LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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Highlights This Week:

Governor Proposes Funding, Tuition Hikes for Higher Education: In his budget released Monday, Governor Frank Keating recommended that the Oklahoma higher education system be appropriated $777.5 million, an increase in state funding of $19.6 million above the current year level of $757.9 million. In addition, the Governor proposed an across-the-board tuition increase of 9% and higher remedial course fees estimated to generate another $20 million in revenue for colleges and universities.

To review the Governor's Budget proposals in more detail, go to:
http://www.state.ok.us/osfdocs/bud00hp.html .
The higher education section is located in Section 4, pages 67-72.

The text of the Governor's State of the State Address can also be found at:
http://www.state.ok.us/~governor/sostext.htm

Senators Announce Education Plan: On Thursday, several members of the Senate Education Committee proposed a new "Oklahoma Educational Standards and Accountability Plan" which would include two new major college scholarship programs. The Oklahoma HOPE Scholarship Program would provide three levels of tuition scholarships for high school students. The different Oklahoma Hope Scholarship levels would be based on completion of a specified core curriculum, high school grade point averages, and ACT test scores. In addition, the program would offer adult students a tax credit upon completion of a degree. The second scholarship, the Special Need Scholarship for Math and Science Teachers, would offer awards covering tuition, books and fees for prospective teachers who commit to teaching in Oklahoma in high-need subject and geographic areas.

Senators sponsoring the proposal include: Sen. Cal Hobson (D – Lexington), Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Sen. Penny Williams (D – Tulsa), Chair of the Senate Education Committee; Sen. Mike Morgan (D – Stillwater); Sen. Brad Henry (D – Shawnee); Sen. Ted Fisher (D – Sapulpa); and Sen. Johnnie Crutchfield (D – Ardmore).

To review the details of the proposal, visit the Oklahoma Senate website at:
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/senate/Issuepapers.dir/OK_Educ_Plan.html .

House Speaker's Education Plan Advances: A major education initiative sponsored by House Speaker Loyd Benson was approved this week by a House subcommittee. On Thursday, the Common Education

Subcommittee of the House Education Committee approved HB 1759, which includes a proposed Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Program. The program would offer a tuition scholarship for the first two years of college to high school graduates that: complete a college preparatory curriculum; achieve the minimum ACT score required for admission to a regional university (currently 19; scheduled to increase to 20 beginning fall 2000); and remain free of any criminal or delinquent conviction. The bill also provides that the scholarship would be reduced or eliminated if the student received other financial aid for tuition purposes. The bill will next be considered in the full House Education Committee.

Oil Tax Cut Bill Creates Accounts for Higher Education: The oil tax cut bill approved by the Legislature and sent to the Governor this week creates two new higher education accounts that could receive oil revenue if the price ever reaches $14 per barrel. The bill, HB 1003X, cuts the oil tax from 7% to 1% when the price is below $14 per barrel [currently the price is about $10 per barrel]. If the price of oil is between $14-$17, the tax would increase from 1% to 4%; if the price reaches $17 or higher, the tax will return to its original 7%. However, any additional revenue collected at the 4% and 7% rates will no longer go to the state's General Revenue Fund. Rather, the bill creates five new accounts to receive this revenue—30% to the Common Education Technology Fund; 30% to the Higher Education Capital Fund; 30% to the Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Fund; 5% for county roads and bridges; and 5% to the Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Water Projects Fund. To review the actual text of the final version of the bill, go to: http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/docs/hb1003x_sahb.rtf .

Companion Bill to Oil Tax Cut Pares Agency Budgets: HB 1001X, also approved by the Legislature this week, will cut appropriations to state agencies' FY'99 budgets by $29 million to pay for the oil tax cut. While the budgets of local schools, vo-techs and higher education institutions were spared, most other agency budgets were reduced. The cuts included a reduction of nearly $59,000 from the operations budget of the State Regents for Higher Education. The bill's text is available at:
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/docs/hb1001x_sahb.rtf

Bill to Move Tuition Authority Clears Subcommittee: A bill that would allow the State Regents for Higher Education to set tuition rates within certain bounds was approved by the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Education Committee on Tuesday. HB 1131, by Rep. Dale Wells (D – Cushing) would remove specific dollar limits on tuition from state law and give the State Regents some flexibility in setting tuition rates. However, the bill would limit any tuition increase to inflation plus 3%. In addition, no tuition increase would be allowed if state appropriations increased by 5% or more. Also, the bill would allow the Legislature to retain an ultimate "veto" power over tuition increases. The bill calls for the State Regents to set tuition and fees by May 15 of each year, at which time the Legislature could disapprove the recommendations with a majority vote of both the House and Senate.

Bill to Expand Library Privileges Fails: HB 1128, by Rep. Dan Webb (R – Oklahoma City), would have granted any Oklahoma citizen free checkout privileges at college libraries. Currently, the libraries and materials are available for public use, but checkout privileges are normally limited to students and faculty. In addition, most colleges assess students a library resource fee, up to $1.50 per semester credit hour, to support library operations. The bill failed on a voice vote in the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Education Committee.

Remedial Education Bill Withdrawn: The author of a bill that would have prohibited the offering of any remedial education courses at comprehensive and regional universities withdrew the bill from consideration this week. Rep. Carolyn Coleman's (R – Moore) bill, HB 1710, would have required all remedial education courses to be conducted at two-year colleges, which currently provide about 75% of all remedial coursework. During an earlier discussion of the bill in the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Education Committee, concerns were presented about place-bound students without a nearby two-year college. The bill is not expected to receive further consideration this session. However, a similar bill in the Senate, SB 474 by Sen. Kathleen Wilcoxson (R – Oklahoma City) is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Education Committee on Monday, February 8 (see notice below).

Text of Bills: To review a text of any bill, go to: http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/docs/billtext.html.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Note: for the most current updates on legislative committee meetings go to:
House of Representatives homepage: http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/house/meetings.htm
Senate homepage at: http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/senate/meetingnotices.html.

- February 8, 1999; Monday; 8:30 a.m.; Room 419C, State Capitol
  Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Retirement and Group Health Insurance
  Agenda: 13 bills including the following 5 we are tracking
  - SB 271 – health insurance premium paid by Teachers Retirement System
  - SB 373 – State & Education Employees Group Insurance Board; risk adjustment
  - SB 435 – State & Education Employees Group Insurance Board; appropriation
  - SB 602 – Teachers Retirement System; maximum compensation levels
  - SB 610 – Teachers Retirement System; extending benefit increase

- February 8, 1999; Monday; 9:30 a.m.; Room 534, State Capitol
  Senate Education Committee
  Agenda: Dr. Cindy Ross will make a 10-minute presentation at the beginning of the meeting about teacher supply and demand. In addition, there are 20 bills on the agenda including the following bills we are tracking.
  - SB 63 – graduate fellowships
  - SB 196 – Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant program (OTAG)
  - SB 224 – collection of student loans in default
  - SB 372 – Oklahoma College Savings Plan
  - SB 474 – remedial courses

- February 8, 1999; Monday; 10:30 a.m.; Room 432A, State Capitol
  House Appropriations & Budget Subcommittee on Education
  Agenda: 3 bills including the following 2 we are tracking
  - HB 1263 – Technology in the Classroom Act
  - HB 1493 – a shell bill related to higher education special fees

- February 9, 1999; Tuesday; Telecommunications Day; State Capitol

- February 10, 1999; Wednesday; after session; Room ?, State Capitol
  Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
  Agenda: The agenda has not been finalized; however we expect several bills related to higher education to be considered.

Upcoming Legislative Deadlines:

February 18, Thursday ..... Bills from Committee of House of Origin
March 11, Thursday ..... Bills from Floor of House of Origin
March 25, Thursday .....Bills from Committee of Opposite House
April 15, Thursday .....Bills from Floor of Opposite House
April 22, Thursday .....Deadline for Requesting Joint Conference Committee
May 28, Friday .....Sine Die Adjournment

Bills Added to the List:

SB 254 - Workforce Investment Act
SB 258 - Teacher preparation - professional development committee members
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SB 508 - Purchasing - report of contracts
SB 572 - Grants and fellowships
SB 584 - Drug/alcohol testing
SB 589 - Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act
SB 602 - Teachers' Retirement System - calculation of benefits
SB 607 - Minority Teacher Recruitment Center
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If you need copies of any of the bills, go to the website: http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/docs/billtext.html, or contact Carolyn McCoy at (405) 524-9165 [e-mail: cmccoy@osrhe.edu].

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SB 2 (Monson) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/MENTAL ILLNESS**. Requires group health insurance and health benefit plans to include coverage for treatment of adults, adolescents and children with severe mental illness; permits insurers to offer such benefits through a managed care system; requires that such benefits be equal to treatment of and subject to the same preauthorization and utilization review mechanisms as all other physical diseases and disorders; provides an exemption for policies providing coverage for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage and for groups with 50 or fewer employees; defines "severe mental illness" as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic-depressive illness), major depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and schizoaffective disorder; makes such requirement inapplicable to an agreement, contract or policy in which such coverage will result in an increase of more than 3 percent in premium cost. (36 §§ 6060.10, 6060.11)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee
2/4/99 Senate Committee - Do Pass

SB 7 (Williams) - **ROGERS UNIVERSITY**. This is a shell bill relating to the Board of Regents of Rogers University. (70 § 4670)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 10 (Ford) - **BOARD EMPLOYEES**. Permits a state board or commission to employ a state employee who is an ex officio member of that board or commission and who is required by law to be a member of that entity. (74 § 4257)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee

SB 12 (Long) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN/INCOME TAX**. Merges duplicate sections relating to revenue and taxation, which provides an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 19 (Maddox) - **ANSWERING MACHINES/VOICE MAIL**. Requires that the primary telephone number at state agencies be answered by an agency employee during normal business hours; prohibits the use of an answering device on the primary telephone designated to receive calls from the public during normal business hours or forwarded to a telephone that is not answered by an employee; provides an exception to allow agencies to use answering devices to answer calls during other than normal business hours and calls to other numbers the agency maintains. (74 § 3306)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 22 (Horner) - **OKLAHOMA HIGHER LEARNING ACCESS PROGRAM FOR TEACHER PREPARATION**. Authorizes the State Regents to establish and maintain an Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program for Teacher Preparation, an incentive scholarship program to encourage the preparation of teachers, including minority teachers, in critical shortage area for the public schools at one or more of the state's public or private higher education institutions; requires that priority consideration be given to prospective teachers from under-represented minority groups and prospective teachers who meet the same requirements as for the existing Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP); states legislative intent that the Regents create a committee comprising educators, teacher educators from the participating institutions, other professionals from critical shortage area fields and representatives of public schools and the Department of Education to recommend to the Regents further criteria for selection of participants, procedures for admission, procedures and instruments for assessing the effectiveness of the program and any other criteria or procedures deemed necessary by the Regents; requires the committee to deliver a report on the program to the Legislature by July 1 of each year. (70 § 698.3)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 23 (Milacek) - **CREDIT CARDS**. Prohibits State System institutions from entering into agreements for merchandising of credit cards through such institution to an enrolled student who is under age 21. (14A § 1-111)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 24 (Johnson) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN/INCOME TAX**. Merges duplicate sections relating to revenue and taxation which provides an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 27 (Williams) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN/INCOME TAX**. Merges duplicate sections relating to revenue and taxation which provides an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 32 (Herbert) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN/INCOME TAX**. Merges duplicate sections relating to revenue and taxation which provides an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 38 (Morgan) - **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**. Authorizes state agencies to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment to entities within The State System. (62 § 120.1)
2/1/99 Senate introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee

SB 39 (Johnson) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN/INCOME TAX**. Merges duplicate sections relating to revenue and taxation which provides an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 43 (Helton/Kirby) - **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**. Designates the third Friday of September of each year as POW/MIA Recognition Day; authorizes the Governor to authorize all state agencies to fly the flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners of War and Missing in Southeast Asia. (25 § 90.13)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Vets, Military Aff. & Pub. Saf. Committee

SB 46 (Taylor) - **PROGRAM BUDGETING**. This is a shell bill relating to program budgeting. (62 § 41.46)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 47 (Long) - **UNEMPLOYMENT**. Modifies definition of taxable wages, for purposes of the Employment Security Act of 1980, to 50 percent of the state's average annual wage for the second preceding year; modifies definition of maximum benefit amount to the lesser of 26 times the weekly benefit amount of the individual or 45 percent of taxable wage or 45 percent of the individual's wages for insured work paid during the individual's base period; requires disqualification of individuals who make false statements or who have failed to disclose material facts to the Employment Security Commission, for each week benefits were paid as a result of such information; authorizes waiver of interest on overpayments under certain conditions; deletes medical necessity and spousal work transfer from definition of good cause for leaving work. (40 § 2-209)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

SB 49 (Wilcoxson) - **TAX CREDIT/TUITION/FEES**. Establishes a state income tax credit for any amount paid by a teacher for tuition paid for college courses satisfactorily completed in pursuit of a master's degree in an academic course of study other than education, but in a field that the teacher would reasonably be expected to use in the classroom, or courses in pursuit of a second undergraduate degree with a full major in English, mathematics, science or social studies or fees paid for any examination required by the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act. (68 § 2357)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 62 (Williams) - **GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS**. States legislative intent that $250,000 be appropriated to the State Regents to provide supplements of $5,000 each to graduate fellowships offered by Oklahoma colleges and universities targeted to certain areas of excellence under plans approved by the Regents.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 63 (Williams) - **GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS**. Authorizes the State Regents to establish fellowships for doctoral or research studies. (70 § 698.3)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 66 (Williams) - **TEACHER PREPARATION/COMPETENCY EXAMS**. Modifies requirements for taking teacher competency examinations to remove language requiring that teacher candidates be eligible following completion of the junior year or after having completed 90 college credit hours; repeals a section relating to certain course requirements. (70 §§ 6-187, 6-128)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 86 (Weedn) - **EMBALMERS/FUNERAL DIRECTORS/EDUCATION**. Changes the accreditation entity for approved programs of mortuary science from the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States to the American Board of Funeral Service Education; specifies qualifications for funeral directors; modifies requirements for reciprocal licensing of embalmers and funeral directors. (59 § 396.3)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

SB 89 (Williams) - **EDUCATION OVERSIGHT BOARD**. Modifies residency requirements for members of the Education Oversight Board to require that at least one appointee member reside in each congressional district. (70 § 3-116)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 102 (Horner) - **OKLAHOMA HIGHER LEARNING ACCESS PROGRAM (OHLAP).** Modifies eligibility for the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program by allowing financial need to be established during the eighth-, ninth- or tenth-grade year; prohibits allocations from the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Trust Fund for students enrolled in a postsecondary vo-tech program or course from exceeding the amount a student would have received for comparable enrollment at a two-year State System institution; requires that a student be eligible for financial assistance under the program if the student's family income does not exceed 225 percent of the federal poverty guidelines but not if the student's family income exceeds 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four. (70 §§ 2603/2605)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 103 (Dunlap) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN/INCOME TAX**. Merges duplicate sections relating to revenue and taxation which provides an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 108 (Long) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/FREEDOM OF CHOICE.** Expands locations at which services and procedures covered under an accident and health insurance policy may be performed pursuant to the Health Care Freedom of Choice Act to include ambulatory surgical centers; includes such cen-

ters in types of facilities for which a provision, exclusion or limitation in an accident and health insurance policy shall be void. (36 §§ 6054, 6056, 6057)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee

SB 109 (Herbert) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN/INCOME TAX**. Merges duplicate sections relating to revenue and taxation which provides an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 121 (Haney/Settle) - **APPROPRIATIONS/OKLAHOMA CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (OCAST)**. Appropriates to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST); limits the salary of the executive director of OCAST.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 123 (Haney/Settle) - **APPROPRIATIONS/OKLAHOMA CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (OCAST)**. Sets budgetary limitations for the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST); limits the executive director's salary.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 150 (Haney/Settle) - **APPROPRIATIONS/STATE REGENTS/PHYSICIAN MANPOWER TRAINING COMMISSION**. Appropriates to the State Regents and the Physician Manpower Training Commission; limits the salary of the Commission director.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 151 (Haney/Settle) - **APPROPRIATIONS/STATE REGENTS**. Appropriates to the State Regents.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 152 (Haney/Settle) - **APPROPRIATIONS /PHYSICIAN MANPOWER TRAINING COMMISSION**. Sets budgetary limitations for the Physician Manpower Training Commission.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 161 (Haney/Settle) - **APPROPRIATIONS/STATE REGENTS/PMTC/OCAST/TEACHER PREP/UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS**. This is a general appropriations bill that appropriates to the State Regents, the Physician Manpower Training Commission, the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST), and the University Hospitals Authority.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 166 (Haney/Settle) - **APPROPRIATIONS /PHYSICIAN MANPOWER TRAINING COMMISSION**. Modifies budgetary limitations of the Physician Manpower Training Commission.
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 177 (Haney/Settle) - **FLEXIBLE BENEFITS.** Clarifies language relating to flexible benefit allowance of state employees. (74 § 1370)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 178 (Haney/Settle) - **DEFERRED SAVINGS.** Clarifies language relating to the State Employees Deferred Savings Incentive Plan. (74 § 1707)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 180 (Haney/Settle) - **PROGRAM BUDGETING**. Corrects language relating to program budgeting. (62 § 41.44)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 182 (Haney/Settle) - **CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT**. This is a shell bill relating to the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. (73 § 301)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 183 (Haney/Settle) - **PURCHASING**. This is a shell bill relating to the Central Purchasing Act. (74 § 85.2)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 196 (Williams) - **OKLAHOMA HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION AID (OTAG)**. Removes language requiring that, in order to receive a tuition aid grant, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of six semester hours; requires the State Regents to determine by rules the annual maximum award amount based on an annual assessment of funds availability; requires that the percentage of aid be based on a need analysis system consistent with federal student financial aid regulations; requires the Regents to set an annual award payment schedule based on a maximum grant of 75 percent of tuition and fees, with grants based on lower percentages of tuition and fees being awarded to students who demonstrate lower financial need. (70 §§ 626.4, 626.7)
2/1/99 Senate introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 197 (Williams) - **OKLAHOMA HIGHER LEARNING ACCESS PROGRAM (OHLAP).** Deletes the requirement that honor points be disregarded when determining eligibility for the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program; allows financial need to be established during the eighth-, ninth- or tenth-grade year; requires the State Regents to include in the public awareness program a statement of the importance of enrolling in algebra and geometry in middle school, in order that the student will be better prepared for higher-level mathematics courses in high school; increases from $24,000 to $35,000 the family income threshold for determining financial need. (70 §§ 2603, 2605)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/2/99 General Order - Senate

SB 218 (Herbert) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Modifies the Workers' Compensation Act to remove the requirement that the State Insurance Fund contract with at least three certified workplace medical plans. (85 § 3)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 219 (Herbert) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Modifies the Workers' Compensation Act to remove references to certificates of noncoverage; repeals section relating to certificates of noncoverage under the act. (85 § 11)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 221 (Snyder) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Allows employers to elect not to secure workers' compensation coverage for employees; provides requirements for such election. (85 § 61.3)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 222 (Brown) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES**. Creates the "Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion Reduction Act"; requires health benefit plans that provide for payment of or reimbursement for pregnancy-related services to provide contraceptive services for the subscriber or a dependent who is covered by the policy; prohibits such contracts that provide prescription drug coverage from excluding any prescribed drug or device approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use as a contraceptive drug or device or from imposing a co-payment, co-insurance payment, fee or waiting requirement for such drug or device that is not equally imposed upon all individuals in the same benefit category or coinsurance level receiving benefits for prescription drugs; provides an exemption for contracts that provide coverage for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage and for groups of 50 or fewer employees. (36 §§ 6060.61, 6060.62)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee
2/4/99 Senate Committee - Do Pass as Amended

SB 223 (Morgan) - **CURRICULUM**. Clarifies language relating to curricular standards for public school students. (70 § 11-103.6)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 224 (Williams) - **STUDENT LOANS**. Requires licensing agencies to provide to the State Regents information indexed by Social Security number, when requested for use in the default prevention efforts or collection of defaulted student loans guaranteed by the Regents; provides for confidentiality of such information; requires the Oklahoma Bar Association, if it receives notice that a licensed attorney is in default, to begin proceedings by which the attorney may be suspended pursuant to Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings. (70 §§ 623, 623.1)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 244 (Long) - **ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE COURSES**. Increases the maximum fee for attending alcohol and drug substance abuse courses from $85 to $125 for a first offense and from $250 to $375 for a second or subsequent offense; limits enrollment in a given class to 20 students. (43A § 3-453)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee

SB 254 (Long) - **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT**. Provides guidelines for appointments to any board created or modified to serve pursuant to federal law as the statewide workforce board; entities that must be represented by at least one member include the State Regents. (40 § 491)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

SB 256 (Price) - **COMPUTER MALFUNCTION/LIABILITY**. Provides the state and political subdivisions immunity from liability for losses caused by failure or malfunction occurring before Dec. 31, 2005, that is caused by failure of computer software or computer device to accurately or properly recognize, calculate, display, sort or otherwise process dates or time; allows a claim to be brought pursuant to the Governmental Tort Claims Act for medical negligence caused by such failure to accurately or properly recognize, calculate, display, sort or otherwise process dates or times if such failure resulted in bodily injury or death. (51 § 155.2)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 257 (Wilcoxson) - **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**. Requires school districts to implement advanced placement courses in English and mathematics during the 2000-2001 school year, social studies during or before the 2001-2002 school year and science during or before the 2002-2003 school year; permits exceptions to the schedule to be granted to districts that show financial hardship in meeting such requirements. (70 § 1210.701)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 258 (Wilcoxson) - **TEACHER PREPARATION**. Requires local boards of education to determine the method of selection of teacher members of professional development committees. (70 § 6-194)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 260 (Robinson) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Clarifies language relating to Workers' Compensation insurance carriers. (36 § 608)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 271 (Herbert) - **RETIREMENT/HEALTH INSURANCE**. Increases maximum health insurance premium benefits for members of the OTRS. (74 § 1316.3)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 272 (Herbert) - **RETIREMENT/LIFE INSURANCE**. Allows retired education employees participating in a plan offered by the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board to continue life insurance in force. (74 § 1316.1)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee

SB 276 (Morgan) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Clarifies language relating to the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board. (74 § 1303)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 277 (Morgan) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Clarifies language relating to the Payment Rate Review Task Force. (74 § 1306.3)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 279 (Cain) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/DEPENDENTS**. Adds 100 percent of dependent health care premiums to flexible benefit allowance for state employees. (74 § 1370)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 296 (Morgan) - **DENTISTRY/HEALTH INSURANCE**. Adds definition of "accredited dental college" to Dental Act; modifies requirement for health benefit plans to include hospitalization benefits for dental procedure for severely disabled and certain minors. (59 § 328.3, 36 § 6060.6)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

SB 298 (Wilcoxson) - **TEACHERS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**. Requires that any person serving on a residency committee for the purpose of reviewing teacher performance shall complete a professional development program in mentor training offered by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation; modifies criteria for selection of mentor teachers. (70 § 6-182)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 303 (Morgan) - **RETIREMENT**. Clarifies language relating to the Teachers' Retirement System. (70 § 17-108)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 323 (Muegge) - **SICK LEAVE**. Allows state employees to donate to another employee any amount of sick leave at the time of termination of employment. (74 § 840-2.23)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee

SB 326 (Milacek) - **LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES LIABILITY**. Enacts the "Oklahoma Livestock Activities Liability Limitation Act;" provides that, with certain exceptions, a sponsor of a livestock activity or a livestock professional shall not be liable for an injury to a participant engaged in livestock activities resulting from risks inherent in such activities; prohibits participants from claiming or recovering from a sponsor for such injuries, with certain exceptions; exempts horse racing industry from act; requires certain warnings. (76 §§ 41.1/41.4)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 333 (Morgan) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/PRESCRIPTIONS**. Requires managed care organizations, health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and prepaid health plans using a closed formulary to provide an exceptions policy and procedures for the special authorization of medications not included in the formulary; requires such entities to annually provide utilization data to the Department of Health. (63 § 2528.1)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee

SB 346 (Hobson) - **FEES/NONRESIDENT TUITION**. This is a shell bill relating to higher education general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition. (70 § 3218.8)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 347 (Hobson) - **FEES/NONRESIDENT TUITION**. This is a shell bill relating to supplementary fees established by the State Regents. (70 § 3218.10)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 350 (Snyder) - **INCOME TAX EXEMPTION/HEALTH INSURANCE/COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN**. Provides income tax exemption for amounts paid for health care insurance that are not deductible on the federal return or reimbursed; merges duplicate sections which provide an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 351 (Henry) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN/INCOME TAX**. Merges duplicate sections relating to revenue and taxation which provide an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 354 (Monson) - **HEALTH INSURANCE AUTHORITY**. Removes authority for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to purchase health care benefits and develop health care plans for state and education employees. (63 §§ 5006, 5011; 74 § 1364)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee

SB 355 (Monson) - **HEALTH INSURANCE AUTHORITY**. Requires the State Employees Benefits Council to purchase health care benefits, develop health care plans and develop a standard basic health care benefits package or packages to be offered by health care providers for participants; allows negotiations for the best and final offer. (74 § 1365)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 358 (Dickerson) - **TRAVEL**. Increases the state travel per diem rate. (74 § 500.8)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 359 (Henry) - **DISABILITY INSURANCE**. Clarifies language relating to the disability insurance program established by the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board for state employees. (74 § 1332)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 361 (Monson) - **RETIREMENT**. Clarifies language relating to contributions to and funds of the Teachers' Retirement System. (70 § 17-108)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 366 (Fisher) - **TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD**. Creates an Oklahoma Technology Advisory Board comprising the members of the State Regents, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary for Science and Technology Development; requires the Board to promote development of partnerships between private industries that use advanced technology and higher education and to encourage creation of infrastructure systems that may be used to facilitate the attraction of industries that use advanced technology to the state. (70 § 9001)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/4/99 Senate Committee - Do Pass as Amended

SB 368 (Long) - **PHYSICIAN EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**. Prohibits spinal manipulation or spinal joint mobilization except by a physician who has successfully completed, at an accredited college or school where such manipulation is a primary method of treatment, at least 400 hours of classroom instruction and at least 800 hours of supervised clinical training in such treatment. (59 §§ 731.7, 887.2, 887.13)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

SB 372 (Henry) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN**. Sets term limits of membership of the Board of Trustees of the College Savings Plan; exempts Board from the Central Purchasing Act for purposes of selecting depository institutions and account managers; exempts the Board of Trustees and the Northeast Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority from portions of the Administrative Procedures Act; repeals duplicate section. (70 §§ 3970.4, 3970.5; 75 § 250.4)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 373 (Monson) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Requires that health benefit plan contracts for state employees provide for a risk adjustment factor for adverse selection that may occur based on generally accepted actuarial principles; requires certain plans to blend rates for active employees and employees under 65 years of age and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicare; requires that the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board set the monthly health insurance premium to be equal for active employees and retirees under 65 years of age who are not otherwise eligible for Medicare; provides that an eligible education employee shall not be required to cover a spouse in order to cover children; allows certain employees who elect not to continue coverage to elect again to be covered if his or her spouse loses coverage for any reason; adds an annual eye exam to basic plan benefits; authorizes the Board to offer mail-order prescription plans and statewide point-of-service plans. (74 §§ 1306, 1309, 1316.2, 1316.3, 1363, 1371)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 375 (Littlefield) - **TRAVEL**. Deletes out-of-state requirement for travel reimbursement for state officials and employees. (74 § 500.9)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee

SB 376 (Leftwich) - **PRIVATIZATION OF STATE FUNCTIONS**. Creates the "Oklahoma Privatization of State Functions Act"; declares purpose of act to set guidelines for privatization of state services to ensure that, if approved, privatization is cost effective and in the best interest of the citizens of the state; requires that agencies allow employees to submit a proposal for cost savings; prohibits present and former state officers or employees with discretionary or decision-making authority in awarding privatization contracts from becoming an officer or employee of a business organization that is a party to such a contract with the subject state agency, for a period of two years; prohibits certain activities by business entities awarded such contracts. (74 §§ 595/595.6)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Deregulation Committee

SB 377 (Snyder) - **INCOME TAX EXEMPTION/RETIREMENT/COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN**. Modifies income tax exemption for retirement benefits; exempts all retirement benefits received by an individual 65 years of age or older from taxable income; exempts up to $5,500 of retirement benefits received by an individual under 65 years of age; merges duplicate sections which provide an income tax exemption for interest received from a College Savings Plan account until the taxable year that such interest is withdrawn from the account pursuant to certain guidelines. (68 § 2358)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 382 (Cain) - **FACULTY EMPLOYMENT.** Requires that full-time higher education faculty be provided written reasons for certain employment decisions. (70 § 3205.2)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 387 (Monson) - **DEFERRED SAVINGS.** Increases state contribution to the State Employees Deferred Savings Incentive Plan Fund to $55 per month. (74 § 1707)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 388 (Monson) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Adds one member to the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, a member of the Board's advisory committee. (74 § 1304)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 399 (Stipe) - **UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS**. Provides hazardous duty pay of 27.2 percent for certain positions within certain state entities including the University Hospitals Authority. (74 § 2.17a)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 400 (Stipe) - **DEGREE COMPLETION/CASH AWARDS**. Authorizes the Department of Corrections to provide cash awards to employees who complete the degree requirements for an associate's, bachelor's or master's level program, through an accredited college or university, in the behavioral sciences; requires that the department ensure that any employee who completes one of the specific degree programs is offered an award; prohibits any single award from exceeding $1,000 and prohibits an employee from being awarded more than $2,500 during the duration of employment with the department; limits the total of such awards to $10,000 each fiscal year; requires that any employee who accepts such cash award and voluntarily leaves employment with the department within two years must reimburse the department in full. (57 § 528.6)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 403 (Herbert) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Clarifies language relating to the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board. (74 § 1321)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 408 (Laughlin) - **LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES LIABILITY**. Enacts the "Oklahoma Livestock Activities Liability Limitation Act;" states legislative intent to encourage livestock activities by limiting the civil liability of sponsors of livestock activities and livestock professionals involved in such activities; provides that, with certain exemptions, a sponsor of a livestock activity or a livestock professional shall not be liable for an injury to a participant engaged in livestock activities resulting from risks inherent in such activities; prohibits participants from claiming or recovering from a sponsor for such injuries, with certain exceptions; exempts horse racing industry from act; requires certain warnings. (76 §§ 41.1/41.4)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 409 (Mickle) - **FINANCE AUTHORITY**. Enacts the "Oklahoma Higher Education Finance Authority Act"; authorizes the State Regents to organize a public trust for the benefit of the entire state, to be known as the Oklahoma Higher Education Finance Authority, for the purpose of providing equipment and other personal property for institutions and entities within the State System; requires the authority to develop a master lease program; provides for a five-member board of trustees; provides for employment of underwriters, bond or other legal counsel, financial advisors, consultants, a financial institution to serve as trustee or paying agent; provides for issuance of bonds; exempts the authority from franchise, corporate, business and any other taxes levied by the state; prohibits the authority from participating in financing programs or issuing bonds for purposes that compete with or are similar in nature to those authorized for issuance by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Grand River Dam Authority, the Student Loan Authority and the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority without prior consent; requires the authority to

submit annual reports to the Governor, the House Speaker and the Senate President Pro Tempore detailing operations and transactions; exempts acquisitions from certain purchasing requirements. (76 §§ 41.1/41.4)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 424 (Monson) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Exempts workplace medical plans from certain provisions relating to health maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans; prohibits operation of an HMO, prepaid health plan or preferred provider organization (PPO) without a license issued by the State Department of Health; requires the State Board of Health to promulgate rules regarding managed health care plans; requires managed health care plans to furnish a surety bond. (63 §§ 2501/2513)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee
2/4/99 Senate Committee - Do Pass

SB 435 (Monson) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. States legislative intent to appropriate $32.5 million from the Constitutional Reserve Fund to the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board for subsidizing health insurance plan premium rates.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 441 (Robinson) - **LIFE INSURANCE**. Requires the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board to increase the basic term life insurance from $20,000 to $50,000.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 465 (Williams) - **LICENSE PLATES**. Provides that, if fewer than 50 of any type of special license plate authorized prior to July 1, 1999, are issued prior to July 1, 2004, or within five years after first being offered for special plates authorized after July 1, 1999, the Tax Commission must discontinue issuance of that type of special plate.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 474 (Wilcoxson) - **REMEDIAL COURSES**. States legislative intent that, by 2001, all remedial courses in the comprehensive and regional universities be terminated and that only community colleges offer remedial courses; states intent that any person having graduated from high school more than five years prior to enrollment in a remedial course not be required to pay a fee in addition to general enrollment fees for necessary remedial courses at a State System institution. (70 § 3218.15)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 485 (Williamson) - **TEACHER INCENTIVE PAY**. Requires the State Board of Education, for each school year, to determine the subject areas for which a teacher shortage exists; requires the Board to notify school districts of such subject areas for the next school year by April 1; encourages districts to create incentive pay plans to address teacher shortages for such subject areas; provides that incentive pay award reimbursement provisions shall not apply to such situations. (70 § 5-141.3)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 487 (Fair) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Modifies the Workers' Compensation Act to remove references to certificates of non-coverage; repeals section relating to certificates of non-coverage under the act. (21 § 1663, 85 § 11)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 498 (Maddox) - **LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES LIABILITY**. Enacts the "Oklahoma Livestock Activities Liability Limitation Act;" provides that, with certain exceptions, a sponsor of a livestock activity or a livestock professional shall not be liable for an injury to a participant engaged in livestock activities resulting from risks inherent in such activities; prohibits participants from claiming or recovering from a sponsor for such injuries, with certain exceptions; exempts horse racing industry from act; requires certain warnings. (76 §§ 41.1/41.4)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 505 (Williams) - **TRAVEL**. Authorizes state officials and employees to receive travel reimbursement through direct deposit. (74 § 500.37)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee

SB 508 (Dickerson/Askins) - **PURCHASING**. Increases from $2,500 to $10,00 the contract threshold for requirement that state agency heads, whether or not the agency is subject to Central Purchasing, report annually to the State Purchasing Director. (74 § 85.43)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee

SB 512 (Maddox) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. For purposes of workers' compensation, with respect to certain injuries, any claimant whose injury does not prevent the claimant from returning to employment with the same employer at the same or greater rate of pay shall not be eligible for a permanent disability award. (85 § 22)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 516 (Williams) - **JOB TRAINING**. Creates the "Workforce Training Incentive Act"; provides an income tax credit equal to 50 percent of the cost of qualified employee training expenses incurred by an eligible employer; defines such expense as direct payment by the employer of eligible training or education expenses of a maximum $3,000 per calendar year per employee; requires that the employee on whose behalf the expenditure is made be an Oklahoma resident earning at least $7 per hour after completion of training or education if a new employee, or an existing employee who receives at least a 10-percent increase in wages within one year of completion; provides for a four-year carryforward of tax credits. (68 § 2357.33)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

SB 517 (Maddox) - **CAMPUS SAFETY**. Authorizes the administrative executive officer or anyone designated by the governing board of an institution of learning to maintain order at the institution to remove a person who is not a student, officer or employee thereof, who enters the institution with no purpose reasonably connected with institution activities, if the chief administrative officer or designee determines in good faith that the person substantially interferes with or poses a reasonably foreseeable

threat to regular activities, proper maintenance of the building and grounds or to the safety of persons lawfully present at the institution; requires establishment of a grievance or appeals procedure. (21 § 1376)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 534 (Littlefield) - **LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES LIABILITY**. Enacts the "Oklahoma Livestock Activities Liability Limitation Act;" provides that, with certain exceptions, a sponsor of a livestock activity or a livestock professional shall not be liable for an injury to a participant engaged in livestock activities resulting from risks inherent in such activities; prohibits participants from claiming or recovering from a sponsor for such injuries, with certain exceptions; exempts horse racing industry from act; requires certain warnings. (76 §§ 41.1/41.4)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 540 (Williams) - **STUDENT LOANS**. Authorizes the State Regents to establish a program for making available forgivable loans to students who declare an intention to serve and who subsequently serve this state by teaching in geographical or subject shortage areas; authorizes the Regents to forgive loans provided to persons who actually render service as teachers in public schools if not less than 75 percent of the teaching assignment is in a shortage area. (70 § 698.2)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 552 (Fisher) - **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**. Expresses legislative intent to facilitate implementation of State Questions 680 and 681 (1998) and to encourage higher education research aimed at expanding the technology-related educational and economic development opportunities throughout Oklahoma.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Economic Development Committee

SB 572 (Snyder) - **FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS**. Authorizes the State Regents to allocate $1 million to each Nobel Laureate currently employed at an institution within the State System to supplement their research; authorizes the Regents to allocate $500,000 to each such Hughes Investigator and $250,000 to each such National Science Foundation Fellow.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee

SB 584 (Smith) - **DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING.** This is a shell bill relating to drug and alcohol testing. (40 § 554)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 589 (Smith) - **TRADEMARK ANTI-COUNTERFEITING.** Enacts the "Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act"; prohibits the production, use or distribution of an item that bears a counterfeit trademark; provides for misdemeanor and felony penalties; provides for restitution; provides for seizure and forfeiture of a vehicle used in violating such prohibition and items bearing a counterfeit mark; provides for destruction of certain items. (21 §§ 1990/1990.2, 1738)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 602 (Hobson) - **RETIREMENT.** Modifies maximum compensation levels to be used for calculating benefits for members of the Teachers Retirement System. (70 § 17-101)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 607 (Horner) - **MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT.** Clarifies language relating to the Minority Teacher Recruitment Center. (70 § 6-130)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 609 (Monson) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/ENROLLMENT.** Extends enrollment period for members of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Program during any legislative session in which benefits are modified by legislation; extends current calendar-year deductible until June 30, 2000; provides that within 30 days after a claim is denied, the subject health maintenance organization shall provide information to the State Employee Benefits Council identifying the reasons for refusal of the claim. (74 §§ 1308.2, 1308.3, 1372)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 610 (Morgan) - **RETIREMENT.** Extends to June 30, 2000, a benefit increase for members of the Teachers' Retirement System. (70 § 17-116.13)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 611 (Morgan) - **HEALTH INSURANCE.** Prohibits health maintenance organizations from discriminating against an enrollee with an expensive medical condition by excluding practitioners with practices containing a substantial number of such patients or including any provision in a provider contract which precludes or discourages contracting providers from informing a patient of the care the patient requires advocating on behalf of a patient before the HMO or prepaid health plan. (63 § 2505)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee

SB 624 (Robinson) - **RAFFLES.** Authorizes nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes to conduct raffles for charitable purposes; authorizes student and parent-teacher organizations to conduct raffles to raise funds for the benefit of the school; requires that prizes be handmade by a member or have a value of less than $1,000. (21 § 1051)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 628 (Williamson) - **TEACHER BONUSES.** Subject to availability of funds, provides that teachers who have received a bachelor's or master's degree of science and who teach math or science shall receive bonus pay. (70 § 18-114.9)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 646 (Pruitt) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION.** Requires that state agencies and related entities obtain workers' compensation insurance from the lowest and best bidder; transfers certain duties from the State Insurance Fund to the risk management administrator; repeals sections relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety to obtain workers' compensation insurance and certain group insurance. (85 § 2b)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 650 (Robinson) - **COMPUTER MALFUNCTION.** Grants to the state and its political subdivisions immunity from liability for any losses due to failure or malfunction caused by failure of software or any device containing a computer processor to accurately or properly recognize, calculate, display, sort or otherwise process dates or times; provides an exception for claims of medical negligence caused in such manner (51 § 155.2)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 651 (Williamson) - **FUTURE TEACHERS.** "The Future Teacher Scholarship Act". (70 § 2607)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 667 (Wilcoxson/Coleman) - **CURRICULAR STANDARDS/REMEDIATION.** Requires the State Board of Education to adopt curricular standards for accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools sufficient to ensure that every student at every high school in the state shall have the opportunity to matriculate at a comprehensive graduate institution of the State System; requires the State Board of Education to adopt standards for grades one through three in the public schools of the state focused on the attainment of competencies in the areas of reading, mathematics and spelling only; provides that no other skills shall be required in grades one through three. (70 § 11-103.6)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 669 (Smith) - **PUNITIVE DAMAGES.** Prohibits the state or political subdivisions from paying punitive or exemplary damages rendered against an employee; provides that the state or political subdivisions may indemnify employees for actual damages, fees and costs in certain cases; repeals provisions related to application of certain provisions. (51 § 162)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 671 (Shurden) - **RAFFLES.** Provides that certain charitable organizations may conduct raffles with a prize of no more than $2,500. (21 § 1051)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 675 (Henry) - **HEALTH INSURANCE.** Creates the Health Care Liability Act; states duty of certain managed care entities to exercise ordinary care in health care treatment decisions; provides for liability for damages; provides for certain defenses; prohibits the removal of certain health care providers for advocating certain care. (76 §§ 21.1/21.4)

2/1/99 Senate introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 685 (Cain) - **HEALTH INSURANCE.** Requires certain health insurance policies to include coverage for hearing aids for children up to the age of 13. (36 § 6060.7)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

SB 696 (Douglass) - **TUITION/FEES.** Increases higher education enrollment and nonresident tuition fees. (70 §§ 3218.8, 3218.9)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 697 (Wilcoxson) - **TESTING.** Clarifies language relating to norm-referenced tests. (70 § 1210.508)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 703 (Ford) - **OSU/TULSA.** Clarifies language relating to Oklahoma State University/Tulsa. (70 § 4662)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 704 (Horner) - **OKLAHOMA HIGHER LEARNING ACCESS PROGRAM (OHLAP).** Clarifies language relating to Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP). (70 § 2603)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 713 (Henry) - **TECHNOLOGY INCENTIVE FUND.** Provides that each school district that votes to levy 5 mills for technology shall be eligible for an award from the Technology Incentive Fund; provides for calculation of award; creates fund; effective upon voter approval of SJR 19. (70 §§ 15-106.2, 15-106.3) *(See SJR 19)*
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 714 (Fisher) - **SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.** Subjects to availability of funds the authority of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics to solicit proposals and award grants for pilot projects that develop models for advanced science and math curricula. (70 § 1210.404)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 715 (Crutchfield) - **TEACHER PREPARATION.** Requires teacher preparation pre-service programs to include the study of classroom management skills, safety and discipline; requires school district professional development programs to include a component on classroom management skills, safety and discipline techniques. (70 §§ 6-185, 6-194)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 720 (Taylor/Benson) - **SPACE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT.** "Oklahoma Space Industry Development Act"; creates an Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority to promote development and improvement of space exploration and spaceport facilities, to stimulate development of space commerce and education, including the commercialization of the space industry and development of space-related industries, to promote research and development related to space and space-related industry and to promote tourism in connection with the foregoing; permits the authority to cooperate with municipalities, counties, regional authorities, state agencies and organizations, appropriate federal agencies and organizations and other interested persons and groups; creates a seven-member board of directors appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate; requires that all but one board member be a state resident; requires that members have experience in the aerospace or commercial space industry or finance, or other significant relevant experience; permits the authority to acquire real property for the purpose of establishing, constructing, maintaining or operating a spaceport and spaceport facilities; designates certain property at Burns Flat in Washita County as spaceport territory; provides procedures for landowners to exclude their land from spaceport territory; provides for bonding authority. (74 §§ 5201/5237)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Science & Technology Committee
2/4/99 Senate Committee - Do Pass as Amended

SB 722 (Snyder) - **TUITION/FEES.** Removes limitations on establishment of tuition and fees by the State Regents. (70 § 3218.2)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 736 (Snyder) - **OKLAHOMA CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (OCAST).** Clarifies language relating to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST). (74 § 5060.1)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 747 (Williams) - **ACADEMY SCHOOLS.** "Academy Schools Act"; defines "academy school" as a public school established by contract with a board of education of a public school district, a vocational-technical institution, a governing board of an institution of higher education, a municipality or the State Board of Education to provide learning that will improve student achievement; specifies contents of applications for academy schools; provides for establishment of academy schools under contract; requires a local board of education or the state board to either accept or reject sponsorship of an academy school within 90 days of receipt of an application; gives an applicant 30 days to submit a revised application after notification of rejection and the school board 30 days to accept or reject the revised application; provides for appeal to the state board of education of applications rejected by local boards; specifies requirements for contracts for academy schools; requires that academy schools be nonsectarian in their programs, admission policies, employment practices and all other operations; prohibits a sponsor from authorizing an academy school or program that is affiliated with a non-public sectarian school or religious institution; requires that academy schools provide a comprehensive program of instruction for at least a kindergarten program or any grade between grades one and 12; authorizes instruction to persons

younger than age five and older than age 18; requires academy schools to design programs to at least meet the core curriculum adopted by the state board and to participate in the testing as required by the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act; provides for auditing requirements; prohibits an academy school from being used as a method of providing education or generating revenue for students who are being home schooled; prohibits an academy school from charging tuition; requires that an academy school be considered a school district for purposes of tort liability under the Governmental Tort Claims Act; limits terms for academy school contracts to five years from the first day of operation; provides for renewal; allows an academy school, in the event a renewal is denied, to apply to another sponsor to transfer the operation of the school; provides for termination of contracts; specifies requirements for admission of students; creates an "Academy Schools Stimulus Fund" within the state treasurer, administered by the Department of Education to provide financial support to academy school applicants and academy schools for start-up costs and costs associated with renovating or remodeling existing buildings and structures for use by an academy school. (70 §§ 3-130/3-141)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 750 (Rozell) - **AUDITS/GRANT FUNDS.** Requires all governmental entities to have audits prepared of grant funds received, administered, used or under the direct or indirect control of such entity or its employees; requires that a report be filed with the State Auditor and Inspector and the Director of the Office of State Finance within three months after the end of the fiscal year. (74 §§ 212, 212A, 213, 226)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 757 (Snyder) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION.** Clarifies language relating to the Workers' Compensation Act. (85 § 1.1)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee

SB 763 (Williams) - **PARAPROFESSIONAL TEACHERS.** States legislative intent that the State Board of Education adopt a program for career development of paraprofessional teachers; states purpose of the program to provide to paraprofessional teachers a system of career development based upon education and training advancement and to furnish economic incentives to encourage excellence among paraprofessional teachers. (70 § 6-127A)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 764 (Maddox) - **ORTHOTISTS/PROSTHETISTS.** Creates the "Oklahoma Licensed Orthotists and Prosthetists Act"; provides for licensure, regulations and continuing education for the dispensing of therapeutic shoes and prosthetic devices by the State Board of Health; requires the Commissioner of Health, with the advice and consent of the Board of Health, to appoint a seven-member Oklahoma Licensed Orthotists and Prosthetists Advisory Council. (59 §§ 3001/3011)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

SB 786 (Morgan) - **LANGSTON UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT.** Creates an endowment account for Langston University within the State Regents Endowment Fund. (70 § 3952)

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 787 (Morgan) - **TUITION INCENTIVE.** "Oklahoma Tuition Incentive Act"; creates the Oklahoma Tuition Incentive Program to enhance economic growth in the state through increasing the number of college graduates; provides that eligible students may receive payment from the Oklahoma Tuition Incentive Trust Fund for up to four years of undergraduate enrollment fees at a State System institution or tuition for enrollment in post-secondary programs of an area vocational-technical school; requires that students be Oklahoma residents who have graduated from an accredited high school, have satisfied higher education admission standards and have secured admission to an institution within the state higher education system or a post-secondary vo-tech program. (70 §§ 2701/2705, 3953.2)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 788 (Fisher) - **SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP.** Establishes the Special Needs Scholarship Program under the authority of the State Regents for students who declare an intention to serve and who subsequently serve this state by teaching four years of secondary math or science or special education or shortage areas as determined by the Regents; provides that persons failing to meet requirements shall be liable for the sum of all scholarships received; requires execution of appropriate contracts and promissory notes. (70 § 698A)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 798 (Fisher) - **ADVANCED PLACEMENT.** Expands financial assistance under the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program to include test fee assistance to public school students who take more than one advanced placement test in one year; provides for pre-advanced placement courses which prepare students to enroll and participate in an advanced placement course; authorizes the State Board of Education to award schools subsidized training for pre-advanced placement courses and international baccalaureate courses and grants for development of an advanced placement vertical team, a group of teachers in a particular discipline who work cooperatively to develop a vertically aligned program to help students acquire academic skills necessary for success in the advanced placement program. (70 §§ 1210.701/1210.703)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 800 (Wilcoxson) - **CORE CURRICULUM.** Requires as a condition of a school receiving state accreditation that all students in grades 9 through 12 enroll in at least six credits of academic and/or vocational course work in any academic day; mandates that public schools increase high school core curriculum requirements on a graduated basis, requires that beginning with the 2002-2003 school year students be required to complete four units each of math, English, social studies and science; designates courses which shall meet such requirements. (70 §§ 3-104.4, 11-103.6)
2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SJR 17 (Rozell) - **AD VALOREM/TECHNOLOGY.** A proposed constitutional amendment authorizing school district voters to approve an ad valorem levy increase of up to 5 mills for the purpose of purchasing technology for schools.

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee

SJR 19 (Henry) - **AD VALOREM.** A proposed constitutional amendment authorizing an increase in the rate of ad valorem taxation for a school district building fund not to exceed 5 mills; requires approval by a majority of school district voters. *(See SB 713)*

2/1/99 Senate introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to Senate Finance Committee

HOUSE BILLS

HB 1001X (Settle/Haney) - **AGENCY BUDGET REDUCTION**. The floor substitute reduces state agency budgets for the remainder of FY'99 by an average of 1.2 percent or a total of about $25 million.

1/22/99 Bill Passed House
2/2/99 Floor Substitute Passed Senate
2/2/99 Bill Passed Senate (37-10)
2/3/99 Bill and Emergency Passed House (97-3)
2/3/99 Signed & Transmitted to Governor

HB 1003X (Rice/Easley) - **OIL PRODUCTION TAX/EDUCATION CAPITAL FUNDS**. Relates to lowering the gross production tax rate on oil production. The committee substitute provides that revenues from oil production at 4-percent and 7-percent rates in excess of the amounts apportioned to schools and counties will be divided between funds for common education capital improvements and higher education capital improvements. The floor substitute changes the new funds being created and allocation of gross production tax funds. In addition to a common education technology and higher education capital fund the measure creates an Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Fund and Rural Economic Action Plan fund. When the tax is at 7 percent, the tuition fund, common education fund and higher education capital fund, would be allocated 25.72 percent each; at a 4-percent tax, tuition, education technology and higher education capital would get 22.5 percent each; at 1 percent, revenues would be evenly split to county government and local schools; revenues going into the funds would be capped at $l00 million; excess amounts would be deposited in the General Revenue Fund. (62 § 41.29c/41.29e)

1/22/99 Bill and Emergency Passed - House
1/26/99 Committee Substitute Do Pass - Senate
2/2/99 Floor Substitute Adopted - Senate
2/2/99 Bill Passed Senate - (42-6)
2/3/99 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (87-13)
2/4/99 Signed & Transmitted to Governor

HB 1002 (Askins/Brown) - **RETIREMENT/TOBACCO SETTLEMENT**. Creates a Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund; requires that one-third of 95 percent of trust fund earnings shall be transferred to the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement (OTRS) Fund until such transfers amount to $1 billion,

with the remainder to be transferred to the Tobacco Settlement Special Cash Fund. (37 §§ 600.13, 600.14)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1005 (Adair) - **RETIREMENT/REAUTHORIZATION**. Deletes requirement for annual reauthorization of retirement benefits for certain members of OTRS. (70 § 17-116.13)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws

HB 1006 (Roberts) - **RETIREMENT/REAUTHORIZATION**. Deletes requirement for annual reauthorization of retirement benefits for certain members of OTRS. (70 § 17-116.13)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee

HB 1007 (Leonard Sullivan) - **STATE SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS/GIFTS**. Declares legislative intent that no State System institution shall provide the governor, legislators or any government officer with anything of value free of charge. (70 § 3330)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1015 (Adair) - **STATE BOARD EMPLOYEES**. This is a shell bill relating to language prohibiting state boards or commissions from employing former members. (74 § 4257)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Government Operations & Agency Oversight Committee

HB 1019 (Erwin) - **TEACHER PREPARATION COMMISSION**. Establishes a July 1, 2000, termination date for the Commission for Teacher Preparation. (70 § 6-199)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1036 (John Sullivan) - **RETIREMENT/TOBACCO SETTLEMENT**. Requires that all monies received by Oklahoma pursuant to any tobacco lawsuit settlement shall be allocated to the Teachers' Retirement System (OTRS). (70 § 17-116.15)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1040 (Mitchell) - **RETIREMENT/TOBACCO SETTLEMENT**. Creates a Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund; requires that the trust fund be managed by a board of trustees; provides for investment of funds; creates the Tobacco Settlement Special Cash Fund; requires that one-third of 95 percent of trust fund earnings shall be transferred to the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement Fund until such transfers amount to $1 billion, with the remainder to be transferred to the Tobacco Settlement Special Cash Fund. (37 §§ 600.13, 600.14)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1046 (Dank) - **CHARTER SCHOOLS**. Creates the Charter Schools Act; allows a public school, public body, public or private college or university, private person or private organization to establish a charter school under contract; provides for acceptance or rejection of sponsorship by board of education;

specifies requirements for contracts for charter schools; requires that charter schools be nonsectarian; provides for curriculum and testing; prohibits charging of tuition; limits terms of contracts to five years; specifies admission requirements; authorizes the designation of specific geographic area where students would reside; requires the provision of transportation; creates a "Charter Schools Stimulus Fund". (70 §§ 3-130/142)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1056 (Wells) - **RAFFLES**. Authorizes nonprofit organizations, student groups and parent-teacher groups to conduct raffles for charitable purposes or to help raise funds for a school. (21 § 1051)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1058 (Clay Pope) - **TAX CREDIT/AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS**. Provides an income tax credit for producers of agricultural commodities using new or modified agricultural production or marketing methods demonstrated by or acquired from an accredited agricultural college or university, adult agricultural education program provided by a state secondary school or state agricultural producing or farming association; limits such credit to $500, to be allowed in the taxable year in which the new or modified production or marketing method was used by the producer; requires the producer to furnish satisfactory documented proof that the production or method was obtained from an accredited agricultural college or university, etc., and that the method was used in the operation of the agricultural producer; permits unused credit to be carried forward for a maximum five years. (68 § 2357.28)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1063 (Benson/Haney) - **ENDOWMENT FUND**. Permits adjustments by a trustee who is a beneficiary of a trust, if the trustee is a tax-exempt charitable, religious or educational organization and, as a beneficiary, will hold the beneficial interest as an institutional endowment fund for the benefit of one or more tax-exempt charitable, religious or educational organizations. (60 § 175.104)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Banking & Finance Committee

HB 1069 (Thomas) - **MURRAY STATE COLLEGE**. Updates name of Murray State College, deleting "of Technology". (70 § 3407.2)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1072 (Thornbrugh) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/MENTAL ILLNESS**. Requires group health insurance and health benefit plans to include coverage for severe mental illness; allows such benefits be provided through a managed care system; requires that such benefits be equal to treatment of and subject to the same preauthorization and utilization review mechanisms as all other physical diseases and disorders; provides an exemption for policies providing coverage for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage and for groups with 50 or fewer employees; defines "severe mental illness" as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic-depressive illness), major depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and schizoaffective disorder; makes such requirement inapplicable to an agreement, contract or policy in which such coverage will result in an increase of more than 3 percent in premium cost. (36 §§ 6060.10, 6060.11)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee

HB 1086 (Worthen) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. This is a shell bill relating to Workers' Compensation. (85 § 1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1095 (Stites) - **RETIREMENT**. Creates the "Public Retirement Systems Technical Corrections Act of 1999".

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee

HB 1096 (Stites) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Clarifies language relating to hospitals and the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board. (63 O.S. § 1-701; 74 § 1306)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1099 (John Sullivan) - **CURRICULUM**. Provides that beginning with the 2001-2002 school year graduation requirements shall include four units each of language arts, science, math and social studies; provides for course substitutions. (70 § 11-103.6)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1100 (John Sullivan) - **TAX CREDIT/TUITION/FEES**. Provides for a 25-percent income tax credit for tuition and fees paid to an accredited Oklahoma public or private college or university; establishes qualifications; provides for up to a three-year carry forward. (68 § 2357.28)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1110 (Reese) - **TEACHERS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**. Requires that mentor teachers and teacher members of local professional development committees be selected by the principal from a list submitted by the teachers, rather than by a bargaining unit if one exists. (70 §§ 6-182, 6-194)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1119 (Beutler) - **TAX EXEMPTION/INTEREST INCOME**. Provides an income tax exemption for interest income on obligations issued on or after July 1, 1999, by or on behalf of the state or a political subdivision and which are exempt from federal income tax, except interest income on obligations issued on behalf of a tax-exempt charitable organization. (68 § 2358)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1120 (Beutler) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Increases from $5,000 to $10,000 the funeral expense benefit in the Workers' Compensation Act in cases in which no benefits under other provisions are paid to dependents of the deceased. (85 § 22)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1128 (Webb) - **LIBRARY USE**. Permits any person to check out library books and research materials from any library located at a State System institution or constitutional agency, so long as such person has an Oklahoma state driver license or ID; provides penalties for violation of library rules. (70 § 3206.5)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1130 (Gray) - **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**. Modifies the Administrative Procedures Act to remove the requirement that legislative disapproval of an agency preemptive rule must be done within the first 30 calendar days of the next regular legislative session following promulgation; prohibits invalidation of an emergency rule on the grounds that the contents of the rule impact statement are insufficient or inaccurate. (75 §§ 250.4, 250.6, 251, 253)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Administrative Rule Review Committee

HB 1131 (Wells) - **STATE SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS**. Updates language relating to State System institutions, changing Rogers University to Rogers State University and adding Oklahoma State University/Tulsa. (70 § 3201) *(A committee substitute has been discussed which relates to the tuition-setting authority of the State Regents.)*

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1132 (Reese) - **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**. Creates the "Academic Excellence Scholarship Act"; authorizes the State Board of Education, subject to the availability of funds, to establish an Academic Excellence Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to students who complete the curriculum requirements of and are awarded a certificate of distinction; provides that each eligible student would be awarded $500 to pay for tuition and fees at any Oklahoma public or private higher education institution. (70 §§ 2701, 2702) *See also HB 1175*.

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1136 (Hilliard) - **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**. Modifies the criteria for state agency rule impact statement waivers to remove impracticability as grounds; requires that rule impact statements include a determination that the proposed rule does not impose more stringent requirements than those provided by federal or state law, the source of revenue to be used for implementing and enforcing the proposed rule, a description of the costs and the benefits of the proposed rule to all affected classes of persons, a description of the uncertainties associated with the estimated costs and benefits, any information on any cost impacts of the proposed rule received by the agency from a private or public entity, a determination of the nature and costs of any paperwork requirements and any professional services that may be required for implementation of the proposed rule by the affected classes of persons, a determination of the effect of the rule on cost-of-living and doing business in the geographic area where the rule is to be implemented, a determination of the effect of the rule on employment in the county where the rule is to be implemented, a determination of the effect of the rule on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule is designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, a risk management report that provides an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk, and a determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the rule is not implemented. (75 §§ 253, 303)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Administrative Rule Review Committee

HB 1140 (Easley) - **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**. Clarifies language relating to confidentiality of state employee personal information. (74 § 840-2.11)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Govt Ops & Agency Oversight Committee

HB 1152 (Clay Pope) - **LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES LIABILITY**. Enacts the "Oklahoma Livestock Activities Liability Limitation Act;" provides that any person participating in livestock activities shall assume all legal responsibility and shall not recover for any negligent injury, harm or damage to such person's own person or property unless such was caused by the intentional acts of another person. (76 §§ 50.1/50.3)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1157 (Corn) - **OBSOLETE PROPERTY**. Authorizes disposition of outworn or obsolete state property to entities within the State System. (62 § 120.1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Govt Ops & Agency Oversight Committee

HB 1170 (Wells) - **OSU COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE/RACING WAGERS**. Requires that 2.7 percent of one-ninth of 18 percent of pari-mutuel racing wagers be apportioned monthly to the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine; makes similar requirement for 2.7 percent of 2/25 of 25 percent of multiple-race wagers. (3A § 205.6)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1172 (McCarter) - **TEACHER PREPARATION**. Requires that school administrators demonstrate competency in substance abuse identification and prevention; requires that professional development programs adopted by local boards of education shall include a minimum of 60 minutes of in-service training on substance abuse identification and prevention. (70 §§ 6-185, 6-194)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1175 (McCarter) - **FEE WAIVER/CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION**. Expresses legislative intent that recipients of the certificate of distinction be granted a three-semester waiver of general enrollment fees at any state-supported higher education institution or vocational school. (70 § 11-103.2d) *See also HB 1132.*

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1200 (Ross) - **STATE SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS**. Updates language relating to State System institutions, changing Rogers University to Rogers State University and adding Oklahoma State University/Tulsa. (70 § 3201) *See also HB 1131.*

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1201 (Ross) - **ACADEMIC SCHOLARS**. This is a shell bill relating to the State Regents for Higher Education. The committee substitute would add Presidential Scholars to the list of award winners for the Academic Scholars Program; increases the maximum limit on awards to nonresident students. (70 § 2403)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1203 (Roberts) - **DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES**. Modifies language relating to enhancement of penalties for violations of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act; requires enhancement of the penalty for certain drug-related offenses committed within 5,000 feet, rather than 1,000 feet, of a public school, public or private college or university, or other higher education institution, or certain other public property. (63 § 2-401, 21 § 17)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee

HB 1206 (Pettigrew) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Modifies the schedule of compensation for strain or sprain injuries in the Workers' Compensation Act to require that an employee, upon reaching maximum medical improvement who returns to or receives a good faith offer of employment with the same employer at the same or greater rate of pay shall not be eligible for a permanent disability award; requires the court, upon request by the complaint within 180 days of maximum medical improvement, to examine the employment terms or offer of employment to determine the good faith of the employer; authorizes the court, if it finds there was not good faith, to order evaluation of the claimant for permanent disability by an independent medical examiner. (85 § 22)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1210 (Ross) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/PROSTATE CANCER**. Requires health benefit plans to offer coverage for prostate cancer screening for men over the age of 50 years and men over the age of 40 who are in high-risk categories; requires that such coverage be exempt from policy deductibles; prohibits such coverage from exceeding $65 per prostate-cancer-screening or the actual cost of the prostate-cancer-screening. (36 § 6060.7)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee
2/3/99 Passed Committee as Amended

HB 1214 (Leist) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/MANAGED CARE PROTECTION**. Changes the name of the Oklahoma Managed Care Act to the Oklahoma Consumer of Managed Care Protection Act; requires certification of managed care entities offering health care services; requires that managed care entities provide for an internal system for resolution of complaints; authorizes the Health Department to examine such complaint system for compliance with the act and require the entity to make corrections as deemed necessary; provides that a managed care entity has the duty to exercise ordinary care when making health care treatment decisions and is liable for damages for harm to an insured or enrollee proximately caused by its failure to exercise such ordinary care; prohibits a managed care entity from removing a participating provider from its plan or refusing to renew such provider with its plan for advocating on behalf of an enrollee for appropriate and medically necessary health care for the enrollee; prohibits a managed care entity from entering into a contract with a physician, hospital or other health care provider or pharmaceutical company that includes an indemnification or hold harmless clause for the acts or conduct of the managed care entity. (63 §§ 2525.2/2525.5)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1216 (Claunch) - **INCOME TAX CREDIT/COLLEGE RESEARCH**. Provides an income tax credit for investments in research and development projects at a private or public college or university

accredited by the State Regents; sets such credit at 30 percent of the investment; allows unused credit to be carried forward for a maximum of five years; provides an income tax credit for investments in qualified depreciable research equipment; sets such credit at 5 percent of the cost of the research equipment that is not recaptured through depreciation in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code in the first two years the equipment is placed in service in the state; allows such credit to be carried forward for a maximum five years. (68 §§ 2357.28, 2357.29)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1237 (Hastings) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION/RETIREMENT/STATE INSURANCE FUND**. Creates the "State Insurance Fund Loss Portfolio Transfer Act"; states legislative intent to seek a loss portfolio transfer of claims against and losses of the State Insurance Fund; states finding that, if there is a loss portfolio transfer, the state is entitled to 50 percent of the remaining unencumbered funds, or "special surplus", for the state's management and administrative role with regard to the Fund; requires that the remaining portion of the special surplus, after transfer of 50 percent to the state for its role as manager and administrator of the State Insurance Fund, be distributed equitably to policyholders of record since 1980; requires that one-third of the state's portion of the funds be deposited to the credit of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma (OTRS), one-fourth to the Firefighters Pension and Retirement Fund, one-sixth to the Special Indemnity Fund and the remainder to the General Revenue Fund; requires a Contingency Review Board review of the proposed agreement regarding the transfer and an independent statement as to the fairness of the proposed agreement for the state; provides for appeal of the contingency board's decision. (85 §§ 154/160)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1242 (Hastings) - **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**. This is a shell bill pertaining to the designation of articles of the Administrative Procedures Act. (75 § 250.1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Administrative Rule Review Committee

HB 1244 (Hastings) - **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**. This is a shell bill relating to rulemaking procedures pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. (75 § 303)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1245 (Hastings) - **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**. This is a shell bill relating to exemptions from the Administrative Procedures Act. (75 § 250.4)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1249 (Wilt) - **TOURISM/RESEARCH**. Repeals various sections of law including one that relates to the Tourism Department contracting with higher education institutions to do research. (68 § 50014)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1257 (McCarter) - **RETIREMENT/HEALTH INSURANCE**. Provides that any person who retires under OTRS or has a vested benefit in such system and elects to continue health insurance benefits may elect to continue, begin or reinstate coverage for dental, vision or other optional benefits provided

through the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act within 30 days after the date of termination of service or at any time after the initial 30-day period. (74 § 1316.3)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1263 (Begley) - **CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY.** Creates the "Technology in the Classroom Act; creates a nine-member Commission on School Technology, the membership of which include the Chancellor and the Director of OneNet or their designees; requires the State Department of Education, the Department of Vocational and Technical Education and the State Regents to provide administrative support for the Commission; requires the Commission to develop a state classroom technology plan; outlines criteria for plan; requires local boards of education to develop district plans; states legislative intent that each State System institution develop an institution classroom technology plan that meets the applicable requirements of and contains the applicable components of the state classroom technology plan; provides that the State Regents shall assist in the development of, evaluate, and approve all institution classroom technology plans; states legislative intent that each higher education institution shall annually review, and if necessary develop modifications to, the institution classroom technology plan and submit it to the State Regents for evaluation and approval; creates the Common Education Classroom Technology Fund; authorizes the State Board of Education to allocate funds to implement plans; requires the State Board of Education, the State Vo-Tech Board and the State Regents to annually prepare a joint funding plan; permits State System institutions to use any statewide contract for technology equipment established by Central Services. (70 §§ 1210.901/ 1210.911)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1267 (Ostrander) - **RETIREMENT**. Provides that in lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement pension, any eligible member of OTRS may elect to participate in the Teachers' Retirement System Deferred Option Plan; limits participation period to no more than five years, after which the member shall retire and begin receiving monthly retirement benefits; requires that employer contributions be credited equally to the retirement system and the member's deferred option account; provides that retirement benefits that would have been payable had the member retired shall be paid into the deferred option account; provides for allocation of interest to account; gives member the option of receiving a lump sum payment or an annuity, or any other method approved by the board. (70 § 105.2)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee

HB 1271 (Seikel) - **STATEWIDE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE RESPONSIBILITY SYSTEM (STARS)/FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**. This is a shell bill relating to the Statewide Temporary Assistance Responsibility System (STARS) and federal block grant funds. (56 § 230.50, 62 § 41.13a)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Human Resources Committee

HB 1274 (Seikel) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/MENTAL ILLNESS**. Requires group health insurance and health benefit plans to include coverage for severe mental illness; allows such benefits be provided through a managed care system; requires that such benefits be equal to treatment of and subject to the same preauthorization and utilization review mechanisms as all other physical diseases and disorders; provides an exemption for policies providing coverage for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage and for groups with 50 or fewer employees; defines "severe mental illness" as schizophrenia,

bipolar disorder (manic-depressive illness), major depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and schizoaffective disorder. (36 § 6060.10)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee

HB 1285 (Benson) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/MENTAL ILLNESS**. Requires group health insurance and health benefit plans to include coverage for severe mental illness; allows such benefits be provided through a managed care system; requires that such benefits be equal to treatment of and subject to the same preauthorization and utilization review mechanisms as all other physical diseases and disorders; provides an exemption for policies providing coverage for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage and for groups with 50 or fewer employees; defines "severe mental illness" as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic-depressive illness), major depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and schizoaffective disorder; makes such requirement inapplicable to an agreement, contract or policy in which such coverage will result in an increase of more than 3 percent in premium cost. (36 §§ 6060.10, 6060.11)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee

HB 1288 (Dale Smith) - **PUBLIC SCHOOL DEFINITION**. This is a shell bill relating to the definition of public schools, which includes two years of junior college work. (70 § 1-106)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1293 (Settle) - **PURCHASING/PROPOSALS/BIDS**. Requires state agencies, whether or not the agency is otherwise exempt from requirements of the Central Purchasing Act, prior to drafting a request for proposal (RFP) or invitation to bid (ITB), to terminate any relationship that the agency has had with any individual or business entity for preliminary work on the RFP or ITB; allows such entities to receive such RFP or ITB and submit proposals or bids; requires that, when issuing the RFP or ITB, the agency disclose the identity of any entity that provided such assistance; provides that an individual or business entity that assists a state agency in evaluating proposals or bids shall be ineligible to receive a contract; makes it unlawful for any public officer, employee or person representing a state agency or officer from making any unauthorized disclosure of information which is or will be contained in a bid notice or which is submitted in response to a bid notice in advance of the date on which the notice is to be made known to all prospective bidders; makes it unlawful to solicit such information; designates violation with intent to defraud the state a felony; requires that a notarized noncollusion statement be attached to any bid or contract submitted to the state, whether or not subject to the Central Purchasing Act. (74 §§ 85.7b, 85.15a, 85.22, 85.23)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Govt Ops & Agency Oversight Committee

HB 1296 (Settle) - **FEES/NONRESIDENT TUITION**. This is a shell bill relating to higher education general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition. (70 § 3218.8)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1297 (Settle) - **RETIREMENT/REAUTHORIZATION**. Deletes requirement for annual reauthorization of certain increases in retirement benefits under OTRS. (70 § 17-116.13)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee

HB 1299 (Settle) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. This is a shell bill relating to the Workers' Compensation Act. (85 § 1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1300 (Settle) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Provides that a workers' compensation claimant may elect to have hearings in either Oklahoma City or Tulsa; allows employer to object under certain conditions. (85 § 3.5)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1307 (Dunegan) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Provides that upon request of the patient in a workers' compensation exam or when the patient is deaf or hard of hearing, the spouse or other relative shall be allowed in the examining room unless the spouse or other relative is in a contagious condition or exhibits unruly behavior. (59 §§ 492, 509)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1311 (Greenwood) - **SCHOOL TESTING**. Requires the State Board of Education to develop and make available to the public at various locations, including higher education institutions, sample tests similar to tests administered under the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. (70 § 1210.507)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1317 (Fields) - **TAXES/INHERITED PROPERTY.** Makes inherited property held by colleges or schools taxable if not devoted to the appropriate objects of any such school. (68 § 2887)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1318 (Stanley) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/FREEDOM OF CHOICE.** This is a shell bill relating to the Health Care Freedom of Choice Act. (36 § 6053)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1338 (Davis) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/INFERTILITY.** Requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for diagnosis and treatment of infertility; provides list of certain types of covered treatments; provides certain conditions for coverage; provides an exemption from the requirements for coverage for certain religion-affiliated entities; provides for application of deductibles, copayments or coinsurance. (36 § 6060.7)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee

HB 1342 (Davis) - **TUITION TRUST.** This is a shell bill relating to the Tuition Trust Act. (70 § 6002)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1344 (Leist) - **VETERINARY SCHOOLS.** Removes authority for the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue certificates to practice for a short period of time in the state with no anticipation of

permanent practice in the state or to practice while in the employ of an approved school of veterinary medicine and while doing limited veterinary work for such school. (59 §§ 698.8a, 698.14b)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Agriculture Committee

HB 1351 (Stanley) - **DENTAL FACULTY.** Prohibits faculty permit holders from engaging in faculty or private practice of dentistry. (59 §§ 328.19, 328.21, 328.27)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1355 (Gray) - **PHYSICIAN PROFILE INFORMATION.** States legislative intent to provide easily accessible information on Oklahoma physicians; requires physicians applying for licensure or relicensure to provide comprehensive information about the physician's education, practice, disciplinary actions and criminal history involving moral turpitude; requires the Health Department to annually publish and make available to the public the summary results of utilization information gathered from physicians for certain categories of procedures; requires that summary information and provider profiles be made available to the public upon request; provides penalties. (63 §§ 2550.1, 2550.2)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1357 (Gray) - **DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING.** This is a shell bill relating to drug and alcohol testing. (40 § 554)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Commerce, Industry & Labor Committee

HB 1362 (Hastings) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Authorizes state entities to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage to employees by self-insuring and making appropriation of funds to cover their risk or by insuring with licensed insurance carriers other than the State Insurance Fund. (85 § 2b)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1364 (Begley) - **EDUCATION LEADERSHIP**. Clarifies language relating to the Education Leadership Oklahoma program. (70 § 6-204.2)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1374 (Lindley) - **ORTHOTISTS/PROSTHETISTS**. Creates the "Oklahoma Licensed Orthotists and Prosthetists Act"; provides for licensure, regulations and continuing education for the dispensing of therapeutic shoes and prosthetic devices by the State Board of Health. (59 §§ 3001/3011)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1376 (Ervin) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Creates the "Health Care Liability Act"; provides that a health insurance carrier, health maintenance organization or other managed care entity for a health care plan has the duty to exercise ordinary care when making health care treatment decisions and is liable for damages for harm to an insured or enrollee proximately caused by its failure to exercise ordinary care; makes such entity also liable for damages for harm to an insured or enrollee proximately caused by the health care treatment decisions of its employees, agents or representatives over whom it has the right to

exercise influence or control which result in the failure to exercise ordinary care; prohibits such health care entities from removing a physician or health care provider from its plan or refuse to renew the physician or provider with its plan for advocating on behalf of an enrollee for appropriate and medically necessary health care for the enrollee; prohibits such entity from entering into a contract with a health care provider or pharmaceutical company that includes an indemnification or hold harmless clause for the acts or conduct of the carrier; provides an exemption for workers' compensation insurance coverage. (76 §§ 21.1/21.4)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1377 (Ervin) - **JOB TRAINING**. Creates the "Workforce Training Incentive Act"; provides an income tax credit for a percentage of the cost of a qualified employee training expense incurred by an eligible employer, based upon the number of workers employed by the employer as identified in a job training expense plan; prohibits an employer from receiving a credit for more than 50 employees in a taxable year; requires the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission to develop a method to evaluate plans for training expenses that qualify as eligible for such credit; requires an employer, in order to be eligible for such credit, to file a job training expense plan with the Commission. (68 §§ 2357.35/2357.37)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Economic Development Committee

HB 1382 (Roach) - **TUITION SCHOLARSHIP**. Creates an Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Program to ensure that students who meet certain criteria, have completed a college preparatory curriculum upon graduation from high school and are intending to pursue studies at a state higher education institution leading to an associate or baccalaureate degree are rewarded by having the first two years of tuition for enrollment at a State System institution paid for by the state; provides eligibility requirements; requires the State Regents to promulgate rules relating to maintenance of eligibility; states legislative intent that students graduating during the 1999-2000 school year be the first students eligible for benefits. (70 §§ 2610/2613)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1384 (Roach/Brown) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Creates the "Oklahoma Women's and Children's Accessibility to Health Services Act"; requires health benefit plans to allow obstetricians and gynecologists as primary care practitioners; states legislative intent that a woman at all times have direct access to the services of a participating obstetrician or gynecologist under any health benefit plan; requires a health benefit plan that requires an enrollee to designate a participating primary care practitioner and provides for dependent care coverage to permit a dependent minor enrollee to access a pediatrician for pediatric are services as a primary care practitioner. (63 §§ 2550.1/2550.5)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee
2/3/99 House Committee - Do Pass

HB 1387 (McCarter) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/MENTAL ILLNESS**. Requires group health insurance and health benefit plans to include coverage for severe mental illness; allows such benefits be provided through a managed care system; requires that such benefits be equal to treatment of and subject to the same preauthorization and utilization review mechanisms as all other physical diseases and disorders; provides an exemption for policies providing coverage for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage and for groups with 50 or fewer employees; defines "severe mental illness" as schizophrenia,

bipolar disorder (manic-depressive illness), major depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and schizoaffective disorder; makes such requirement inapplicable to an agreement, contract or policy in which such coverage will result in an increase of more than 3 percent in premium cost; provides an income tax credit for employers incurring eligible expenses in connection with providing such health insurance coverage. (36 §§ 6060.10, 6060.11; 68 § 2357.66)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee

HB 1399 (Lindley) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Creates the "Oklahoma Managed Care Consumer Protection Act"; states purpose to provide authority for the state to ensure that enrollees receive adequate health care services under a managed care system. (63 § 2550.1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1411 (Perry) - **ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES**. Delays the reporting date for the electronic commerce pilot program until Dec. 15, 1999; authorizes the Office of State Finance, in conjunction with the Department of Central Services, to implement electronic signature certification authority technology and to issue or cause to be issued certificates of authority for electronic or digital signatures used in conjunction with electronic business and commerce transactions in state government; delays the termination date of the Task Force on Electronic Signature Technology until Feb. 1, 2000. (74 §§ 5060.50, 5060.51)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Science & Technology Committee

HB 1413 (Perry) - **COMPUTER MALFUNCTION/LIABILITY**. Provides the state and political subdivisions immunity from liability for losses caused by failure or malfunction occurring before Dec. 31, 2005, that is caused by failure of computer software or computer device to accurately or properly recognize, calculate, display, sort or otherwise process dates or time; allows a claim to be brought pursuant to the Governmental Tort Claims Act for medical negligence caused by such failure to accurately or properly recognize, calculate, display, sort or otherwise process dates or times if such failure resulted in bodily injury or death. (51 § 155.2)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1415 (Hiett) - **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**. Requires that rule impact statements relating to proposed state agency rules be available to the public; requires the notice of intent to include the rule impact statement or a statement that the Governor has waived the requirement in writing; adds to issues to be addressed in ruled impact statements to include a determination that the proposed rule does not impose more stringent requirements than those provided by federal or state law, the source of revenue to be used for implementing and enforcing the proposed rule, a determination of paperwork and other requirements, a determination of the of the effect of the proposed rule on the costs of doing business, a determination of the effect of the proposed rule on employment, a determination of the proposed rule's effect on the public health, safety and environment if the rule is not implemented. (75 §§ 253, 303)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Administrative Rule Review Committee

HB 1420 (Graves) - **OBSCENE MATERIAL**. Deletes exemptions for serious literary, artistic and political purposes or value from the definition of "obscene material." (21 § 1024.1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee

HB 1425 (Askins) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Clarifies language relating to authorization for Workers' Compensation claims by state employees. (85 § 2c)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1428 (Staggs) - **RETIREMENT**. Establishes the Teachers' Deferred Savings Incentive Plan Fund; requires the Teachers' Retirement System to match up to $25 per month of amount each active member is contributing to a plan account. (70 § 17-121)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee

HB 1429 (Corn) - **GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS**. Provides for a graduate student supplement to be granted to eligible graduate students by the State Regents to satisfy general enrollment fees, subject to availability of funds. (70 § 2606)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1439 (Glover) - **STATEWIDE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE RESPONSIBILITY SYSTEM (STARS)**. Provides that hourly employment approved by the Department of Human Services as required work activity for Statewide Temporary Assistance Responsibility System recipients must meet federal minimum wage, taxation and safety requirements; provides that failure of teen parent recipients to graduate from high school or obtain a GED shall be grounds for termination of benefits under the STARS program. (56 § 230.52)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Human Resources Committee

HB 1442 (Glover) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Clarifies language relating to rehabilitation and job placement services. (85 § 16)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1443 (Betty Boyd) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Creates the "Oklahoma Health Care Quality Improvement Act". (63 § 2550.1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1449 (Ingmire) - **OSU COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**. This is a shell bill relating to Oklahoma State Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital. (70 § 3201.1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1453 (Winchester) - **SALES TAX EXEMPTION/TEXTBOOKS**. Exempts sales of college textbooks from state sales tax. (68 § 1357)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1456 (Miller) - **GRADUATE STUDENT/GRANT**. Provides for a graduate student fellowship grant to eligible graduate students by the State Regents to satisfy general enrollment fees, subject to availability of funds. (70 § 2606)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1457 (Miller) - **FEES/NONRESIDENT TUITION**. This is a shell bill relating to higher education general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition. (70 § 3218.8)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1458 (Miller) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Allows state and education employees to elect to cover a dependent child and not cover a spouse. (74 §§ 1303, 1309)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1462 (Askins) - **RESTRAINING ORDER**. Authorizes an employer to petition for a temporary restraining order against an employee threatening physical harm to employees or others. (22 § 70)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee

HB 1469 (Langmacher) - **INCOME TAX/TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**. Recodifies provisions relating to adjustments to income for tax purposes, including provision for tax adjustments for transfers of technology to qualified small business. (68 § 2358B)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee
2/3/99 House Committee - Do Pass

HB 1482 (Blackburn) - **ACADEMIC SCHOLARS**. This is a shell bill relating to the Academic Scholars Program. (70 § 2405) *(A committee substitute has been discussed which no longer relates to Academic Scholars, but relates to the College Savings Plan. It establishes terms for members of the Board of Trustees and exempts selection process of financial institutions from the Central Purchasing Act.)*

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1493 (Nations) - **FEES**. This is a shell bill relating to higher education fees. (70 § 3218.10)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1494 (Nations) - **GENERAL ENROLLMENT FEES**. This is a shell bill relating to higher education general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition. (70 § 3218.8)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1496 (Wilt) - **TEACHER SALARIES**. Authorizes public school teachers who have returned to higher education to complete advanced degrees in the four basic subject areas or who have majored in math or science to be eligible for additional salary increments. (70 § 18-114.7a)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1497 (Wilt) - **TEACHER BONUSES**. Requires the State Board of Education to provide to middle or secondary math or science teachers an annual bonus of $4,000, which shall not be calculated in the salary of the teacher for purposes of meeting the statutory minimum salary schedule. (70 § 6-205)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1508 (Toure) - **SCHOOL TESTING**. Modifies accommodations in the Oklahoma School Testing Program to include testing of students with limited English proficiency. (70 § 1210.508)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1509 (Toure) - **EMPLOYEE TERMINATION**. Creates the "Employee Fairness Act"; prohibits an employer from terminating the employment of any employee-at-will who has been employed for a minimum of 30 days except for just cause; defines "employee-at-will" as an individual who works for an employer for hire for an average of at least 20 hours a week and requires just cause be terminated; provides exceptions for employees covered pursuant to a valid collective bargaining agreement between an employer and a labor organization and employees covered pursuant to an express written contract or employment having a specified duration; requires posting of "just cause" notices by employers; provides for civil remedy; calls on a vote of the people on the issue. (40 §§ 199.5a, 1995b)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Commerce, Industry & Labor Committee

HB 1510 (Settle/Haney) - **APPROPRIATIONS/TEACHER PREPARATION**. Appropriates to various education entities including appropriations for the Common Education Classroom Technology Fund, scholarships to the Great Expectations Summer Institutes, implementing telecommunications curriculum statewide, Community Education Grants, Education Leadership Oklahoma, contracting with the Oklahoma Alliance for Geographic Education, and for the Commission for Teacher Preparation. (70 § 18-103.1)

2/1/99 House Introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred Direct to Calendar
2/3/99 Title struck
2/3/99 Amended and Passed - House (99-2)
2/4/99 Senate Introduced

HB 1515 (Settle/Haney) - **APPROPRIATIONS/TEACHER PREPARATION**. Provides for duties and compensation of employees of the Commission for Teacher Preparation; limits the salary of the director to $58,200; provides budgetary limitations.

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred Direct to Calendar
2/2/99 General Order - House

HB 1523 (Settle/Haney) - **APPROPRIATIONS/UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS**. Appropriates to various health entities, including the University Hospitals Authority.

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred Direct to Calendar
2/2/99 General Order - House

HB 1528 (Settle/Haney) - **APPROPRIATIONS/UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS**. Appropriates to the University Hospitals Authority; limits the salary of the director.

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred Direct to Calendar
2/2/99 General Order - House

HB 1537 (Settle/Haney) - **ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**. Requires the Labor Department to submit annual reports detailing the amount per agency of all state, federal and local funds received for asbestos abatement, the projects completed per agency, the number of agency employees used in the programs and the projected needs for the next succeeding fiscal year; requires the State Regents and other appropriate state agencies involved in asbestos abatement to cooperate with the Labor Department to provide such information.

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred Direct to Calendar
2/2/99 General Order - House

HB 1564 (Settle/Haney) - **APPROPRIATIONS/STATE REGENTS/PMTC/OCAST/TEACHER PREP/UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS**. This is a general appropriations bill which appropriates to the State Regents, the Physician Manpower Training Commission, the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST), and the University Hospitals Authority.

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred Direct to Calendar
2/2/99 General Order - House

HB 1566 (Settle/Haney) - **APPROPRIATIONS/STATE REGENTS**. Appropriates to the State Regents from the Constitutional Reserve Fund.

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred Direct to Calendar
2/2/99 General Order - House

HB 1592 (Eddins) - **NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY/LITERACY**. Requires the establishment of a toll-free statewide literacy services referral system; deletes provisions for the creation of a literacy screening system; requires the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the State Department of Education, the Center for the Study of Literacy located at Northeastern State University, and the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority to conduct an awareness campaign to inform functionally illiterate adults about the availability of literacy services throughout the state and to recruit literacy volunteers; requires the State Department of Education to participate in the National Assessment of Adult Literacy; repeals section relating to the re-creation and purpose of the Literacy Initiatives Commission. (70 §§ 8001, 8003)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1599 (Staggs) - **SCHOOL TESTING**. Discontinues norm-referenced tests; requires the State Board of Education to perform test development, implementation, evaluation and correlation; provides for testing at the end of instruction at the secondary level; provides for remediation and test retakes; modifies reporting of test performances in the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program; modifies testing provisions for disabled students to allow use of alternative assessments; removes language relating to identification of low performance on norm-referenced tests; requires the State Board of Education to implement a program of recognition and incentive, including financial awards subject to availability of funds; sets a

standard for low performance on criterion-referenced tests; modifies the process for identification of low-performing and high-challenge schools; requires a comparison of state curriculum standards to National Assessment of Educational Progress standards; repeals a section relating to recommendations for test performance standards. (70 §§ 1210.508, 1210.513, 1210.514, 1210.541)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1600 (Hiett) - **BUDGETING**. Provides for an "Oklahoma Zero Based Budgeting Act of 1999".

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1611 (Reese) - **RAFFLES**. Eliminates existing exemptions from prohibiting against lotteries; provides exemptions for nonprofit religious, charitable, labor, fraternal and educational organizations to conduct raffles for charitable purposes. (21 § 1051)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1622 (Askins) - **LONG-RANGE PLANS**. Requires state agencies to make five-year strategic plans for operations; requires the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget and Program Oversight and the Office of State Finance to determine the elements required to be included in each agency's strategic plan; specifies requirements for the contents of such plans; requires the Governor, in cooperation with the Legislature, to establish achievement goals for each functional area of state government; authorizes the Governor and Legislature to compile a long-range strategic plan for state government using the state agency plans; requires that the state plan be sent to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor and Inspector and each member of the Legislature by the seventh working day of each regular legislative session; requires the Auditor and Inspector, when conducting a performance audit of a state agency, to consider in the evaluation the extent to which the agency conforms to the agency's strategic plan. (62 §§ 45.1/45.9)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1629 (Pettigrew) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. Creates the "Oklahoma Patient Protection Act"; prohibits managed care entities from prohibiting or restricting a participating provider from discussing with or disclosing to any enrollee or other individual any medically appropriate health care information that such provider deems appropriate regarding the nature of treatment options, the risks or alternatives thereto, the process used or the decision made by such enrollee to approve or deny health care services, the availability of alternative therapies, consultations or tests or from advocating on behalf of the enrollee within the utilization review or grievance processes established by the managed care entity or appeals process; prohibits managed care entities from denying payment for an evaluation, diagnostic testing or treatment provided as part of appropriate intervention for an emergency condition; requires managed care plans to allow obstetricians and gynecologists as primary care physicians; requires establishment of an internal complaint resolution process; requires that coverage be offered through a point-of-service plan. (63 § 2550.1/2550.8, 2621/2623)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1630 (Blackburn) - **ACADEMIC SCHOLARS**. This is a shell bill relating to the Academic Scholars Program. (70 § 2405)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1644 (Coleman) - **CURRICULAR STANDARDS/REMEDIAL COURSES**. Requires that curricular standards established by the State Board of Education meet those required for accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and be sufficient to ensure that every student at every high school have the opportunity to acquire all competencies to matriculate at a comprehensive graduate institution of The State System without the necessity of enrolling at the university in secondary-level courses; requires the board to adopt curricular standards for public school students in grades one through three that are to be implemented by the 2000-2001 school year and are focused on development of skills and attainment of competencies in the areas of reading, mathematics and spelling only; prohibits other skills or competencies from being required in grades one through three. (70 § 11-103.6)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1645 (Coleman) - **TEACHER COMPETENCIES**. Expands required teacher competencies to include excellence in reading instruction; directs that pre-service programs require elementary teacher candidates to have training in the five essential elements of reading instruction, including phoneme awareness, phonics, spelling, reading fluency and comprehension. (70 § 6-185)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1647 (Deutschendorf) - **INTERNET HOMEWORK TUTORING**. Requires the State Board of Education to solicit proposals for and, if funds are available, make grants to local boards of education for establishment of pilot projects to aid in development of Internet homework tutoring chat rooms; requires that proposals for Internet chat rooms create a mechanism to allow students to contact and interact with teachers or other professionals when they are not at school, when the student needs assistance with courses or homework; directs the Board to determine pilot project criteria and establish a process for consideration of proposals; requires that proposals for pilot projects be considered on a statewide competitive basis; requires the Board, by Jan. 1, 2000, subject to availability of funds, to develop and implement a school testing assistance Internet web page to help students prepare for tests required under the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act and to provide remediation assistance to students who do not perform satisfactorily on such tests; requires that the web page contain information, materials and example questions that may be used by teachers, students and parents to assist students in preparing for the required tests; requires the web page also to identify the most difficult concepts incorporated in the tests and provide specific information, materials and example questions that will assist students in those areas. (70 §§ 1210.556, 1210.557)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee

HB 1648 (Deutschendorf/Williams) - **SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY**. Creates a "Public School Technology Development Fund Act". (70 § 15-301)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee

HB 1649 (Deutschendorf/Robinson) - **SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY**. Creates an Oklahoma School Technology Fund, to be administered by the Department of Education; requires local exchange telecommunications service providers, beginning Sept. 1, to annually contribute $2 per retail local exchange access line to the Oklahoma Telecommunications Technology Training Fund until the total contributed by all providers equals $12 million; requires that the School Technology Fund be used to provide telecommunications infrastructure to public schools, including telecommunications services, Internet access, in-

ternal connections and site-specific telecommunications services and site-specific Internet access; prohibits local exchange telecommunications service providers serving 15 percent or more of the access lines in the state from applying for recovery of contributions made to the Telecommunications Technology Training Fund from the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund. (17 § 139.109)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee
2/2/99 Committee Substitute
2/2/99 Laid Over

HB 1650 (Deutschendorf/Robinson) - **SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY**. Creates the "Virtual Internet School in Oklahoma Network (VISION) Act"; establishes a Virtual Internet School in Oklahoma Network (VISION) Pilot Program for development of a virtual Internet school in the state to provide verifiable information on the advantages of web-based instructional programs; requires that the program also enable development and testing of procedures and standards so that implementation of a statewide virtual Internet school network will progress smoothly; designates the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA) as the coordinating agency for the pilot program; requires that at least six public school districts be selected to participate in the pilot program; specifies selection criteria; creates a Virtual Internet School Pilot Program Coordinating Committee to oversee the program. (70 §§ 1210.721/1210.725)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee
2/2/99 Do Pass House Committee

HB 1655 (Ferguson) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. For purposes of certain workers' compensation injuries, makes an employee who, upon reaching maximum medical improvement, returns to or receives a good faith offer of employment with the same employer at the same or greater rate of pay, ineligible for a permanent disability award; requires the court, upon request by a claimant within 180 days of maximum medical improvement, to examine the employment terms or offer to determine the good faith of the employer; authorizes the court, if it finds there was not good faith, to order evaluation of the claimant for permanent disability by an independent medical examiner. (85 § 22)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1659 (Newport) - **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**. Requires that American Sign Language be granted the same credit as a foreign language in public schools. (70 § 11-103.1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1673 (Collins) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/MENTAL ILLNESS**. Requires group health insurance and health benefit plans to include coverage for severe mental illness; allows such benefits be provided through a managed care system; requires that such benefits be equal to treatment of and subject to the same preauthorization and utilization review mechanisms as all other physical diseases and disorders; provides an exemption for policies providing coverage for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage and for groups with 50 or fewer employees; defines "severe mental illness" as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic-depressive illness), major depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and schizoaffective disorder; makes such requirement inapplicable to an agreement, contract or policy in which such coverage will result in an increase of more than 3 percent in premium cost. (36 §§ 6060.10, 6060.11)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee

HB 1678 (Collins) - **PREPAID TUITION**. Creates the "Oklahoma Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Program Act"; creates an Oklahoma Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board in the Office of the State Treasurer; allows purchasers to enter into prepaid tuition contracts with the Board; requires the Board to deposit any money so paid into an Oklahoma Tomorrow Fund, invest the money, credit income earned to the Fund and apply money in the Fund to tuition and required fees of the chosen higher education or vocational-technical institution or program; outlines criteria for contracts and qualifications of beneficiaries; provides that payments may be lump-sum or installment; authorizes change of beneficiary; allows conversion of plans; requires the Board to make certain reports. (70 §§ 3971.1/3971.30)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1679 (Begley) - **CONSULTANT SERVICE CONTRACTS**. This is a shell bill relating to consultant service contracts with retired higher education employees. (70 § 3227)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1681 (Seikel) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/ACCOUNTABILITY**. Requires a managed care plan, in any case in which the plan has no participating providers to provide a covered benefit, to arrange for a referral to a provider with necessary expertise and ensure that the covered person obtains the benefit at no greater cost than if the benefit were obtained from participating providers; requires that plans have a procedure by which covered persons with a life-threatening or a degenerative and disabling condition or disease may receive referral to a specialist with expertise in such treatment, who shall be responsible for and capable of coordinating the insured's primary and specialty care; requires a managed care plan that does not allow direct access to all specialists to implement a procedure by which a covered person may receive a standing referral to a specialist; requires plans using a formulary for prescription drugs to include a written procedure whereby covered persons can obtain, without penalty, drugs not included in the formulary, under certain conditions; requires plans to establish procedures for governing termination of participating providers that provide for continuing treatment of a covered person by a terminated physician under certain conditions; requires plans to authorize participation of a covered person in a clinical trial if certain criteria are met; creates the "Managed Health Care Accountability Act; outlines liability for damages for harm to an insured or enrollee caused by a managed care entity's failure to exercise ordinary care; provides for defenses; establishes requirements for causes of action. (36 §§ 6060.7/6060.9, 6550/6552)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee

HB 1683 (Dank) - **UNEMPLOYMENT**. Modifies definition of taxable wages, for purposes of the Employment Security Act of 1980, to 50 percent of the state's average annual wage for the second preceding year; modifies definition of maximum benefit amount to the lesser of 26 times the weekly benefit amount of the individual or 45 percent of taxable wage or 45 percent of the individual's wages for insured work paid during the individual's base period; deletes medical necessity and spousal work transfer from definition of good cause for leaving work. (40 §§ 1-223, 2-106, 2-405, 3-106)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Commerce, Industry & Labor Committee

HB 1686 (Hastings) - **HEALTH INSURANCE**. This is a shell bill relating to the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Plan and the right of a state employee to change his primary care physician within an HMO. (74 § 1307.1)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1691 (Piatt) - **RAFFLES**. Authorizes nonprofit organizations, student groups and parent-teacher groups to conduct raffles for charitable purposes or school purposes. (21 § 1051)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1694 (Claunch) - **PURCHASING**. This is a shell bill creating the "Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act Corrections Act of 1999".

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Govt Ops & Agency Oversight Committee

HB 1696 (Pettigrew) - **RETIREMENT**. Provides for a "Pension Protection Act".

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee

HB 1697 (Greenwood) - **RETIREMENT/HEALTH INSURANCE**. Creates a Committee to Study Postemployment Health-Related Benefits to study benefits for employees who are terminating employment for disability reasons; requires committee to make recommendations by March 31, 2000. (56 § 4000)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1698 (Perry) - **COMPUTER CONVERSION FOR YEAR 2000**. Requires that any agency that does not meet the Jan. 1, 1999, deadline for conversion of computer systems for the year 2000 to file a monthly report with the legislative committee for the House of Representatives and the State Senate which review science and technology issues updating the progress of the agency. (62 § 41.5o)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1703 (Graves) - **DISCRIMINATION**. Prohibits the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, an individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting; provides exceptions; provides penalties. (74 § 840-4.14a)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1710 (Coleman) - **REMEDIAL COURSES**. States legislative intent that, by 2001, all remedial courses in the comprehensive universities and four-year colleges and universities be terminated and that only community colleges include remedial courses in their schedules; states intent that any person out of school no more than five years not be required to pay a fee for remedial courses at a State System institution. (70 § 3218.15)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1727 (Calvey) - **OKLAHOMA HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION AID (OTAG)**. Modifies requirements for aid under the Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Act; allows Oklahoma Tuition Aid-grants to be used by students attending for-profit higher education institutions. (70 §§ 626.2, 626.4, 626.7)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1740 (Case) - **TELECOMMUNICATIONS/SCHOOL SAFETY**. Creates a School Safety Telecommunications Fund for the Department of Education; transfers $2 million from the Oklahoma E911 Emergency Service Fund and $2 million from the Oklahoma Telecommunications Technology Training Fund to the School Safety Telecommunications Fund; requires that such fund be used for site grants statewide to provide electronic communications to each classroom for telecommunications access in case of violent behavior exhibited in the classroom. (17 § 139.109, 70 § 5-117.4)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1745 (Frame) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/ACCOUNTABILITY**. Requires an insurer, if a claim is not paid within six months after receipt of proof of loss, to pay interest at the same rate as the average U.S. Treasury Bill rate of the preceding calendar year plus 4 percentage points; expands actions which constitute unfair claims practices to include requesting a refund of all or a portion of payment of a claim made to a claimant or health care provider more than 24 months after the payment is made. (36 §§ 1219, 1250.5)

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee
2/2/99 House Committee - Do Pass
2/3/99 General Order - House

HB 1746 (Greenwood) - **SELF DEFENSE**. Repeals the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. (21 §§ 1272.1, 1277)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1748 (Blackburn) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/BEHAVIORAL**. This is a shell bill relating to networks providing behavioral health care. (43A § 3-112)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Mental Health Committee

HB 1754 (Roggow) - **APPROPRIATIONS/NSU IN ENID**. Appropriates $6 million to the State Regents for the Northwestern State University campus in Enid.

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1755 (Morgan) - **STATE-OWNED VEHICLES**. Requires that a toll-free telephone number that may be called to report negligent or reckless driving be painted on state-owned vehicles. (47 §§ 151, 156.3)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1759 (Benson) - **TUITION SCHOLARSHIP/CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION/SCHOOL TESTING/TEACHER PREPARATION/NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION/CHARTER**

SCHOOLS. Creates an Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Program to ensure that students who meet certain criteria, have completed a college preparatory curriculum upon graduation from high school and are intending to pursue studies at a State System higher education institution leading to an associate or baccalaureate degree are rewarded by having the first two years of tuition for enrollment at a State System institution paid for by the state; provides eligibility requirements; requires the State Regents to promulgate rules relating to maintenance of eligibility; states legislative intent that students graduating during the 1999-2000 school year be the first students eligible for benefits; changes the name of the certificate of distinction to the diploma of honor and modifies criteria to require four units in English, three each in mathematics, social studies, and science and one-half unit in the area of technology; requires that such units be college-preparatory courses; removes authorization for vo-tech courses to be included; directs the State Board of Education, beginning with students graduated in the 2002-2003 school year, to require all students, by the end of their senior year, to have earned four units in English and three units each in mathematics, social studies and sciences; requires that applicable vocational classes offered by comprehensive high school vo-tech programs qualify for the required academic units; requires remediation of students who do not perform satisfactorily on the mathematics portion of norm-referenced tests; requires that public school mathematics teachers in grades six, seven or eight be certified at the intermediate or secondary level in mathematics; states legislative intent to establish a continuing education program whereby teachers certified to teach mathematics may continue their education beyond initial licensing and certification; requires that the program pay up to $100 per credit hour for a teacher to take higher education courses in mathematics; provides for an appropriation to the State Board of Education to award grants to school sites for significantly increased average test scores; prohibits the use of more than 50 percent of such award for teacher bonuses; increases the award for teachers who attain National Board certification from $5,000 to $10,000; modifies criteria for forgivable loans; requires schools to expand alternative education programs to middle school grades; requires certain schools to expand alternative education to elementary school grades; directs schools to expand the annual student needs assessment and plan to include certain students; states legislative intent to provide funding for elementary-level school counselors; authorizes the board of education to adopt a dress code; directs school districts to distribute economically disadvantaged pupil weight State Aid to certain schools; creates the "Education Choice Act"; provides for transfer of students; allows receiving districts to provide transportation to certain transferred students; creates the "Oklahoma Charter Schools Act"; provides for public schools established by contracts with local boards of education to provide learning that will improve student achievement; allows a charter school to consist of a new school, new schools or all or any portion of an existing school; prohibits private schools from applying; requires surety bonds; creates a Charter Schools Stimulus Fund; requires annual reports; repeals sections relating to student transfers. (70 §§ 2610/2613)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1760 (Winchester) - **TAX CREDIT/TUITION/FEES**. Provides an income tax credit of 100 percent of the federal Lifetime Learning Credit for qualified tuition and related expenses; allows unused credits to be carried forward for four years. (68 § 2357.28)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1761 (Winchester) - **TAX CREDIT/TUITION/FEES**. Provides an income tax credit of 100 percent of the federal Hope Scholarship Credit for qualified tuition and related expenses; allows unused credits to be carried forward for four years. (68 § 2357.28)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1767 (Ervin) - **TELEMEDICINE**. This is a shell bill relating to telemedicine authority of the Department of Health. (63 § 1-2702)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HB 1771 (Ervin) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. Changes the name of the Special Indemnity Fund to the Multiple Injury Trust Fund; requires the Board of managers of the State Insurance Fund to administer the Multiple Injury Trust Fund; authorizes the Board to transfer funds to the Multiple Injury Trust Fund to eliminate delinquent awards; requires reimbursement of insurance fund; makes the State Fund liable for premium taxes as if it were operating as a private carrier; requires that premium taxes be paid out of the fund's excess reserves and not passed on to policy holders so long as the fund is operating within the accepted industry standard of three-to-one premium-to-surplus ratio; provides that Multiple Injury Trust Fund awards shall accrue from the file date of the court order finding the claimant to be permanently and totally disabled; provides that a reopening of any prior injury claim other than the last employer injury claim shall not give a claimant the right to additional Multiple Injury Trust Fund benefits; provides that awards not claimed within two years of the date on which the award first become available shall be returned to the trust fund; requires that the premium tax on premiums collected by the State Insurance Fund be paid by the 30th day of the month of receipt to the state treasurer; requires that 0.25 percent of such funds be credited to the Attorney General for permanent total disability or permanent partial disability awards paid out or payable for the month, to be deposited in the Attorney General's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit Revolving Fund, 0.25 percent to the Department of Vocational and Technical Education and all other monies to the trust fund so long as the fund has reserves of not more than $5 million; requires that remaining premium tax monies be deposited in the General Revenue Fund, once the trust fund has reserves of more than $5 million. (36 § 631)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1772 (Bryant) - **CHARTER SCHOOLS**. Creates the "Oklahoma Charter Schools Act"; defines "charter school" as a public school established by contract with a local board of education or the State Board of Education, the State Board of Vo-Tech Schools, or the State Regents to provide learning that will improve student achievement; specifies contents of applications for charter schools; allows a public school, public body, public or private college or university, private person or private organization to establish a charter school under contract; provides for acceptance or rejection of sponsorship; specifies requirements for contracts for charter schools; requires that charter schools be nonsectarian; provides for curriculum and testing; prohibits charging of tuition; limits terms of contracts to five years; specifies admission requirements; authorizes the designation of specific geographic area where students would reside; requires the provision of transportation; creates a "Charter Schools Stimulus Fund". (70 §§ 3-130/143)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1773 (Stites) - **RETIREMENT**. Provides for an "Oklahoma Governmental Defined Benefit Plan Modification Act of 1999".

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee

HB 1785 (Wilt) - **SCHOOL TESTING**. This is a shell bill relating to the Oklahoma School Testing Program. (70 § 1210.508)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1789 (Reese) - **RETIREMENT**. Provides for a "Pension and Retirement Corrections Act of 1999".
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee

HB 1790 (Miller) - **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**. Provides for an "Economic Development Matching Grant Implementation Act of 1999".
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1795 (Hopper Smith) - **PORNOGRAPHY ON INTERNET**. Sets penalty for obscenity-related crimes on the Internet at a fine of not less than $10,000 nor more than $50,000. (21 § 1021)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee

HB 1796 (Hopper Smith) - **TAX CREDIT/CHARITABLE DONATION**. Provides an income tax credit for charitable donations in the amount of 50 percent of the donation; limits credit to not exceed 25 percent of the total income tax liability. (68 § 2357.28)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1799 (Turner) - **TEACHER PREPARATION**. Transfers powers and duties of the Teacher Preparation Commission to the State Board of Education; requires the state board to grant a standard teaching certificate to a person who first obtains a teaching license and satisfactorily completes an alternative preparation program; outlines criteria for licensure; requires teacher education programs to submit alternative placement plans to the board for approval; terminates the Teacher Preparation Commission on July 1, 2000; repeals section relating to alternative placement teacher certification. (70 §§ 6-122.3, 6-122.4, 6-199; 74 § 3907)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1806 (Staggs) - **TEACHER PREPARATION**. Deletes a requirement that after completing 90 credit hours each teacher candidate shall be eligible to take a competency examination; repeals a section relating to course requirements on the exceptional child. (70 §§ 6-128, 6-187)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Education Committee

HB 1809 (Plunk) - **CHIROPRACTIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**. Prohibits chiropractic physicians from violating provisions of the Unfair Claims Settlement Act or assisting an insurer in violating the act; increases the scholarship amounts per student that may be awarded under the Chiropractic Education Scholarship Program. (59 §§ 161.12, 161.16)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Public Health Committee

HB 1811 (Graves) - **GARNISHMENT**. Provides for a "Garnishment Procedures Act of 1999".
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1812 (Ferguson) - **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**. This is a shell bill relating to financial incentive awards for advanced placement programs. (70 § 1210.703)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1813 (Leonard Sullivan) - **WAGE DEDUCTIONS**. Prohibits an employer from deducting funds from wages of an employee that will be used as a contribution or expenditure except upon the written request of the employee within the previous 12 months; prohibits labor organizations from using dues or other fees to make contributions or expenditures except on the written authorization of the individual within the previous 12 months. (40 § 197.6a)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Commerce, Industry & Labor Committee

HB 1818 (Adair) - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**. This is a shell bill relating to rehabilitation and job placement. (85 § 16)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Judiciary Committee

HB 1821 (Blackburn) - **COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN**. Provides for terms of membership of the Board of Trustees of the College Savings Plan; requires the trustees to select financial institutions to act as depositories of the program accounts through a competitive selection process but exempting such process from the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act. (70 §§ 3970.4, 3970.5)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1822 (Liotta) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/BENEFITS COMMITTEE**. Increases membership of the Joint Liaison Committee on State and Education Employees Group Insurance Benefits; requires the committee to meet at least quarterly; expands the duties of the committee. (74 § 1306)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1823 (Dale Smith) - **WILDLIFE LANDS/STUDENTS**. Authorizes the Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish a special use permit for use on lands owned or managed by the department; authorizes the Commission to assess an annual fee not to exceed $25 for the permit; provides exemptions from permit requirements for certain students. (29 § 4-137)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Wildlife Committee

HB 1826 (Boyd) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/EXTERNAL REVIEW**. Creates the "Oklahoma Managed Care External Review Act"; provides that any person insured with managed care shall have the right to an external review by an independent review organization of a decision under a health benefit plan; entitles an insured person to a certain amount toward the cost of external review; requires the State Board of Health to promulgate rules for the certification of independent review organizations. (36 § 6471/6480)

2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee

HB 1829 (Beutler) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/ENROLLMENT**. Clarifies language relating to enrollment in plans offered through the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act. (74 § 1308)

2/1/99 House introduced

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HB 1830 (Dunegan) - **RETIREMENT AGE**. Modifies the definition of "normal retirement age". (70 §§ 17-101, 17-105)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee

HB 1835 (Wilt) - **TAX CREDIT/COLLEGE DONATION**. Provides an income tax credit for donations to any college or university in this state; limits credit to 50 percent of the donation, but in no event shall more than 12.5 percent of the total donation be given to the athletic department of the institution; provides for a three-year carryforward. (68 § 2358.28)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee

HB 1837 (Calvey) - **HEALTH INSURANCE/PATIENT PROTECTION**. Creates the "Oklahoma Patient Protection Act"; prohibits managed care entities from barring participating providers from disclosing to an enrollee any medically appropriate health care information regarding treatment options, risks and alternatives; requires evaluation of an enrollee with an emergency condition who presents himself or herself to an emergency medical provider; authorizes an attending physician who determines such to be necessary to initiate appropriate intervention to stabilize the enrollee without seeking or receiving prospective authorization by a managed care entity; prohibits entity from subsequently denying payment; requires managed care plans to allow obstetricians and gynecologists as primary care physicians; requires managed care entities to maintain an internal system for resolution of complaints; requires managed care entities to disclose certain information to enrollees; requires managed care entities to offer coverage through a point-of-service plan; clarifies language relating to medical savings accounts. (63 §§ 2550.1/2550.8, 2621/2623)
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee
2/2/99 Laid Over

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

HJR 1001 (John Sullivan) - **APPROPRIATIONS/EDUCATION**. Proposed constitutional amendment requiring that appropriations for expenses directly related to the education of students in common schools be passed by the Legislature prior to final passage of any other measures containing appropriations; requires that such education appropriations receive final passage at least 20 days prior to the date by which other appropriation measures receive final approval by either house of the Legislature and be sent to the Governor for executive action at least 30 calendar days prior to sine die adjournment.
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Rules Committee

HJR 1002 (Webb) - **APPROPRIATIONS/EDUCATION**. Proposed constitutional amendment requiring that education appropriations be passed prior to final passage of any other appropriation measures; requires that education appropriations be approved at least 30 days prior to the prescribed for sine die adjournment, and at least 20 days prior to the date any other appropriation measure is approved.
2/1/99 House introduced
2/2/99 Second reading - Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

HJR 1016 (Settle/Haney) - **BORROWING MONEY**. Proposed constitutional amendment clarifying language relating to the borrowing of money on behalf of the state, county, or other political subdivision.

2/2/99 Second reading - Referred Direct to Calendar

2/2/99 General Order - House

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