

# Oklahoma State Senate

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## *Senate Review by Gary Stanislawski*

I want to thank the people of Senate District 35. It was a tremendously successful session and I couldn't have done it without the help and support of my constituents. You gave me great insight into bills that I needed to file or be aware of.

I'm pleased to say that of the nine Senate Bills I filed this year, four have been signed into law, two are awaiting the Governor's signature and three didn't make it out of conference committee. I also was the principal Senate author on eleven House Bills – nine have been signed into law, one is on the Governor's desk, one was vetoed and two didn't make it out of conference committee.

The following are some of my bills that have recently been signed into law. SB 2319 requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules pertaining to online courses that address a number of issues, including eligibility criteria, admissions, transfers, enrollment, course withdrawal, Individualized Learning Plan adoption, communication between students/parents and teachers, and course provider approval and payment.

SB 1284 creates the Oklahoma Quality Events Incentive Act that provides a method where eligible municipalities or eligible counties may utilize a portion of the state sales tax revenues to promote national events in Oklahoma.

HB 2004 requires teacher candidates to study mental illness symptoms identification and mental health issues. So many of our students struggle with mental health issues that equipping the teachers with a basic awareness of these issues should help the teachers be more successful in the classroom.

Several of the bills I coauthored this year have also been signed into law this month.

SB 956 expands the definition of human trafficking and authorizes the seizure of any vehicle or property used to facilitate a human trafficking or prostitution offense.

SB 1397 relates to the annual motor vehicle registration renewal notices. The measure gives taxpayers a choice to either receive their renewal notice via email or regular mail. The hope is that people will begin receiving their notice via email and thus save the state thousands

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of dollars on postage. The Tax Commission (OTC) is also directed to provide information on its public website relating to electronic notices and fees.

SB 1398 provides that taxpayers requesting an annual boat and boat motor registration renewal notice by mail will be charged a \$0.50 fee and those requesting an electronic notice will have no fee. Members of the U. S. Armed Forces eligible to receive the annual reduced rate for military registration fees will continue to received annual postcard renewal notices by mail with no charge.

If you have a question or comment about state government, you can contact me by writing to Senator Gary Stanislawski, Room 427A, State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Or you can call us at (405) 521-5624.

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