ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1154

By: Morgan of the Senate

and

Settle of the House

An Act relating to insurance; amending Section 1, Chapter 142, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by Section 87, Chapter 418, O.S.L. 1997 (36 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1629), which relates to investments by insurance companies; expanding student loans and student loan programs in which insurers may invest; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 142, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by Section 87, Chapter 418, O.S.L. 1997 (36 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1629), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1629. Any insurer may make and invest in student loans guaranteed or reinsured as to principal and interest by a state or federally ~~sponsoring a~~ sponsored higher education assistance corporation, to the extent of such guaranty or reinsurance, or by a private nonprofit or for profit student loan insurance guarantor or reinsurer ~~whose assets are~~ which has net worth of not less than ~~Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars ($250,000,000.00)~~ Thirty-five Million Dollars ($35,000,000.00) and which has a financial rating of BBB or better from Standard and Poor's or Moody's rating agencies ~~and who is authorized to act in such capacity by the United States Department of Education, to the extent of such guaranty or reinsurance~~. Any ~~such~~ investment pursuant to this section shall not exceed, except with the consent of the Insurance Commissioner of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state, twenty-five percent (25%) of the insurer's net admitted assets based upon the insurer's most recent financial statement filed with the Insurance Commissioner's office.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

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 Senate the 6th day of March, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of April, 2000.

Speaker of the House of Representatives