

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1805.

Senate Bill 1805 ties the hands of agencies to hire temporary staff for short-term needs. Looking back to the pandemic, temporary employees helped ensure that state agencies could continue to serve Oklahomans without permanently growing government. A perceived gap in the Open Records Act should be addressed by amending that act, not creating new restrictions on agencies.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1805.