

An Act relating to science and technology; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Sections 5060.4, as last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2356 of the 2nd Session of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature and 5060.12, which relate to the Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development Act; adding definitions; expanding scope of centers of excellence; clarifying statutory language; modifying findings required for establishment of new centers of excellence or increasing funding for existing centers; allowing Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) to use certain funds for certain plant science research; specifying purposes for which funds are to be used; directing OCAST to specify standards for use of funds; establishing program ensuring impartial distribution; providing maximum percentage of Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development Act (OSTRaD) funding allowed for applied plant science research; requiring certain findings by OSTRaD Board; providing conditions for award of professional service contract to support plant science research project; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.