

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1987

By: Hamilton and Turner of
the House

and

Rozell of the Senate

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 61.6, which relates to the Asbestos Abatement Division of the Department of Central Services; modifying references; modifying duties of Division; modifying procedures; authorizing contracts with certain entities; authorizing fee pursuant to contract; requiring deposit of fee in certain fund; requiring the Department of Central Services to develop criteria and methods for certain purpose; restricting use of certain appropriated funds; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 61.6, is amended to read as follows:

Section 61.6 A. There is hereby created the Asbestos Abatement Division within the ~~Office of Public Affairs~~ Department of Central Services. The purpose of the division shall be to remove or otherwise abate asbestos in public schools, city, county, and state-owned buildings ~~according to priorities established based upon information provided by the State Department of Health or the State Department of Labor.~~

B. The Director of the ~~Office of Public Affairs~~ Department of Central Services shall promulgate such rules ~~and regulations~~ as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Asbestos Abatement Division and shall appoint ~~a Director~~ an Administrator of Asbestos Abatement who shall administer the activities of the Asbestos Abatement Division.

C. The Department of Central Services may enter into contracts with cities and towns for services provided by the Asbestos Abatement Division if the Department of Labor certifies a need for the services.

D. Once an agreement for fees has been made, the entity shall encumber the funds necessary to pay the fee for the sole purpose of paying for the services. The entity shall not use the funds for any other purpose.

E. Any fees negotiated pursuant to a contract authorized by subsection C of this section shall be promptly paid when due and fees collected in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be deposited in the Asbestos Abatement Revolving Fund.

F. The Department of Central Services shall develop criteria and methods to evaluate which entities are capable of paying the cost of asbestos abatement services. Any funds appropriated to the Department of Central Services for the purpose of asbestos abatement

shall be restricted to projects involving state-owned and public school facilities.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 1997.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 7th day of April, 1997.

President of the Senate