

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1680

By: Begley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to agriculture; designating the Department of Agriculture as the lead agency for coordinating applied agriculture research; specifying responsibilities; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 5000.1 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Department of Agriculture is hereby designated as the lead state agency for the purpose of coordinating applied agriculture research efforts in this state. To accomplish this responsibility the Department shall:

1. Identify the agricultural research needs of the state as a whole and in various quadrants of the state;
2. Set priorities for agricultural research for the state and for various quadrants of the state;
3. Identify available funding sources for such research including but not limited to federal and private sources;
4. Identify thoses areas of agricultural research efforts that are duplicative, and submit a written report to the Speaker of the

House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
pertaining to such duplicate efforts;

5. Coordinate agricultural research efforts between state,
federal and private entities to avoid duplicate efforts; and

6. Serve as an information agency for agricultural research in
this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

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