

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 354

BY: HENDRICK

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; PROHIBITING PUBLIC OFFICERS, OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE FROM SETTling LAWSUITS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE NECESSITATING APPROPRIATION IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WITHOUT APPROVAL OF LEGISLATURE OR CONTINGENCY REVIEW BOARD; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8001 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No public officer, official or employee of the State of Oklahoma shall, without the approval of the Oklahoma State Legislature when it is in regular session, or by the Contingency Review Board, when the Legislature is not in regular session, enter into any default or agreed judgment, consent decree or other settlement of any litigation or claim against this state which would require a settlement expenditure in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or the creation, modification or implementation of a

court ordered or legislatively authorized plan or program which would necessitate an appropriation by the Legislature in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Approval of the Oklahoma Legislature pursuant to this section shall be by joint resolution. Any default or agreed judgement, consent decree or other settlement entered into in violation of this section shall be void.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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