

An Act relating to tourism and recreation and higher education; providing definitions; creating board of trustees for the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park; providing for appointment and terms of members; stating qualifications of members; stating powers and duties of board; making board corporate entity; requiring board to comply with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and Oklahoma Open Records Act; authorizing budget submission; authorizing contracts for certain purposes; stating legislative intent that Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education provide certain staff services and travel reimbursement; transferring Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center, Quartz Mountain State Park, and related properties from Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission; creating Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park; transferring personnel and assumption of liabilities for personnel benefits; transferring certain real property; requiring execution of certain conveyances; requiring State Auditor and Inspector to determine certain funds to be transferred; authorizing and directing Director of Office of State Finance to transfer certain funds; limiting certain expenditures without approval of State Auditor and Inspector; providing for payment for extraordinary costs of State Auditor and Inspector; authorizing Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to establish certain funds and accounts; making certain funds and accounts subject to certain board of trustees; stating legislative intent that employees retain certain pay and benefits; providing right of certain employees to fill certain vacancies within Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; providing retirement election for certain employees; relieving certain board of responsibility for certain claims; providing for succession of certain contractual rights and responsibilities; authorizing certain board to enforce certain rules; authorizing certain board to establish rules; exempting certain board from requirements of Administrative Procedures Act; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811.4, which relates to the State Capitol Park; transferring certain duties related to State Capitol Park to Department of Central Services; transferring certain personnel to Department of Central Services; prohibiting change of certain employee benefits and pay; requiring State Auditor and Inspector to determine certain funds to be transferred; authorizing and directing Director of Office of State Finance to transfer certain funds; repealing Section 2, Chapter 166, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 73, O.S.L. 1999 (74 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1803.1), which relates to authority of Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission to contract for management of state lodge; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing effective dates; and declaring an emergency.