

Rule Impact Statement
Title 75. Attorney General
Chapter 35. Oklahoma Witness Protection Program
Permanent Rules under OKLA. ADMIN. CODE § 75:35

This Rule Impact Statement has been prepared pursuant to 75 O.S.Supp.2025, § 303(D)(1).

I. Statement of need and legal basis

In accordance with title 74, section 18p-10(C) of the Oklahoma Statutes, the proposed rules are necessary to implement the State's Witness Protection Program and to comply with the Administrative Rules on Rulemaking in Chapter 10 of Title 655 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code.

II. Classification of the rule(s) and justification for classification.

The Office of the Attorney General classifies the proposed permanent rules as nonmajor as they are not intended to require additional implementation and compliance costs. To the extent that there may be annual implementation and compliance costs associated with these new rules, the Attorney General believes that they will be de minimis if not zero.

III. Description of the proposed rule(s).

The proposed rules amending Chapter 35 include the simplification and, in certain cases, spelling out language to improve readability and understanding; correction of grammatical mistakes; correction of language to comply with the Secretary of State's Administrative Rules on Rulemaking; consolidation of sections and elimination of unnecessary or obsolete language or language that serves no reasonable purpose; addition of taglines for easier reference and organization; and revocation the forms out of the rule to allow for flexibility and facilitate needed changes more efficiently.

The proposed rules are not mandated by federal law or required for participation in or implementation in a federally subsidized or assisted program. Because the proposed rules have no federal equivalent, they do not exceed any federal law requirements.

IV. Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule(s), including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule(s), and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.

The proposed rules may affect participants in the Witness Protection Program administered by the Office of the Attorney General. As of this date, the Office of the Attorney General has not received any cost impacts from private or public entities.

V. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule(s).

The proposed rules will benefit participants in the State's Witness Protection Program.

VI. Comprehensive analysis of the rules' economic impact.

The proposed rules will have a neutral economic impact on the agency, affected classes, affected businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, state or local government entities, and the state economy as a whole. No fee changes are proposed.

At this time, the Office of the Attorney General does not anticipate negative impacts or increases to the number of full-time employees, an increase in costs or benefits. Further, as stated above, any implementation and compliance costs, as defined by title 75, section 250.3(8) of the Oklahoma Statutes, on affected businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, state or local government units, and state economy as a whole are either zero or de minimis.

VII. Detailed explanation of methodology and assumptions used to determine the economic impact.

Considering the anticipated neutral economic impact of these proposed rules, the Office of the Attorney General did not utilize any specific methodology or assumptions to determine the proposed rules' economic impact.

VIII. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule(s).

Implementation of the proposed rules will not have a negative economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in the implementation of the rules.

IX. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Implementation of the proposed rules will not have an adverse impact on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act, 75 O.S.2021, §§ 501–507.

X. Measures taken to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule on business and economic development in this state, local government units of this state, and individuals.

Considering the anticipated neutral economic impact of these rules, no measures were necessary to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rules on business

and economic development in this state, local government units of the State, and individuals.

- XI. Determination of the effect of the proposed rule(s) on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule(s) is/are designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk.**

The proposed rules will enhance the public safety by protecting witnesses aiding in the prosecution of violent perpetrators.

- XII. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule(s) is/are not implemented.**

Any detrimental effect of the proposed rules on public health, safety, and the environment if the proposed rules are not implemented is currently unknown or speculative. The primary changes in the proposed rules streamline and organize the rules.

- XIII. Analysis of Alternatives to Adopting the Rule(s)**

Considering the definition of “rule” in title 75, section 250.3(20) (Supp. 2025) of the Oklahoma Statutes, there is no alternative to adopting the rule.

- XIV. Estimated Time Spent by State Employees to Develop Rule and Other Resources Used in Developing Rule**

The Office of the Attorney General estimates that less than one hour was spent in developing the rules.

- XV. Summary and Preliminary Comparison of Any Existing or Proposed Federal Regulations Intended to Address the Activities to be Regulated by Proposed Administrative Rules**

There are no existing or proposed federal equivalents to the proposed rules.

- XVI. Date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.**

The Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General prepared this rule impact statement on November 24, 2025.