

**TITLE 405. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES
CHAPTER 25. STATE AID GRANTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

405:25-1-2. Definitions [AMENDED]

405:25-1-3. Eligibility for State aid grants to public libraries [AMENDED]

405:25-1-6. State aid formula [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Department is proposing amendments to OAC 405:25-1-2 and OAC 405:25-1-3 to provide more flexibility to local communities, to clarify requirements of the rules and to bring the rules into alignment with industry practice since the rules were last amended. The amendment to OAC 405:25-1-6 is designed to address the source of information on which basis funds are distributed.

AUTHORITY:

Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board; 65 O.S. §2-106(m)

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments will be accepted through February 22, 2017 at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, 200 N.E. 18th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, Attn: Jan Davis, or by email to jan.davis@libraries.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at the offices of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, in the South Conference Room, second floor, 200 N.E. 18th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Anyone who wishes to speak must sign in at the door by 9:05 a.m.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The Department requests that business entities affected by these proposed rules provide the Department, within the comment period and in dollar amounts if possible, the increase or decrease in the level of direct costs such as fees and the indirect costs such as reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Jan Davis, at the above addresses, before the close of the comment period on February 22, 2017.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the contact person, may be viewed on the Department of Libraries website at: <http://libraries.ok.gov/stateaid/ProposedRules.pdf> or may be viewed at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, 200 N.E. 18th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Rule Impact Statement for the proposed rules will be on file at the Department of Libraries and may be requested from the contact person, or viewed on the Department of Libraries website at <http://libraries.ok.gov/stateaid/RulesImpactStatement.pdf> on and after February 1, 2017.

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