



Legislative News Update

Week of September 25

2026 Interim Studies

Approved House Interim Studies

- [Click here to view the list of approved House interim studies.](#)

Approved Senate Interim Studies

- [Click here to view the list of approved Senate interim studies.](#)

[Click here to view the interim study schedules and agendas.](#)

Official State Press Releases

- **Sept. 22:** [Study Examines Alternative Education Strategies to Address Behavioral Challenges in Young Students](#)
- **Sept. 22:** [Turner Studies Child-Sensitive Arrest Policies and Practices in Oklahoma](#)

- **Sept. 22:** [Eaves Applauds Three-Year Degree Programs at Three Universities](#)
- **Sept. 22:** [Senators Celebrate Major Investment in Healthcare, Creation of Harold Hamm Health Campus](#)
- **Sept. 22:** [Senator Hines Studies Opportunity to Bring Military College to Oklahoma](#)
- **Sept. 23:** [Senator Thompson Celebrates Historic \\$150 Million Investment in OU Health](#)
- **Sept. 24:** [Dossett study explores Oklahoma's response to veteran suicide](#)
- **Sept. 24:** [Fugate, Hefner Comment on House Rules Committee Meeting Re: Williams' Conduct](#)

Oklahoma energy secretary steps down, deputy to take over

Oklahoma's energy secretary will be stepping down effective Oct. 3 and replaced with the deputy secretary, Gov. Kevin Stitt announced on Thursday. [Read more.](#)

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State lawmakers recommended Thursday that a Republican colleague resign immediately and not seek reelection after substantiating allegations of repeated sexual harassment against multiple female Oklahoma House employees. [Read more.](#)

Quorum Call: "Death by a thousand cuts." House Rules recommends censure of Williams over misconduct

The House Rules Committee recommended the formal censure of Rep. Danny Williams on Thursday, in addition to recommending he resign from office, in light of credible allegations of “disorderly behavior.” [Read more.](#)

nondoc.com: Rep. Danny Williams censured for ‘substantiated allegations of sexual harassment’

After reviewing conflict of interest concerns and “substantiated allegations of sexual harassment,” the Oklahoma House Rules Committee censured Rep. Danny Williams this morning for “disorderly behavior” and recommended that the full House also publicly reprimand him. [Read more.](#)

Republicans fighting over who should hold Oklahoma’s U.S. Senate seat after election

Oklahoma’s recently appointed U.S. Senator and a potential successor have been quietly clashing over who gets to serve out the rest of former Sen. Markwayne Mullin’s term after November’s election. [Read more.](#)

Committee directs millions to drought relief for Oklahoma agricultural producers

Oklahoma officials on Tuesday voted to potentially allocate up to \$12 million to agricultural producers looking to complete drought relief projects on their properties. [Read more.](#)

Conservative model legislation for housing affordability reform shared at interim study

Several pieces of model legislation aimed at reforming housing affordability in accordance with conservative principles were shared at interim study

hosted by the House County and Municipal Government Committee on September 15. [Read more.](#)

House Postsecondary Education Committee looks at gaps in Ag Education systems

The House Postsecondary Education Committee took a closer look at how agricultural education programs can better support children across Oklahoma during IS H26- 066, Growing Oklahoma's Workforce: Using Agriculture and Experiential Learning to Develop STEM Skills and Career Pathways for Rural and Urban Communities. [Read more.](#)

Joint interim study focuses on OK's energy grid resilience, possible innovations

"There's been a fight for the last 13 years...about transmission lines," Sen. Casey Murdock said in his introduction to an interim study on advanced transmission technologies hosted by the Senate Energy Committee on Wednesday. "New transmission lines going from Guymon across the state to Arkansas." [Read more.](#)

Interim study explores OK's child-sensitive arrest policies, practices

The House Criminal Judiciary Committee reconvened Tuesday afternoon for an interim study exploring policies and practices related to the arrest of parents in the presence of their minor children. [Read more.](#)

Children falling through the cracks in current supervised visitation system

Special district judges, state employees and advocates all spoke about the many state statutes and administrative systems surrounding supervised visitation during IS S26-051 Supervised Visitation Safety and Accountability before the Senate Judiciary Committee. [Read more.](#)

Lawmakers consider ways to reduce Oklahoma's high veteran suicide rate

Oklahoma had the nation's third highest rate of veteran suicide deaths in 2023. [Read more.](#)

Community violence intervention programming focus of House interim study

Rep. Sam Grimaldo brought an interim study before the House Criminal Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, centering it on combatting community violence through intervention programs. [Read more.](#)

Issues with vehicle titles and Service Oklahoma continue

Rep. Steve Bashore, R-Miami, got a call from a friend who owns a wrecker service that it is taking Service Oklahoma multiple months to process titles for vehicles and it was having an economic impact on this constituent's business. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma's next state auditor plans to tackle backlog by modernizing tech, rebuilding workforce

Though the work might not be glamorous, the next state auditor says she finds fulfillment in holding government entities accountable for how they use Oklahomans' money. [Read more.](#)

Drummond announces settlement reached with Credit Acceptance Corporation

Attorney General Gentner Drummond announced last week Oklahoma was set to receive \$1.76 million from a multi-state \$694 million settlement with Credit Acceptance Corporation (CAC). [Read more.](#)

Most Oklahoma mental health employees affected by privatization have employment offers

As the state's mental health department works to privatize four mental health clinics, nearly all of the state employees affected have already been offered alternative employment. [Read more.](#)

Doctors, hospitals to see lower Medicaid payments in three dozen states, including Oklahoma

New federal rules likely will force three dozen states to reduce their annual Medicaid payments to doctors and hospitals by a total of more than \$50 billion — potentially shrinking the number of providers willing to see Medicaid patients, according to a new analysis. [Read more.](#)

Medical groups, patients sue Trump administration over Medicaid work requirements

Medicaid enrollees from five states and leading medical organizations filed a lawsuit Friday challenging new Medicaid work requirements. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma oil executive Harold Hamm commits \$150M to advance health education, research

The University of Oklahoma announced a \$150 million donation from billionaire oil executive Harold Hamm Tuesday. [Read more.](#)

Adult literacy is falling in Oklahoma

Adult literacy is falling around the country. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma can't deny Jewish charter school from opening, federal judge decides

In a decision that could enable the nation's first religious charter school to open, an Oklahoma City federal judge has ruled in favor of a Jewish school seeking to operate with taxpayer funds. [Read more.](#)

Where do Oklahoma universities rank among the nation's best colleges?

An annual ranking of best U.S. colleges again rated the University of Oklahoma the highest in the state. [Read more.](#)

DA closes investigation into SD 38 candidate Barry Christian's death

Beckham County District Attorney Angela Marsee has closed the investigation into the death of Oklahoma Senate District 38 candidate Barry Christian after it was determined that Christian most likely died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in April. [Read more.](#)

\$31M in federal grants target Oklahoma tribal nations' mental health, substance abuse prevention

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced \$31 million will support more than a dozen tribal nations and organizations in Oklahoma, providing mental health and substance use prevention resources. [Read more.](#)

2026 Election Deadlines

Election Date/ Filing Date	Election Type	Voter Registration Deadline	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Early Voting Dates & Hours	Election Day Voting Hours
November 3	General Elections	October 9	October 19	Oct. 28 - 30 8 A.M. – 6 P.M. Oct. 31 8 A.M. – 2 P.M.	7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

2026-27 Legislative Dates & Deadlines

October 2026

- **Friday, October 30:** Deadline for Interim Studies to be Completed

December 2026

- **Friday, December 4:** Deadline for Requesting Drafting of Bills and Joint Resolutions for the Second Session of the 60th Legislature (House and Senate)

January 2027

- **Tuesday, January 5:** Organizational Day for the First Session of the 61st Legislature
- **Thursday, January 14:** Deadline for Filing of Bills and Joint Resolutions for the Second Session of the 60th Legislature (House and Senate)

February 2027

- **Monday, February 1:** First Day of the First Session of the 61th Legislature

March 2027

- **Thursday, March 25:** Deadline for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions in the House of Origin (House and Senate)

May 2027

- **Thursday, May 6:** Deadline for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions in the House Opposite the House of Origin (House and Senate)
 - **Thursday, May 28:** Sine Die Adjournment of the First Session of the 61th Legislature
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