

# OK 2030

MOVING OKLAHOMA FORWARD

## 2018 LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

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# ELEVATING OKLAHOMA

Across many national measurements of our economy, health, education and business climate, Oklahoma is not performing at the level it should. In 2017, the State Chamber of Oklahoma Research Foundation developed and released OK2030, a strategic vision plan to put our state at the top of national rankings by the year 2030. The goal of OK2030 is to radically improve Oklahoma's standings across four foundations of a forward-moving economy:



**BUSINESS CLIMATE &  
COMPETITIVENESS**



**FISCAL STABILITY &  
GOVERNANCE**



**WORKFORCE &  
TALENT DEVELOPMENT**



**QUALITY OF LIFE**

In the first year of our OK2030 advocacy efforts, we've already achieved impressive legislative results. Following the release of the vision plan, we launched an intense lobbying and communications campaign promoting these reforms. We're pleased to report a total of 35 bills related to 13 OK2030 policy recommendations were enacted in the 2018 legislative session. These legislative accomplishments are detailed in this report. More information on the legislators who authored these bills can be found at [www.OK2030.org/thanks](http://www.OK2030.org/thanks). We thank the bill authors, the Oklahoma Legislature and the Governor for their work in passing these important reforms to move Oklahoma forward.

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# 2018 LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS



## BUSINESS CLIMATE & COMPETITIVENESS

### **Reform occupational licensing to remove unnecessary barriers to employment**

- » Created the Occupational Licensing Review Commission to independently evaluate licensing requirements | [SB 1475](#) · [SB 1141](#) · [HB 2933](#)

### **Employ smart, flexible incentives to give Oklahoma a competitive edge in attracting businesses and diversifying our economy**

- » Funded the Governor's Quick Action Closing Fund to compete with neighboring states for new jobs | [HB 3324](#)



## FISCAL STABILITY & GOVERNANCE

### **Establish a reliable budget stabilization fund to protect the budget in economic downturns**

- » Passed legislation to put a state question on the ballot to create the Oklahoma Vision Fund | [HB 1401](#) · [SJR 35](#)

### **Run the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor on the same ticket to encourage collaboration**

- » Passed legislation to put a state question on the ballot to run the Governor and Lieutenant Governor on a joint ticket | [SJR 66](#)

### **Require the passage of line-item budgets and give the Governor line-item veto power over those budgets**

- » Increased the number of line-item agency budgets passed by the Legislature from 0 to 7 | [HB 3706](#) · [HB 3707](#) · [HB 3708](#) · [SB 1604](#) · [SB 1605](#) · [SB 1606](#) · [SB 1607](#)

### **Grant the Governor direct appointment power over most state agency directors**

- » Gave the Governor direct appointment power for the Department of Health and the Tourism & Recreation Department | [HB 3036](#) · [HB 3603](#)

### **Align state, city, county and school board election dates to promote more voter participation**

- » Moved most school board elections to April when most municipal elections are held | [HB 2082](#)





## WORKFORCE & TALENT DEVELOPMENT

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### **Restructure teacher and school administrator licenses to build in separate paths toward advancement**

- » Established a tiered teacher licensing structure that allows teachers to advance within their profession | [SB 980](#)

### **Increase teacher pay to the regional average, with additional pay for superior performance or high-need areas**

- » Passed legislation that makes Oklahoma the second highest state for teacher pay in the region | [HB 1023XX](#)

### **Reform the state's school funding formula to be student-centered, incentivize improved outcomes and be equitable for all students**

- » Passed legislation that promotes fiscal transparency for school districts and put a state question on the ballot to open up local sources of revenue | [HB 2860](#) · [SB 929](#) · [SB 1398](#) · [SJR 70](#)

### **Prioritize concurrent enrollment and Advanced Placement funding for high school students in STEM courses**

- » Fully funded concurrent enrollment so students can gain access to STEM coursework that would be otherwise unavailable | [SB 1196](#)



## QUALITY OF LIFE

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### **Increase the cigarette tax to improve health outcomes and help meet the state's rising costs of health care**

- » Increased the cigarette tax by \$1 per pack to combat smoking rates and fund vital health care needs | [HB 1010XX](#)

### **Reform the criminal justice system to better focus on the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders**

- » Advanced a package of legislation that puts the state on a sustainable path toward criminal justice reform | [HB 2281](#) · [HB 2286](#) · [HB 3070](#) · [SB 185](#) · [SB 363](#) · [SB 649](#) · [SB 650](#) · [SB 689](#) · [SB 786](#) · [SB 793](#) · [SB 1098](#)

## TRACKING OKLAHOMA'S PROGRESS

Improving Oklahoma's national rankings is the driving goal of the OK2030 initiative. In June 2018, we launched the OK2030 State Scorecard to track progress toward this goal. Over the coming months and years, we'll update our scorecard to reflect Oklahoma's gains or declines relative to other states. Below is an overview of Oklahoma's current national rankings, based on aggregate data. To see additional rankings from across the four OK2030 foundations and the methodology behind the rankings, visit [OK2030.org/scorecard](http://OK2030.org/scorecard).



## NEXT STEPS

While 2018 was a fantastic year for OK2030, much work remains to be done in this multi-year project. The State Chamber will continue to lobby for all remaining OK2030 recommendations to be enacted. This fall, we'll also be refining the OK2030 strategic vision plan to prepare for the 2019 legislative session. Guided by the results of our OK2030 State Scorecard, we will assess the priorities for the upcoming legislative session and gather additional ideas on how to move our state forward.

If you'd like to provide input on this next phase of the OK2030 initiative, join us for one of the regional forums we'll be hosting across the state in September and October. You can find more information on dates and locations or share your feedback online at [OK2030.org](http://OK2030.org).



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