

CS for SB 1478

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Monday, February 28, 2000

3 Committee Substitute for
4 Senate Bill No. 1478

5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1478 - By: SNYDER of the
6 Senate and MORGAN of the House.

7 An Act relating to science and technology; creating Science
8 and Technology Council; providing for number of members,
9 appointments, chair, quorum, mission and duties,
10 responsibility to the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma
11 Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology; making
12 Council subject to Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and Oklahoma
13 Open Records Act; providing exceptions thereto; providing
14 for staff assistance, meeting space, and travel
15 reimbursement; creating revolving fund; making fund a
16 continuing fund; providing for sources of monies;
17 appropriating monies; stating purposes for which monies may
18 be used; providing for review and audit; providing for
19 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5060.40 of Title 74, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. There is hereby created the Science and Technology Council,
25 to continue until July 1, 2005, in accordance with the provisions of
26 the Oklahoma Sunset Law. The Council shall consist of fifteen (15)
27 members. The Vice President of Technology Development of the
28 University of Oklahoma shall chair the Council, preside at meetings
29 of the Council, arrange the Council's agenda, appoint committees as
30 desired, signing official Council documents, and performing such

1 other duties as may be prescribed by the Council. Fourteen members
2 shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of
3 the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The
4 Council shall elect to annual terms beginning July 1 a vice-chair
5 and such other officers as the Council deems appropriate. The vice-
6 chair shall perform the duties of the chair during the chair's
7 absence or disability and shall perform such other duties as may be
8 prescribed by the Council. The chair or vice-chair and seven other
9 members shall constitute a quorum.

10 B. The mission and duties of the Council shall be to search
11 for, review, and identify targeted market opportunities for this
12 state. The Council shall rank opportunities identified, by specific
13 area of opportunity, to determine the best prospects for helping
14 this state develop, advance, and gain recognition of, market
15 leadership. The Council's selections shall be presented to the
16 Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of
17 Science and Technology (OCAST).

18 C. The Council shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting
19 Act and Oklahoma Open Records Act; provided, the chair or vice-chair
20 may at any time and without prior notice call the Council into
21 executive session for the purpose of examining or discussing
22 proprietary or financial information of research or business
23 entities and may determine that related records remain confidential.

1 D. Staff assistance and meeting space for the work of the
2 Council shall be provided by the office of the Vice President of
3 Technology Development of the University of Oklahoma and further,
4 when requested by the Vice President, the Oklahoma Center for the
5 Advancement of Science and Technology.

6 E. Expenses of the Council shall be paid from the Science and
7 Technology Council Revolving Fund created by Section 2 of this act
8 and for the purposes set forth therein. Council members shall be
9 reimbursed for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred in the
10 performance of their Council duties in accordance with the State
11 Travel Reimbursement Act.

12 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5060.41 of Title 74, unless
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
16 for the Science and Technology Council to be designated the Science
17 and Technology Council Revolving Fund. The fund shall be a
18 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
19 consist of monies appropriated to the Oklahoma Center for the
20 Advancement of Science and Technology designated for the Council and
21 of such gifts or other income as may be designated for the use of
22 the Council. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are
23 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma

1 Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology for the
2 Council. Purposes for use of the monies shall include, but not be
3 limited to, salaries and other personnel expenses, travel,
4 laboratory equipment, contracts for marketing analysis, expertise
5 and other expenses for business plan development, graduate student
6 stipends, and support of research activities authorized by governing
7 boards of the institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher
8 Education or the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Center for the
9 Advancement of Science and Technology. The Center shall review all
10 uses of the monies and provide for audit of the fund by the State
11 Auditor and Inspector at least once every three (3) years.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 2-24-00 - DO PASS, As
17 Amended and Coauthored.