

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1515

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to agriculture; requesting the Oklahoma Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center to study alternative fiber production; requiring report; 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 3101 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center located at Oklahoma State University is hereby requested to study and research alternative fiber production in the state. The Center is encouraged to include in this study those alternative fiber products which are currently banned from production in the United States.

B. Any such study by the Center shall include:

1. Analysis of market economic conditions affecting the development of the alternative fiber products industry in the state of Oklahoma;

2. Analysis of the possible uses of alternative fiber products;

3. Test plantings of alternative fiber products to determine whether Oklahoma soils and growing conditions are conducive for economic levels of production; and

4. Determination of the economic and legal feasibility of growing alternative fiber products in Oklahoma.

C. The Center shall report on the status of the study and research on alternative fiber products by January 1, 1999. Copies of the report shall be filed with the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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

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