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RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 12, 2021

Re: HB 1876

Signed: May 3, 2021

Effective: May 3, 2021

Topic: Exempting Certain Personal Information from Open Records Act Requests

Summary: This Act amends OKLA. STAT. tit. 51, § 24A.7, part of the *Open Records Act*, and

shields from public inspection or disclosure the following information of current and former public employees: home addresses, home telephone numbers, Social Security numbers, private email addresses, and private mobile phone numbers. However, the Act goes on to state that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to exempt from disclosure public records that are *created* using a private email address or private mobile phone (e.g., a public record created using

a board member's personal email address).

Please visit the firm's website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.