

SHORT TITLE: Employee benefits; amending Oklahoma State Employees
Benefits Act; effective date

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 249

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to employee benefits; amending Section 8, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 1992 and Sections 3 and 4, Chapter 99, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Sections 1368, 1383 and 1384), which relate to the Benefits Council Administration Revolving Fund, the Wellness Council and the Wellness Program Fund; transferring fund from one entity to another; modifying limitation on disbursements from fund; requiring Wellness Council to provide certain programs to state agencies; modifying source of monies in certain fund; repealing Section 7, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1367), which relates to the Employee Benefits Revolving Fund; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1368), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1368. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the ~~Office of Personnel Management~~ Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council to be designated the "Benefits Council Administration Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing

fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies properly credited and paid to the Council other than flexible benefit dollars. Disbursements from the fund shall be limited solely to the direct ~~administrative costs~~ operation of the Oklahoma State Wellness Program and as authorized solely by the Council.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 99, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1383), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1383. A. The Wellness Council shall coordinate and develop wellness programs in state government. The Council shall work to encourage participation in wellness programs by state employees. The Wellness Council may provide programs to state agencies for quarterly health and safety training as required by the Department of Labor according to the provisions of Section 403 of Title 40 of the Oklahoma Statutes. In addition the Council shall establish methods and a plan of action for receiving money through grants from federal and private funds to implement wellness programs in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state.

B. The ~~chairman~~ chair of the Wellness Council shall appoint a Wellness Coordinating Committee. The members of the Committee shall be selected from among the members of the Council. The Committee shall be responsible for meeting and coordinating wellness efforts with the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, the ~~Employee~~ Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council, the State Employee Assistance Program and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. In addition the Committee shall be responsible for developing a plan of action to solicit public and private funds for wellness programs.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 99, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1384), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1384. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council to be designated the "Wellness Program Fund". The fund shall be a

continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall consist of all monies received by the Wellness Council division of the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council from money received through grants, donations, contributions and gifts from any public or private source and transfer of funds from the Employee Benefits Revolving Fund as approved by the Council. The Wellness Council may expend funds as provided for by law. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 4. REPEALER Section 7, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. 1996, Section 1367), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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