

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 64

By: Dickerson of the Senate
and
Easley of the House

[Department of Central Services - Asbestos Abatement
Division -

emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 61.6, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 87, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 61.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 61.6 A. There is hereby created the Asbestos Abatement Division within the Department of Central Services. The purpose of the division shall be to remove or otherwise abate asbestos and other hazardous materials, equipment, or items, including, but not limited to, lead-based paint and underground storage tanks, in public schools, city, county, and state-owned buildings based upon information provided by the State Department of Labor.

B. The Director of the Department of Central Services shall promulgate such rules as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Asbestos Abatement Division and shall appoint 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 or other hazard abatement services. Any funds appropriated to the Department of Central Services for the purpose of asbestos or other hazard abatement shall be restricted to projects involving state-owned and public school facilities.

SECTION 2. 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 Senate the 10th day of March, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____ ,
1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives