STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1840 By: Treat

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to grant funds; establishing requirement for certain state agencies, boards and commissions to obtain approval of a Cabinet Secretary prior to applying for grants of certain amount; requiring Cabinet Secretaries to communicate details of approved grant requests to the Secretary of Budget; providing certain exceptions; establishing requirement for certain agencies, boards and commissions to obtain approval of a Cabinet Secretaries prior to applying for federal government grants or assistance of certain amount; providing exception for certain federal grants; defining term; establishing that the Secretary of Budget shall be the single point of contact for coordination and review of any proposed federal assistance or direct federal development; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 34.36.2 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. With the exception of state higher education member institutions and local school district boards, all state agencies, boards, and commissions that desire to apply for a grant in excess

of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00), of any kind from any person or organization including, but not limited to, any state government, any private or public foundation, any individual, or any non-profit organization, but excluding the federal government, shall obtain the written approval of the appropriate Cabinet Secretary prior to beginning the grant application process. If a grant application is approved, the Cabinet Secretary shall communicate the details of such grant application to the Secretary of Budget.

B. With the exception of state higher education member institutions and local school district boards, all state agencies, boards and commissions that desire to apply for a grant in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00), of any kind from the federal government, whether for proposed federal financial assistance or direct federal development, shall obtain the written approval of the appropriate Cabinet Secretary and the Secretary of Budget prior to beginning the grant application process.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. Emergency grant funds from the federal government where the time from application to distribution of funds is typically less than ten (10) days; and

2. Formula grants from the federal government that an agency, board, or commission has applied for in the past and received. For purposes of this section, "formula grant" shall mean any grant where the federal government employs a calculation or formula to determine

how much money a state shall receive including, but not limited to, Medicaid, highway planning and construction, family assistance grants, Title I local education grants and Head Start.

D. The Secretary of Budget shall be the State of Oklahoma's single point of contact for the coordination and review of any proposed federal assistance or direct federal development.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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