,191.00	100.0%	5,415,356.28	46.3%	5,440,576.65	92.8%

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Personnel

Salary Expense

Insurance Premium -Health-Life, etc

FICA-Retirement Contributions

Travel

Travel - Agency Direct

Travel - Reimbursements

General Operating

AFP Encumbrances

Bond Indebtness and Expenses

Buildings-Purchase, Construction and Renovation

General Operating

Inter/Intre Agency Payment for Personal Services

Maintenance & Repair

Miscellaneous Administration Fee

Professional Services

Production, Safety, Security

Refunds, Indemnities, Restitution

Rent Expense

Scholarships, Tuition and Other Incentive-Type Payments

Shop Expense

Specialized Supplies & Materials

Office Furniture & Equipment

Library Equipment & Resources

Office Furniture & Equipment

Client / General Assistance

Social Service and Assistance Payments

Indirect Cost



Capital Improvement Report

Capital Improvement Report

Active Construction Projects:

- OSD Dorm Renovation – Blattner Hall
 - Project Description - Furnish all project management, superintendence, and labor, including modifying and renovating restrooms and shower stalls to include ADA accessibility and ease of maintenance on each of the three floors; replace flooring and base install LVT-1; replace HVAC controls to ES2-based platform; install boiler system; finish upgrades throughout building including walls and ceilings; remove existing stair nosing, tread, and riser finish (install VSR-1); and remove all existing ceiling tiles and install new tiles (ACT-1).
 - Budget: \$1,292,377.00
 - Contractor – Core Construction
 - Architecture and Engineering Firm - Rand Elliot Architects
 - OMES Construction and Properties (CAP) Project Manager – Daniel Linehan
 - Status – Awaiting delivery of materials.

- Elevator replacement at Read Hall
 - Project Description – Replacement of elevator and elevator shaft to conform to ADA standards.
 - Budget: \$1,067,666.94
 - Contractor – Core Construction
 - Architecture and Engineering Firm – Rand Elliott Architects
 - OMES Construction and Properties (CAP) Project Manager – Manny Sauviller
 - Status – Currently waiting on the State Fire Marshall’s office to review plans, issue permits, and final inspections.

- Elevator replacement at Griffing Hall
 - Project Description – Replacement of elevator and elevator shaft to conform to ADA standards.
 - Budget: \$2,200,000.00
 - Contractor – TBD
 - Architecture and Engineering Firm – TBD
 - OMES Construction and Properties (CAP) Project Manager – Druey Hall
 - Status: We are currently in the process of selecting an A&E firm via the bid process through CAP.

- Auditorium
 - Project Description – replacing the seating with a larger, more modern, and deaf-friendly seating design.
 - Budget: \$407,214.00
 - Contractor – TBD
 - Architecture and Engineering Firm – TBD
 - OMES Construction and Properties (CAP) Project Manager – Druey Hall
 - Status: We are currently in the process of selecting an A&E firm via the bid process through CAP.

- Playground
 - Project Description – Add shading to the playground areas.
 - Budget: \$300,000.00
 - Contractor – TBD
 - Architecture and Engineering Firm – N/A
 - OMES Construction and Properties (CAP) Project Manager – N/A
 - Status: We are working with several vendors on the Statewide contract to get quotes for exactly what we want and for the best pricing.

- Football Field
 - Project Description – Re-align the field to the best possible spot. Put in a press box, lighting, a concession stand, and a track around the field to be the official size.
 - Budget: \$1,800,000.00
 - Contractor – TBD
 - Architecture and Engineering Firm – N/A
 - OMES Construction and Properties (CAP) Project Manager – N/A
 - Status: We are currently in the process of selecting and A&E firm via the bid process though CAP.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Smith, CPO | Administrative Programs Officer IV
Management Services | Purchasing



Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Report

**Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Commission Report
March 13, 2024**

DRS Portals affecting client services:

On-Line Self-Referral/Client Portal

Alliance Enterprise's Cloud Service hosts the Referral/Client Portal, accessible from the DRS website, where individuals can create an account to initiate a new referral or access existing cases. Once a formal application for service is made, users can view their case details, expedite communication with assigned counselors, and update personal information. The portal streamlines service delivery by providing easy access to essential case information after referral or application submission. Currently, about 8% of all referrals since the go-live date in January 2023 were for high school students.

Pre-VR Portal

The University of Missouri's Pre-VR portal manages service data for Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) provided to Oklahoma high school students with disabilities by University of Oklahoma-employed Pre-ETS instructors, funded by the Department of Rehabilitation Services. Coordinated by OU's National Center for Disability Education and Training, these services encompass career exploration, work-based learning, post-secondary education counseling, workplace readiness training, and self-advocacy instruction. Integrating service data with the AWARE System via an API aims to streamline reporting, ensuring RSA-911 compliance, enhancing accountability, and enabling the DRS to effectively monitor the impact of Pre-ETS activities on students' transition to employment and independence.

Field Services

New Hires

Hailey Bailey, Counselor in Ada began January 2.

Kimberly Lane, Counselor in McAlester began January 4

Vacancies

Counselors in Enid, Weatherford, OKC(2)

Assistive Technology Specialist announced for any location statewide

New Employee Academy was held on January 23-25 with multiple SBVI and VR leaders instructing throughout the academy.

OKC VIBE was held January 8-12 with 9 participants.

Legislators, Senator Kirt and Representative Hefner completed a tour of the OKC AT Lab and Training Apartment on November 29. The tour and information were well received, and the legislators stated that they would recommend other legislators tour as well.

Assistive Technology (AT) Specialists and the Program Manager attended the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) Training Conference to refresh skills and learn new skills. There were over 300 educational sessions to select between and over 125 companies showcasing their AT.

AT Services:

January Assessments = 35	January Trainings = 43
December Assessments = 24	December Trainings = 33
November Assessments = 17	November Trainings = 46

Blindness Support Groups continue in Tulsa, Sapulpa and Owasso, Norman and Enid.

Community Events/Meetings

Brookdale Living Center; El Reno Senior Nutrition Center; PTC Advisory Committee; Accessible Pharmacy Health Expo; Shawnee Job Fair; Epic Charter;

Presentations

Veterans Administration; Comanche Elementary School (blindness and dog guide travel educational presentation); Southwestern OSU graduate class

Change Team Initiatives

SBVI and VR Division Administrators, Field Coordinators and the Change Team Leads continue meetings with John Walsh and Ron Vessels from the VRTAC-QM on our on-going initiative, Leading Change. The Change Teams (Recruitment and Retention; Process Improvement; Organizational Change and Culture), comprised of SBVI and VR employees, are now in the process of holding regular meetings to develop ideas for improvements and efficiencies in the change team topic areas.

SBVI and VR DA's and staff continue to work closely with DDS (DHS) to serve clients coming off of the DDS wait list. To date there have been 58 referrals to DRS. There are multiple meetings each month to include collaboration on assessment for referrals, the referral process, forms, sequencing of services, braiding of services, committees, etc...

Average Hours Worked and Wage for Successfully Employed SBVI Clients:
35 hours per week at \$16.20 per hour

Recruitment and Outreach

Chair of the Recruitment and Retention Change Team—multiple team meetings

Career Fairs and Events:

OKC; Western OK Education Expo in Elk City; UTA Virtual Recruiting Seminar; University of Central Oklahoma; HRPN Quarterly Meeting; University of Texas-Dallas; University of North Texas; Northeastern State University Career and Education Expo; Southern Methodist University; University of Oklahoma; Drake University

Recruiting Visits:

SWOSU; OSU; ORU; Cameron University; University of Arkansas-Fayetteville; University of Oklahoma

Transition

Summer Programs 2024

1. Science Technology Engineering Mathematics – STEM camps - 5 Camps scheduled in-person in Atoka, Ada, Davis, Skiatook, and Tulsa. We are exploring other rural areas for 2 more camps.
2. Building Employment Skills for Today (BEST) followed by Summer Transition Employment Program (STEP). There are 24 BEST STEP camps scheduled this summer including Kiamichi Tech and Central Tech. Everyone MUST have done BEST to do STEP and STEP is optional depending on the schools needs in the area and student participation. Dates of BEST are June and portions of BEST are in July due to no work experiences in the community or a first time program.
 - a. BEST is one week of instruction - BEST provides opportunities to prepare students with disabilities, both DRS clients and potentially eligible students, ages 16-21, for real life jobs, careers, and situations. Engaging youth in job search activities, work readiness, access to employment and vocational opportunities, making networking/social connections and pre-employment transition skills (pre-ETS).
 - b. STEP is 4 weeks of paid work experience - STEP is the employment piece of the summer program. Teachers and paras are hired to assist with development and being a job

- skills trainer to ensure these students are getting the help needed in the community on the job. Students working during the summer are paid through Central Oklahoma Workforce Board. (COWIB) and Southern Workforce Board (SWB) Workforce partners.
- c. Guest speakers are included during BEST
 - d. [BEST STEP Portal](#) for resources
 - e. 333 Students have submitted online applications to date
3. Sooner Works Summer Academy – known as OU Camp Works Program– Sooner Works Summer Academy is a residential summer college experience for individuals with intellectual and and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) on the University of Oklahoma (OU) campus and DRS is on track to support 15-20 students. These students will be current high school students who have completed the 10th grade (estimated ages 15-20) and are DRS clients or potentially eligible students with disabilities (“participating students”) interested in attending a postsecondary education program with an emphasis on interest in PSE program.
 4. Visually Impaired Blindness Empowerment (VIBE) – June 23-28 at OSB
 - a. The Transitional VIBE Program provides assessment and career/higher education exploration. This two-week program prepares the individual for higher education, competitive workforce, and independent living to the best of their ability. They will learn Independent Living Skills, Communication Skills, Team Building, Travel/transportation, Career and Job Exploration, Interviews, Technology, Resume Skills, Exploration of College/Career and Tech/Workforce. The Pre-ETS specialists are involved in the program.

Project Search

New information: Meetings in process with Tinker AFB about a Project SEARCH site with Mid-Del Schools and Carl Albert.

Program Updates

We continue to grow this program in the Northeastern part of the state including Bristow, Cleveland, Cushing, Davenport, Depew, Drumright, Hominy, Kellyville, Kiefer, Mannford, Mounds, Oilton, Olive, Prue, Ripley, Sapulpa, West Side Christian Academy, and Yale in partnership with the Central Technology Center. Kiamichi Tech Center began Pre-ETS at their campuses in August 2023. Kiamichi has 9 campuses, which are reaching some rural areas – Talihina, Durant, McAlister, Idabel, Stigler, Poteau, Hugo,

Wilburton, and Atoka and they have 9 pre-ETS providing these services to potentially eligible and DRS clients.

OSU-IDD - Self-Determination Training Program

This program has completed year 1. They changed the name to just OSU-IDD Self Determination Training. There are 12 individuals in the program.

Micro-Credentialing – ABL Tech

ABLE Tech has developed and began the micro-credentialing contract with DRS. Pre-ETS is involved to be able to share this opportunity with youth.

Oklahoma Inclusive Postsecondary Education – (OKIPSE)

DRS has signed contracts to support clients in the programs below:

- OU SoonerWorks
- NSU RiverHawks
- OSU Opportunity Orange
- USAO in Chickasha – Neuro Diversity program

Competitive Employability Readiness Training (CERT) Culinary

- Tulsa Technology Center CERT Culinary participants continue in the hospitality program learn how to work as a culinary assistant. The program provides them with technical training and experience in a variety of service occupations through the HospitAbilities curriculum.
- A New Leaf
DRS continues to work with A New Leaf to provide those services to DRS clients.
- National Peer Mentoring Project
TC continues to work with the mentor program.

Transition Newsletter

If you have not subscribed to our external Transition Newsletter, please do. The subscription link is located at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/OKDRS/subscriber/new>. We are always needing Success Stories. Please send your leads to Tracy, Kevin, and Chris for the Newsletters. We have reached 2,418 subscribers as of March 1st, 2024.

BEP

New Hires: Megan Ketch, Vending Operations Manager (warehouse supervisor); Ryan Sissom, Vending Technician; Craig Sanders, Business Consultant

Facility Classification for 2024: 13 facilities moved up in classification (3 facilities moved up 2 levels)!

10 Site Surveys have been completed since December 1.

The Business Manager, all Consultants and Technicians are becoming certified in the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) Technician Training Levels I, II and III which cover fundamentals such as hand tools, minor repairs and maintenance on vending machines, moving machines, coin mechanisms and bill validators repair and replacement, sanitation and then progresses to refrigeration and electronics.

The goal is that well trained staff will result in improved time per service call, fewer customer Licensed Vendor and Building Manager complaints and fewer vending refunds, fewer repeat service calls, lower equipment maintenance costs, and the hope of improved employee morale and reduced employee turnover.

Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (OLBPH)

Kaitlyn Evans, PIO began January 3

Kevin Treese and Tracy Brigham visited Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite to tour the braille transcription education program. SBVI and DOC has a partnership in this program and SBVI loaned braille embossers to the program so the inmates can learn braille. The goal of the program is for the inmates to have a career opportunity when they leave prison. The AIM Center will collaborate with DOC to provide projects for the braille education program which will benefit children and allow the inmates products to produce for free while learning and becoming certified.

Duplication on Demand (DoD) SFY '24
as of 02/24 = 229,352

AIM Center Students Served SFY '24
as of 02/24 PreK-Grade 12 = 1,009 Birth-3 Years = 588

Division Administrator Activities:

Administration reviewed the State Plan goals and priorities, revised and resubmitted as of March 1.

Administration has been working on the PreETS CAP response and received approval from RSA on the submission of our plan. The 1st quarter progress report was submitted on 01/31/2024. Team continues to work with NTACTION for assistance with PreETS contracts and spending.

NCSAB Executive Committee listening session with RSA on 02/08/2024. Reviewed new RSA Commissioner's, Dante Allen, focus areas which include CIE. Deputy Commissioner, Carol Dobak quickly stated that the FAQ's were provided and Ability One contracts are not considered CIE when talking about "direct line" jobs such as those in manufacturing, fulfillment and production areas. Ms. Dobak went on to say there's a possibility that a non-direct line job in the office environment may be considered CIE and that is where an evaluation by a counselor would be appropriate, but counselors are not required to go into the manufacturing environment of an Ability One provider to keep proving that those jobs are not CIE.

Additional Activities: RSA Commissioner Meeting with NCSAB Executive Committee; Randolph-Sheppard Priority Meeting; RSA/NCSAB Listening Session; DRS/DDS meetings; NTACTION Meetings; ORC; ORC Executive Committee; NCSAB Conference Planning; Performance Review Meeting; NCSAB Executive Committee Meetings; Monitoring CoP; CSAVR Customer Service for Adults committee; BEP Contracts meeting; VR TAC-QM Change Leader Meetings; New Employee Academy; 14C CoP; Randolph-Sheppard Calls; FC/PM Meetings; DRS/DDS Sequencing of Services; State Use Advisory Committee; BEP Interviews; ETeam Meeting; PreETS CAP Revisions Meetings; Fiscal Management CoP; DRS PreETS Meeting; Monitoring CoP; BEP New Trainee Meeting; Direct Service Providers Meeting; AWARE Express Demonstration; OKTVR Meeting

Report respectfully submitted by Tracy Brigham, SBVI Division Administrator
March 13, 2024



Human Resources Report

PERSONNEL ACTIVITY REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024

FILLED AND VACANT POSITIONS

Personnel Activity = 8 vacant positions filled / 53 positions in Announcement or Selection Process / 2 positions canceled

Division	Title/PIN	Date Vacated	Location	Begin date	End date	Ann. #	Action/Incumbent	Date Filled
EXEC	AWARE Support Technician / P105253	NEW PIN	EXEC	12/19/2023	12/27/2023	24-049	Lisa Nessel	02/01/2024
DDS	Administrative Programs Officer / P105285	NEW PIN	DDS	01/10/2024	01/19/2024	24-053	Verteasta Moore	02/12/2024
FSD	Accountant / 1063	08/31/2023	FSD	02/09/2024	02/29/2024	24-060	In Selection Process	
MSD	Administrative Programs Officer / 0993	01/31/2024	MSD PDU	01/16/2024	01/22/2024	24-055	Tiffany Harris	02/05/2024
OSB	Transportation Officer/Student Aide / 1084	01/08/2024	OSB	02/09/2024	Continuous	24-061	Currently Open	
OSB	Construction/Maintenance Technician / 0819	02/01/2024	OSB	02/13/2024	Continuous	24-063	Currently Open	
OSB	Principal / 0537	08/01/2024	OSB	02/29/2024	Continuous	24-065	Currently Open	
OSB	Construction/Maintenance Technician / 0256	12/01/2023	OSB	01/12/2024	Continuous	24-054	Currently Open	
OSB	Direct Care Specialist / 0552, 0844	07/01/2015	OSB	01/17/2024	Continuous	24-057	Currently Open	
OSB	Independent Living Instructor / 0164	10/19/2023	OSB	11/15/2023	Continuous	24-040	Currently Open	
OSB	Housekeeping/Custodial Worker / 0131	10/02/2023	OSB	01/16/2024	01/22/2024	24-037	Michael Bynum	02/01/2024
OSB	School Psychologist, 2045 / 0463	07/31/2023	OSB	10/26/2023	Continuous	23-095	Currently Open	
OSD	Teaching Assistant / 0648	11/01/2023	OSD	01/11/2024	Continuous	24-038	Currently Open	
OSD	Housekeeping/Custodial Worker / 0542	01/09/2024	OSD	01/17/2024	Continuous	24-058	Currently Open	
OSD	Construction Maintenance Technician / 0190	11/30/2023	OSD	12/07/2023	Continuous	24-042	Currently Open	
OSD	Construction Maintenance Technician / 0154	12/01/2023	OSD	12/08/2023	Continuous	24-047	Marshall Griffith	02/01/2024
OSD	Director of Outreach and Accessibilities, 4966 / P104791	New PIN	OSD	08/07/2023	Continuous	24-017	Currently Open	
OSD	Teacher, 2083 / 0050	07/31/2023	OSD	08/16/2023	Continuous	24-022	Currently Open	
OSD	Sign Language Specialist, 2308 / 1090	07/20/2023	OSD	08/17/2023	Continuous	24-023	Currently Open	
OSD	Principal, 1854 / 0081	02/01/2010	OSD	09/06/2023	Continuous	23-082	Currently Open	
OSD	Direct Care Specialist / 0578, 0824, 0620	08/19/2021 10/22/2012 01/01/2024	OSD	10/24/2023	Continuous	23-032	Currently Open	

		07/31/2023						
		04/30/2020						
OSD	Teacher, 2083 / 0022, 0569, 0890	08/01/2021	OSD	10/04/2023	Continuous	23-079	Currently Open	
OSD	School Psychologist, 2045 / 0070	12/31/2022	OSD	09/15/2023	Continuous	23-050	Canceled	
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0087	02/05/2024	VR45 – Tulsa	02/07/2024	Continuous	24-062	Currently Open	
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0821	02/11/2024	VR13 – McAlester	02/12/2024	Continuous	24-064	Currently Open	
VR	Secretary / 1065	01/31/2024	VR Admin – OKC	01/04/2024	Continuous	24-051	Currently Open	
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0021	11/06/2023	VR67 – Tulsa	01/04/2024	Continuous	24-052	Currently Open	
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0071	02/01/2024	VR86 – Ada	01/12/2024	Continuous	24-056	Currently Open	
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0949	12/18/2023	VR22 – Norman	12/08/2023	Continuous	24-043	Currently Open	
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0710	12/14/2023	VR12 – Lawton	12/05/2023	Continuous	24-044	Currently Open	
VR	Business Services Liaison / 0814	07/22/2022	VR86 – Ada	12/04/2023	12/18/2023	24-045	In Selection Process	
VR	Job Placement Specialist / 0925	05/31/2023	VR47 – OKC	12/04/2023	12/18/2023	24-046	In Selection Process	
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0659	02/28/2023	VR38 – Okmulgee	12/19/2023	Continuous	24-048	Currently Open	
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0553	10/24/2023	VR80 – Tulsa	11/20/2023	Continuous	24-041	Currently Open	
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0577	08/07/2023	VR63 – Alva	09/22/2023	Continuous	24-032	Currently Open	
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0047	12/30/2022	VR07 – Durant	08/15/2023	Continuous	24-020	Kelly Moreno	02/05/2024
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0714	08/18/2023	VR26 – Claremore	08/16/2023	Continuous	24-021	Taren Withrow	02/01/2024
VR	Programs Field Representative / 0034	04/30/2023	VR09 – ESS	07/12/2023	Continuous	24-002	Canceled	
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 1190	06/09/2023	VR08 – Enid	06/05/2023	Continuous	23-096	Currently Open	
VR	Programs Field Representative / 1195	11/21/2022	TBD	09/13/2023	Continuous	23-098	Currently Open	
VR	Behavioral Health Clinician / 0467	04/14/2023	VR23 – OKC	10/27/2023	Continuous	23-083	Currently Open	
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0079	04/13/2023	VR23 – OKC	10/27/2023	Continuous	23-085	Currently Open	
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0646	08/01/2022	VR41 – Ponca City	01/24/2024	Continuous	23-038	Currently Open	
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0948	11/08/2022	VR05 – Weatherford	11/16/2022	Continuous	23-040	Currently Open	

VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0776	07/15/2022	VR86 – Ada	10/17/2023	Continuous	23-021	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0073	06/20/2022	VR13 – McAlester	09/26/2023	Continuous	23-003	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0904	06/17/2022	VR80 – Tulsa	07/20/2022	Continuous	23-008	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0793	07/26/2022	VR05 – Weatherford	06/13/2022	Continuous	22-105	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0752, 0955	11/01/2021 10/31/2022	VR80 – Tulsa	11/03/2022	Continuous	23-037	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0567	09/01/2020	VR67 – Tulsa	12/22/2020	Continuous	21-028.1	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0627	07/08/2020	VR18 – Muskogee	08/18/2021	Continuous	21-007.2	Currently Open
SBVI	Rehabilitation Technician / 0711	12/01/2023	SBVI64 – Tulsa	01/02/2024	Continuous	24-050	Currently Open
SBVI	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 1033	12/15/2023	SBVI73 – OKC	01/24/2024	Continuous	24-059	Currently Open
SBVI	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0094	05/08/2023	SBVI59 – Enid	10/10/2023	Continuous	23-084	Currently Open
SBVI	Vending Facility Business Consultant / 0170	06/01/2022	SBVI 33 – OKC	01/04/2023	Continuous	23-054	Stacey McGhee 02/16/2024
SBVI	Assistive Technology Specialist / 0091	07/01/2020	SBVI – TBD	02/02/2024	Continuous	22-066	Currently Open
SBVI	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0669	05/29/2021	SBVI 69 – Weatherford	10/09/2023	Continuous	21-080.5	Currently Open

DISCHARGES/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS = 7

As of February 29, 2024

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (Executive/MSD/FSD)

Resignation = 1

1 = 10 years 2 months

Retirement = 1

1 = 55 years 7 months

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Resignation = 2

1 = 5 years 1 month

1 = 8 years 2 months

SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED DIVISION

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Resignation = 1

1 = 18 years 6 months

Retirement = 1

1 - 14 years 4 months

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

Resignation = 1

1 = 10 years 7 months

CURRENT FTE STATUS FY 2024

FTE as of February 29, 2024

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>BUDGETED FTE</u>	<u>FILLED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>	<u>EXEMPT FTE</u>	<u>TOTAL FILLED PLUS PENDING MINUS EXEMPT FTE</u>
Support Services (Executive/MSD/FSD)	77.8	73.00	1.00	0.00	74.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	229.0	193.00	26.00	(1.00)	218.00
Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired VR/SBVI-DP	108.0	94.00	5.00	(2.00)	97.00
Oklahoma School for the Blind	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Oklahoma School for the Deaf	100.0	93.00	8.00	0.00	101.00
	129.0	112.00	13.00	(1.00)	124.00
Total (NON-EXEMPT)	646.8	568.00	53.00	(4.00)	617.00
Disability Determination Services (EXEMPT)	350.0	321.00	0.00	(321.00)	321.00
TOTAL NON-EXEMPT & EXEMPT	996.8	889.00	53.00	(325.00)	938.00

FY 24 Budgetary Limit = 1255

*** Authorized agency FTE limit does not include Executive Fellow and SWIP appointments**

ROUTING TO: Melinda Freundt, Director
 Kevin Statham, Chief Financial Officer
 Randy Weaver, Chief of Operations
 Tom Patt, Human Resources Program Director
 Dana Tallon, Public Information Manager II
 Kathleen Arrieta, Executive Assistant
 Brett Jones, Public Information Officer III



Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council Report

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (ORC) Report

Since the last report, ORC has had its in-person Quarterly Meeting on February 15, 2024.

The ORC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Annual Report was emailed to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) and the Governor's Office on December 18, 2023. The electronic version can be found on [ORC's website](#).

The Council would like to thank the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), especially the Executive Team, and all the Committee Liaisons for their help in achieving all the objectives and activities in FFY23.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on February 1, 2023, via Zoom.

The Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan, and all the activities and objectives are ongoing.

Regarding the Council appointments, we received three notifications of new members on Monday, February 26, and they included:

- Taylor Rhoades from Mercy as a Business, Industry, and Labor (BIL) representative
- Cameron Whitham from Amazon as a BIL representative
- Sarah Soell from the Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma as an Advocacy Group representative

There is only one position vacant at the moment, and it is the Workforce Board representative. The PM will continue to follow up with the Director of Appointments to discuss it.

The Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (OKTVR) Council is planning a conference for 2024. The initial date was set for March; however, the planning committee informed the PM it would be postponed and will confirm the new date later.

Program and Planning (P&P) Committee

The P&P Committee met on February 1, 2024, via Zoom.

The Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan, and all the objectives and activities are ongoing.

Stephanie Roe shared with the Committee the updates from the State Plan process, and the Council shared the dates of the public comment hearings on the website and the ORC Facebook page.

The DRS Process Improvement (PI) Unit shared that the new DRS Customer Satisfaction survey will be scheduled to start in the fall of 2024.

Policy and Legislative (P&L) Committee Report

The P&L Committee met on January 18, 2024, via Zoom.

The Committee discussed the Council's participation in People with Disabilities Awareness Day (PWDAD). The ORC will have a booth at the event, and at least two members will volunteer to assist DRS with the Legislative Visits. This year again, ORC is proud to be a Sponsor at PWDAD and will pay the entrance fee of the attendees to the History Center's exhibits.

The Committee is also working on the 2023 ORC Legislative Primer, and once completed, it will be shared with all Oklahoma Legislators.

Transition Committee Report

The Transition Committee met on January 25, 2024, via Zoom.

The Committee continues to promote increased student and family involvement in transition planning during FFY24 and plans to support the DRS Transition Unit's fantastic job throughout the State.

The Committee members are also supporting the Oklahoma Pathways to Partnership grant awarded to the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE).

Employment Committee Report

The Employment Committee met on January 25, 2025, via Zoom.

The Committee supports and collaborates with DRS's Business Services Program (BSP) by assisting them in their activities.

Among the upcoming FFY24 objectives, the Committee will expand the dissemination of employment resources and workplace learning, including but not limited to apprenticeships or internships for adult clients.

The Committee members and the ORC PM will assist the BSP with the DRS Business Summit, which will occur on March 28 at the Oklahoma History Center.

*Respectfully submitted by
Carolina Colclasure, ORC Program Manager*



Oklahoma School for the Deaf Report

OSD Donation Report February 2024

Donations Under \$500.00

Date	Name	Cash	Fund	Explanation	Property Value
2/5	Walmart			Walmart gift card for personal hygiene items for students in dorms	75.00
2/15	Trudy Mitchell			Items donated for the "Crush on you" fundraiser	25.86
2/27	Anonymous	32.25	70100/20052	Sr. class tip donations at concession	
2/29	Trudy Mitchell			Sheets	21.83
Subtotal Cash Under \$500.00		\$ 32.25		Subtotal Property Under \$500.00	122.69

Donations Over \$500.00

2/27	Anonymous	\$ 550.00	70100/10003	For national cheer competition to help with expenses in hosting the weekend event for 13 Deaf school.	
2/29	Crossway Church			Hygeine products for the dorms	1,442.05
Subtotal Cash Over \$500.00		\$ 550.00		Subtotal Property Over \$500.00	

Subtotal Cash Combined


\$ 582.25

Subtotal Property Combined

1,564.74

Total donation for February 2024

\$2,146.99




Oklahoma School for the Blind Report

OSB DONATION REPORT

February 2024 Donations

Donations under \$500

Date	Name	Cash	Fund	Property	Value
2/8/2024	ESA International OK / Valentine's candy		701	Valentine's candy	\$ 28.00
2/20/2024	Peggy Sprinkle / school supplies			school supplies	\$ 40.00
2/26/2024	John & Zoila Drost / memory of F. Dirksen for BC	\$ 100.00	701		
2/27/2024	Sherry Holder / memory of F. Dirksen for BC / CQ	\$ 250.00	701		
2/29/2024	adjustment on December donation report	\$ 60.00	701		
Subtotal of Cash (under \$500) donated in February 2024		\$ 410.00		Subtotal prop.	\$ 68.00
Donations \$500 and over		\$ -			
2/19/2024	TSET (grant) / bottle filling stations	\$ 7,000.00	216		
2/20/2024	Frank T. Dirksen / Braille Challenge & Bingo	\$ 500.00	701		
2/29/2024	adjustment on December donation report	\$ (60.00)	216		
Subtotal of Cash (\$500 and over) donated in February 2024		\$ 7,440.00		Subtotal prop.	\$ -
TOTAL DONATION AMOUNTS February - 2024		\$7,918.00			



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February 2024

Donations under \$500

Date	Name	Cash	Fund	Property	Value
2/29/2024	Library Friends Group Oklahomans for Special Library Services OSLS			Hindenburg Audio Narrator Software License	\$165

Donations \$500 and over

Date	Name	Cash	Fund	Property	Value
2/9/2024	OSLS			GE Stove for OLBPH Break Room/Kitchen	\$975

TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT

\$1,140