

An Act relating to public finance; creating the Oklahoma False Claims Act; providing short title; defining terms; providing that person committing enumerated acts be liable to state or political subdivision for certain damages; specifying circumstances where certain provisions not applicable; allowing court or jury to assess certain damages upon certain finding; providing that liability be joint and several for certain act; specifying certain duties and authority of Attorney General or prosecuting authority; requiring certain notification; authorizing certain civil actions; providing procedures related thereto; requiring certain notice and service; allowing certain interventions and extensions; specifying time for response by defendant; barring certain actions; limiting jurisdiction of courts; authorizing settlement with respect to certain actions; specifying apportionment of certain proceeds of action or claim settlement; providing for payment of certain costs and expenses; providing for stay of discovery under certain circumstances; allowing court to impose limitations on participation by certain persons; creating Oklahoma False Claims Act Fund; providing for deposit thereto and expenditure therefrom; specifying burden of proof; specifying certain consequences of guilty verdict, plea of nolo contendere or civil judgment; providing for nonexclusivity of certain provisions; providing severability; providing for liberal construction and application; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.