

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 81

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

A. There is hereby created the Science and Technology Council, to continue until July 1, 2007, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law. The Council shall consist of fourteen (14) members, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and the Vice President of Technology Development of the University of Oklahoma. The Vice President of Technology Development of the University of Oklahoma shall chair the Council, preside at meetings of the Council, arrange the Council's agenda, appoint committees as desired, sign official Council documents, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council. The Council shall elect to annual terms beginning July 1 a vice-chair and such other

officers as the Council deems appropriate. The vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair during the chair's absence or disability and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council. The chair or vice-chair and seven other members shall constitute a quorum.

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

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

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

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

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

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Science and Technology Council to be designated the Science and Technology Council Revolving Fund. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of monies appropriated to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology designated for the Council and of such gifts or other income as may be designated for the use of the Council. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology for the Council. Purposes for use of the monies shall include, but not be limited to, salaries and other personnel expenses, travel, laboratory equipment, contracts for marketing analysis, expertise and other expenses for business plan development, graduate student stipends, and support of research activities authorized by governing boards of the institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. The Center shall review all uses of the monies and provide for audit of the fund by the State Auditor and Inspector at least once every three (3) years.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

SECTION 4. 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.