



OFFICE OF

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

No. SB 1577

April 16, 2014

TIME SIGNED: 4:07pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
SECOND SESSION OF THE
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1577:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 1577.

Senate Bill 1577 creates an exception to the Open Records Act for all institutions within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, limiting public access to any records maintained by these institutions concerning business plans, feasibility studies, financing proposals, marketing plans, etc. The expansion of exceptions to the Open Records Act serves only to limit public access to information.

The principal concern addressed by Senate Bill 1577 relates to proprietary information within the possession of the institutions within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. However, Section 24A.10 of the Open Records Act provides protections for records containing proprietary information. Specifically, no public agency is required to produce records if "disclosure would give an unfair advantage to competitors." Because these concerns are protected by current law, the expansion of exceptions to the Open Records Act is not necessary.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

By D. Melune

Date/Time 4-16-14 4:55pm