

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1730.

This bill would require law enforcement to submit accusations and allegations of sex-related offenses to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for placement in a central government database, even when no arrest is made, no charge is filed, and no conviction is obtained.

That departs from the basic presumption of innocence. A person should not become the subject of a permanent government record based on an accusation alone. Labeling the database confidential does not cure the problem. It only means the State would maintain those records outside public view, without the safeguards that accompany an arrest, criminal charge, or conviction.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1730.