STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2247 By: Shoemake

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to schools; changing the name of the Oklahoma State University Technical Branch at Okmulgee to the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology - Okmulgee; providing for effect of name change; amending 62 O.S. 2001, Section 57.122, which relates to certain building bonds; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3103, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 3103), which relates to agencies of state higher education institutions; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-103, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2006 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 14-103), which relates to the powers and duties of the State Board of Career and Technology Education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 17-101, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 46, 2nd Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2006 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 17-101), which relates to definitions for the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; amending Section 12, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 2005, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 402, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 3980.12), which relates to authorized projects issued by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority; amending 72 O.S. 2001, Section 302, which relates to free tuition for children of certain veterans; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 130.12, which relates to technical training for alternative fuels; changing the name of Oklahoma State University Technical Branch located at Okmulgee; 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 3401.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The state educational agency of Oklahoma State University located in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, shall continue at the same location and is hereby officially named and shall be designated in all future references as "Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology - Okmulgee".

B. The name change prescribed in this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever any legal relationships, bonds, contracts, supervisory authority of Oklahoma State University or the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, or title to property, obligations or any other aspect of the legal status of the named agency for any purpose, except that the agency shall be referred to as "Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology - Okmulgee" in all future references to the agency.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2001, Section 57.122, is amended to read as follows:

Section 57.122 The State of Oklahoma Building Bonds Commission, acting for and on behalf of the State of Oklahoma, shall be the agency by and through which the State of Oklahoma shall incur indebtedness to the extent of the sum of Ninety-nine Million Eight Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars ($99,808,000.00) for the purpose of

planning and constructing new buildings or additions to existing state buildings and other capital improvements for remodeling, modernizing and repairing existing buildings and capital improvements and purchase of land, equipment and furnishings necessary for construction or remodeling for the following departments and agencies of state government in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

1. The constituent institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education ..... $34,250,000.00
2. Medical Center of the University of Oklahoma.... 26,870,000.00
3. A new junior college at Tulsa ..... 4,000,000.00
4. A new junior college at Midwest City and new or existing community junior colleges ..... 2,000,000.00
5. Griffin Memorial Hospital, Eastern State Hospital, Western State Hospital and Taft State Hospital, and for community mental health centers, provided not more than $1,200,000.00 may be spent on community mental health centers ..... 8,000,000.00
6. Administrative offices and laboratories of the State Health Department ..... 4,516,000.00
7. Oklahoma General Hospital ..... 500,000.00
8. Acquisition of land and completion of

streets and highways in the State

Capitol Complex ..... 1,875,000.00

9. Equipment and remodeling at Wiley Post

Building and acquisition and improvement

of historic sites ..... 125,000.00

10. Technology center schools

and technical institutes and equipment ..... 5,750,000.00

11. Oklahoma State University ~~School of~~

~~Technical Training at~~ Institute of Technology

- Okmulgee ..... 1,500,000.00

12. Southern Oklahoma Resource Center of

Pauls Valley, the Northern Oklahoma

Resource Center of Enid, Hissom

Memorial Center, School for the

Blind, School for the Deaf,

Whitaker State Children's Home, Taft

State Children's Home, Helena State

School for Boys, Boley State School for

Boys, Taft State School for Girls and

Tecumseh Girls' Town ..... 4,375,000.00

13. Construction of a Juvenile Diagnostic

Evaluation and Receiving Center ..... 1,000,000.00

14. Construction of a Plans and Training

Building and for district headquarters

of the Department of Public Safety ..... 497,000.00

15. Construction of headquarters, warehouse and armory buildings of State Military Department ..... 1,500,000.00

16. State Bureau of Investigation headquarters building ..... 200,000.00

17. Construction and equipping of a reception and diagnostic center and other capital improvements at the State Penitentiary ..... 1,000,000.00

18. Constructing, renovating and equipping academic and vocational school facilities and other capital projects at the State Reformatory ..... 750,000.00

19. Eastern Oklahoma Tuberculosis Sanatorium ..... 250,000.00

20. Western Oklahoma Tuberculosis Sanatorium ..... 250,000.00

21. Constructing community social service centers at Ada, Shawnee, Lawton and other communities approved by the State Department of Health ..... 500,000.00

22. Cerebral Palsy Institute ..... 100,000.00

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3103, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 3103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3103. A. For the purposes of this Code, each of the following shall be deemed an agency and an integral part of the University of Oklahoma: ~~the~~

1. The Health Sciences Center~~, the~~;

2. The Law Center~~, the~~;

3. The Oklahoma Geological Survey~~,~~; and

4. OU-Tulsa~~; and~~.

B. For the purposes of this Code, each of the following shall be deemed an agency and an integral part of Oklahoma State University: ~~the~~

1. The College of Veterinary Medicine~~, the~~;

2. The College of Osteopathic Medicine~~, the~~;

3. The Agricultural Experiment Station~~, the~~;

4. The Agricultural Extension Division~~, the~~;

5. The campus located at Oklahoma City~~,~~; and ~~the Technical Branch located at~~

6. The Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology - Okmulgee.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-103, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2006 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 14-103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-103. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Have the supervision of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education of the State Board of Career and Technology Education, which department shall keep its principal offices at Stillwater, and appoint and fix the compensation and duties of the Director and other personnel of such Department;

2. Have the supervision of the technology center schools and colleges of Oklahoma, except Oklahoma State University ~~of Technical Training at~~ Institute of Technology - Okmulgee and the Oklahoma State University Technical Institutes at Oklahoma City and Stillwater, which, however, shall be eligible to participate in federal programs administered by the State Board of Career and Technology Education as hereinafter provided;

3. Cooperate with, and enter into agreements with, and administer programs of, and receive federal funds from, the United States Department of Education and other federal agencies in matters relating to vocational and technical education, youth apprenticeship programs, and manpower training, and be the sole state agency for such purposes. Provided that, programs and funds made available through the Job Training Partnership Act, or its successor programs, shall be excluded;

4. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula, courses of study, and other instructional aids necessary for the

adequate instruction of students in the technology center schools and colleges of this state. It is the intent of the Legislature that instructional models for vocational students should include higher standards of academic work with increased emphasis on communication, computation and applied science;

5. Develop a plan to provide adequate vocational offerings accessible to all students having the ability to benefit;

6. Purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, materials, supplies and other property, real or personal, as may be necessary for the operation of the technology center schools of this state, and provide for the maximum utilization of such property through a coordinated and cooperative use thereof, including transfer of title to real and personal property to a technology center school district for a reasonable cash consideration if said property is to be utilized in a vocational-technical program administered by the technology center district board of education. Any conveyance of real property for a reasonable consideration shall contain a reversionary clause by which the real property shall revert to the State Board of Career and Technology Education if the property ceases to be used in a vocational-technical program administered by the technology center district board of education;

7. Enter into such agreements and contracts with the State Board of Education, boards of trustees of community junior colleges, boards of education of independent and elementary school districts,

boards of education of school districts for technology center schools, private educational or training institutions, public or private industry, and boards of directors of community action programs, as may be necessary or feasible for the furtherance of vocational and technical training within this state;

8. Cooperate and enter into agreements with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

9. Cooperate with the State Department of Education in developing hands-on career exploration activities for students in grades 6 through 10, integrating academic competencies into vocational instruction, and ensuring counseling of all students in order to minimize the number of students graduating from high school without having completed either a vocational-technical program or college preparation;

10. Develop and periodically update a plan to allow teacher training and the purchase and installation of technological equipment necessary to modernize vocational educational programs;

11. Accept and provide for the administration of any land, money, buildings, gifts, funds, donations or other things of value which may be offered or bequeathed to the schools or colleges under the supervision or control of said Board;

12. Enter into cooperative arrangements with one or more other states for the conduct and administration of programs, services and activities;

13. Cooperate whenever possible, to avoid any duplication of training programs with any established training program registered by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor;

14. Accept and expend funds from any source in order to market, advertise or promote programs and services available through the Career and Technology Education system; and

15. Participate in activities pertaining to the recruitment of companies to locate or expand operations in the state, and participate in activities that will increase the competitiveness of companies with headquarters or branch operations located in the state. These activities may require agency staff to travel, train, or provide technical assistance outside the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 17-101, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 46, 2nd Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2006 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 17-101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 17-101. The following words and phrases as used in this act, unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Retirement system" shall mean the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma, as defined in Section 17-102 of this title.

(2) "Public school" shall mean a school district, a state college or university, the State Board of Education, the State Board

of Career and Technology Education and any other state educational entity conducted within the state supported wholly or partly by public funds and operating under the authority and supervision of a legally constituted board or agency having authority and responsibility for any function of public education.

(3) "Classified personnel" shall mean any teacher, principal, superintendent, supervisor, administrator, librarian, certified or registered nurse, college professor, or college president whose salary is paid wholly or in part from public funds. An employee of any state department, board, board of regents or board of trustees, who is in a supervisory or an administrative position, the function of which is primarily devoted to public education, shall be considered classified personnel under the meaning of this act, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System. The term "teacher" shall also include instructors and counselors employed by the Department of Corrections and holding valid teaching certificates issued by the State Department of Education. Provided, that a person employed by the Department of Corrections as an instructor or counselor shall have been actively engaged in the teaching profession for a period of not less than three (3) years prior to employment to be eligible to participate in the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System. The Department of Corrections shall contribute the employer's share to the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System.

(4) “Nonclassified optional personnel” shall include cooks, janitors, maintenance personnel not in a supervisory capacity, bus drivers, noncertified or nonregistered nurses, noncertified librarians, and clerical employees of the public schools, state colleges, universities or any state department, board, board of regents or board of trustees, the functions of which are primarily devoted to public education and whose salaries are paid wholly or in part from public funds.

(5) “Employer” shall mean the state and any of its designated agents or agencies with responsibility and authority for public education, such as boards of education of elementary and independent school districts, boards of regents, boards of control or any other agency of and within the state by which a person may be employed for service in public education.

(6) “Member” shall mean any teacher or other employee included in the membership of the system as provided in Section 17-103 of this title.

(7) “Board of Trustees” shall mean the board provided for in Section 17-106 of this title to administer the retirement system.

(8) “Service” shall mean service as a classified or nonclassified optional employee in the public school system, or any other service devoted primarily to public education in the state.

(9) “Prior service” shall mean service rendered prior to July 1, 1943.

(10) "Membership service" shall mean service as a member of the classified or nonclassified personnel as defined in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this section.

(11) "Creditable service" shall mean membership service plus any prior service authorized under this title.

(12) "Annuitant" shall mean any person in receipt of a retirement allowance as provided in this title.

(13) "Accumulated contributions" shall mean the sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and credited to his individual account in the Teacher Savings Fund, together with interest as of June 30, 1968.

(14) "Earnable compensation" shall mean the full rate of the compensation that would be payable to a member if he worked the full normal working time.

(15) "Average salary":

(a) for those members who joined the System prior to July 1, 1992, shall mean the average of the salaries for the three (3) years on which the highest contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System was paid not to exceed the maximum contribution level specified in Section 17-116.2 of this title or the maximum compensation level specified in subsection (28) of this section. Provided, no member shall retire with an average salary in excess of Twenty-five Thousand

Dollars ($25,000.00) unless the member has made the required election and paid the required contributions on such salary in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), or unless an eligible member fulfills the requirements of Section ~~2~~ 17-116.2C of this ~~act~~ title in order to have pre-cap removal service included in the retirement benefit computation of the member using the regular annual compensation of the member for any pre-cap removal year of service so included subject to the maximum average salary amount, and

(b) for those members who join the System after June 30, 1992, shall mean the average of the salaries for five (5) consecutive years on which the highest contribution to the Teachers' Retirement System was paid. Only salary on which required contributions have been made may be used in computing average salary.

(16) "Annuity" shall mean payments for life derived from the "accumulated contributions" of a member. All annuities shall be payable in equal monthly installments.

(17) "Pension" shall mean payments for life derived from money provided by the employer. All pensions shall be payable in equal monthly installments.

(18) “Monthly retirement allowance” is one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual retirement allowance which shall be payable monthly.

(19) “Retirement Benefit Fund” shall mean the fund from which all retirement benefits shall be paid based on such mortality tables as shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

(20) “Actuary” shall mean a person especially skilled through training and experience in financial calculation respecting the expectancy and duration of life.

(21) “Actuarial equivalent” shall mean a benefit of equal value when computed upon the basis of such mortality and other tables as shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

(22) The masculine pronoun, whenever used, shall include the feminine.

(23) “Actuarially determined cost” shall mean the single sum which is actuarially equivalent in value to a specified pension amount as determined on the basis of mortality and interest assumptions adopted by the Board of Trustees.

(24) “Normal retirement age” means age sixty-two (62) or the age at which the sum of a member’s age and number of years of creditable service total eighty (80) or ninety (90), for those who became a member after June 30, 1992, pursuant to Section 17-105 of this title, whichever occurs first.

(25) “Regular annual compensation” means salary plus fringe benefits, excluding the flexible benefit allowance pursuant to

Section 26-105 of this title and for purposes pursuant to Section 17-101 et seq. of this title. For purposes of this definition, regular annual compensation shall include all payments as provided in subsection D of Section 17-116.2 of this title.

(26) "Teacher" means classified personnel and nonclassified optional personnel.

(27) "Active classroom teacher" means a person employed by a school district to teach students specifically identified classes for specifically identified subjects during the course of a semester, and who holds a valid certificate or license issued by and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

(28) "Maximum compensation level" shall, except as otherwise authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section ~~2~~ 17-116.2C of this ~~act~~ title, mean:

(a) Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) for creditable service authorized and performed prior to July 1, 1995, for members not electing a higher maximum compensation level,

(b) Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00) for creditable service authorized and performed prior to July 1, 1995, for members electing a maximum compensation level in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00),

(c) Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($27,500.00) for members who, as of June 30, 1995, had elected to have a maximum compensation level not in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), and who were employed by an entity or institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for creditable service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996, if such member does not elect a higher maximum compensation level for this period as authorized by Section 17-116.2A of this title,

(d) Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($32,500.00) for members employed by a comprehensive university if the member meets the requirements imposed by Section 17-116.2A of this title and the member elects to impose a higher maximum compensation level for service performed on or after July 1, 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996,

(e) Forty-four Thousand Dollars ($44,000.00) for members who, as of June 30, 1995, had elected to have a maximum compensation level in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), and who were employed by an entity or institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for creditable service

authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996, if such member does not elect a higher maximum compensation level for this period as authorized by Section 17-116.2A of this title,

(f) Forty-nine Thousand Dollars ($49,000.00) for members employed by a comprehensive university if the member meets the requirements imposed by Section 17-116.2A of this title and the member elects to impose a higher maximum compensation level for service performed on or after July 1, 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996,

(g) the following amounts for creditable service authorized and performed by members employed by a comprehensive university, based upon the election of the member in effect as of June 30, 1995:

1. for members who elected a maximum compensation level not in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00):

(i) Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($32,500.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1996, but not later than June 30, 1997,

(ii) Thirty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($37,500.00) for service authorized and

performed on or after July 1, 1997, but not later than June 30, 1998,

(iii) Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($42,500.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1998, but not later than June 30, 2000,

(iv) Forty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($47,500.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2000, but not later than June 30, 2001,

(v) Fifty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($52,500.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2001, but not later than June 30, 2002,

(vi) Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($57,500.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2002, but not later than June 30, 2003,

(vii) Sixty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($62,500.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2003, but not later than June 30, 2004,

(viii) Sixty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($67,500.00) for service authorized and

performed on or after July 1, 2004, but not later than June 30, 2005,

(ix) Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($72,500.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2005, but not later than June 30, 2006,

(x) Seventy-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($77,500.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2006, but not later than June 30, 2007,

(xi) the full amount of regular annual compensation for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2007, and

2. for members who elected a maximum compensation level in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00):

(i) Forty-nine Thousand Dollars ($49,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1996, but not later than June 30, 1997,

(ii) Fifty-four Thousand Dollars ($54,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1997, but not later than June 30, 1998,

(iii) Fifty-nine Thousand Dollars ($59,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1998, but not later than June 30, 2000,

(iv) Sixty-four Thousand Dollars ($64,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2000, but not later than June 30, 2001,

(v) Sixty-nine Thousand Dollars ($69,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2001, but not later than June 30, 2002,

(vi) Seventy-four Thousand Dollars ($74,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2002, but not later than June 30, 2003,

(vii) Seventy-nine Thousand Dollars ($79,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2003, but not later than June 30, 2004,

(viii) Eighty-four Thousand Dollars ($84,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2004, but not later than June 30, 2005,

(ix) Eighty-nine Thousand Dollars ($89,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2005, but not later than June 30, 2006,

(x) Ninety-four Thousand Dollars ($94,000.00) for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2006, but not later than June 30, 2007,

(xi) the full amount of regular annual compensation for service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 2007,

(h) the full amount of regular annual compensation of:

1. a member of the retirement system not employed by an entity or institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for all creditable service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1995,

2. a member of the retirement system first employed on or after July 1, 1995, by an entity or institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for all creditable service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996,

3. a member of the retirement system employed by an entity or institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, other than a comprehensive university, if the member elects to impose a higher maximum compensation level for service performed on or after July 1, 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996, pursuant to subsection B of Section 17-116.2A of this title,

4. a member of the retirement system who is first employed on or after July 1, 1996, by any entity or institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, including a comprehensive university, for creditable service authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1996,

5. a member of the retirement system who, as of July 1, 1996, is subject to a maximum compensation level pursuant to paragraph (g) of this subsection if the member terminates service with a comprehensive university and is subsequently reemployed by a comprehensive university,

6. a member of the retirement system employed by a comprehensive university for all service performed on and after July 1, 2007, or

7. an eligible member of the retirement system who fulfills the requirements of Section 2 of this act with respect to pre-cap removal service included in the retirement benefit computation of the member at the average salary of the member subject to the maximum average salary amount.

(29) "Comprehensive university" shall mean:

(a) the University of Oklahoma and all of its constituent agencies, including the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, the University of Oklahoma Law Center and the Geological Survey, and

(b) Oklahoma State University and all of its constituent agencies, including the Oklahoma State University Agricultural Experiment Station, the Oklahoma State University Agricultural Extension Division, the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences, the Technical Branch at Oklahoma City, the ~~Technical Branch at~~ Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology - Okmulgee and Oklahoma State University-Tulsa.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY Section 12, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 2005, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 402, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 3980.12), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3980.12 A. For the purpose of paying the costs for acquisition, reimbursement and construction of real and personal property and making repairs, refurbishments and improvements to real and personal property, and providing funding for the herein enumerated capital projects at institutions of higher education which are part of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and for the purpose authorized in subsection B of this section, the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is hereby authorized to borrow monies on the credit of the income and revenues to be derived from the leasing of such real and personal property and improvements and, in anticipation of the collection of such income and revenues, to issue negotiable obligations in a total amount sufficient, after deduction of costs of issuance, reserves and cost of any credit enhancement, to generate Four Hundred Seventy-five Million Dollars ($475,000,000.00) in net proceeds to be expended on the projects enumerated herein whether issued in one or more series. Insofar as not in conflict with the provisions of this section, the provisions of Section 151 et seq. of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall apply to the obligations issued under this section by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for allocation to the various institutions enumerated herein from the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund and from such other sources as may be necessary sufficient monies to make rental

payments for the purposes of retiring the obligations created pursuant to this section. Bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used for financing for the following projects in the indicated amounts:

1. Projects at the University of Oklahoma of approximately One Hundred Eight Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-six Dollars ($108,180,956.00) to include:

a. construction of a chemistry and biochemistry teaching and research-laboratory complex,

b. installation of fire detection and suppression systems in library areas,

c. classroom renovation and improvements,

d. construction of library and learning center facilities and parking structure at the OU-Tulsa campus,

e. construction of a College of Allied Health Phase II Building and parking structure,

f. infrastructure improvements for the University Research Campus,

g. construction of new engineering and technology facilities,

h. construction of a student learning center for University College,

i. renovation and expansion of Gould Hall,

j. renovation of Hester Hall,

k. renovation of Rhyne Hall,

l. renovation of Science Hall,

m. completion of construction of weather center,

n. renovation of Ellison Hall,

o. construction of a cancer center,

p. construction of a speech and hearing facility, and

q. renovation of Schusterman Center at OU-Tulsa;

2. Projects at the Oklahoma State University of approximately Seventy-six Million One Hundred Sixty-eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-two Dollars ($76,168,262.00) to include:

a. construction of a new science and technology research center and renovation of existing research laboratory and office space,

b. restoration and renovation of South Murray Hall, and

c. construction of a new classroom building;

3. Projects at ~~OSU Okmulgee~~ Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology - Okmulgee of approximately Six Million Four Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars ($6,462,370.00) to include:

a. creation of a rural health science and technology center,

b. renovation and expansion of culinary facility, and

c. resurfacing of campus streets and parking lots;

4. Projects at the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine of approximately One Million One Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-five Dollars ($1,107,835.00) to include:

a. renovation of McElroy Hall, and

b. renovation of Boren Veterinary Teaching Hospital;

5. Projects at OSU-Oklahoma City of approximately Seven Million Three Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-six Dollars ($7,385,566.00) to include:

a. construction of an addition to the agriculture resource center,

b. construction of a physical plant building,

c. acquisition of real property within existing campus area, and

d. construction of a public safety training facility;

6. Projects at the OSU-Center for Health Science of approximately Four Million Sixty-two Thousand Sixty-one Dollars ($4,062,061.00) to include renovation of existing facilities;

7. Projects at OSU-Tulsa of approximately Twelve Million Nine Hundred Ninety-four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-two Dollars ($12,994,862.00) to include construction of an advanced technology research center;

8. Projects at the University of Central Oklahoma of approximately Nineteen Million Six Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars ($19,695,329.00) to include:

a. renovation of Old North Building,

b. construction of a new classroom building, and

c. construction of a forensic science building;

9. Projects at East Central University of approximately Ten Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Eighty-two Dollars ($10,810,182.00) to include:

a. construction of a fine arts center, and

b. construction of a criminal justice skills training center;

10. Projects at Northeastern State University of approximately Twenty-two Million Nine Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars ($22,972,760.00) to include:

a. renovation of the Science Building,

b. renovation and repair of classroom buildings,

c. renovation of the Industrial Arts Building, and

d. completion of construction on classrooms, other buildings and parking lots at the Broken Arrow campus;

11. Projects at Northwestern Oklahoma State University of approximately Six Million Eight Hundred Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-two Dollars ($6,813,432.00) to include:

a. construction of Education Building,

b. renovation of Science Building and upgrading of science equipment, and

c. renovation of the Health and Physical Education Building;

12. Projects at Rogers State University of approximately Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty-two Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars ($13,922,702.00) to include:

a. construction and renovation of classrooms and other buildings at the Bartlesville campus,

b. construction and furnishing of a classroom building and parking lot,

c. general infrastructure upgrades and improvements,

d. expansion and renovation of Thunderbird and Post Hall, including furnishings and parking lot improvements,

e. construction of a building and parking lot at the Pryor Campus, and

f. renovation and repairs to other buildings on campus;

13. Projects at Southeastern Oklahoma State University of approximately Ten Million Sixty-two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars ($10,062,758.00) to include:

a. renovation of the Aviation Science Building,

b. installation of an ADA elevator within the athletic facility,

c. construction and renovation of classrooms,

d. renovation and construction of Academic Support Services Building,

e. improvements to the Administration Building,

f. renovation of the Theatre Building,

g. renovation of the Science Building, and

h. renovation of the Morrison Building;

14. Projects at Southwestern Oklahoma State University of approximately Twelve Million Three Thousand Sixty-five Dollars ($12,003,065.00) to include:

a. renovation of the Chemistry, Pharmacy and Physics Building,

b. renovation of existing theatre and construction of new theatre,

c. upgrade of instructional equipment and elevators,

d. energy efficiency improvements for various buildings,

e. renovation and improvements to buildings on the Sayre campus,

f. construction of outdoor classroom area, relocation of university observatory and other improvements,

g. renovation of the Art Building, and

h. renovation and addition to the Industrial Technology and Engineering Building;

15. Projects at Cameron University of approximately Twelve Million Fifty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-seven Dollars ($12,059,247.00) to include:

a. either construction or renovation and expansion of Business Building,

b. improvements to the Shepler Center and the Fitness Center,

c. improvements on campus-wide scale needed to achieve ADA compliance,

d. improvements to parking areas and access roads,

e. improvements to campus buildings, and

f. improvements to gymnasium;

16. Projects at Langston University of approximately Eighteen Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Eighty-seven Dollars ($18,370,187.00) to include:

a. construction of a Student Success Center,

b. renovation and construction of the Allied Health Complex,

c. construction of a Performing Arts Center, and

d. construction of an Oklahoma African-American Museum;

17. Projects at Oklahoma Panhandle State University of approximately Seven Million Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars ($7,280,000.00) to include:

a. construction of a science and agriculture building, and

b. construction of the Noble Activity and Cultural Center;

18. Projects at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma of approximately Six Million Sixty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-two Dollars ($6,068,832.00) to include:

a. renovation of Canning Hall,

b. improvements to parking areas and roofing of various buildings,

c. renovation of performing arts and academic lecture venues,

d. renovation of art annex, and

e. acquisition of classroom, laboratory and library equipment;

19. Projects at Carl Albert State College of approximately Eight Million Six Hundred Forty-seven Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars ($8,647,601.00) to include:

a. construction of a new classroom building and parking lot,

b. construction of CASC Sallisaw Classroom and Library,

c. renovation and expansion of Joe E. White Library, and

d. renovation and expansion of the Mick Thompson Convocational Center;

20. Projects at Connors State College of approximately Seven Million Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($7,025,000.00) to include:

a. renovation of the Classroom Building, Library and Education Buildings,

b. renovation of the Fine Arts Building,

c. renovation of a building to become one-stop enrollment center,

d. renovation and addition to Haskell Building on Muskogee campus, and

e. renovation and expansion of existing buildings for the expansion of Allied Health and Technical programs;

21. Projects at Eastern Oklahoma State College of approximately Seven Million Nine Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred One Dollars ($7,910,101.00) to include:

a. construction of a student life and learning center,

b. repair and improvements to various campus facilities, and

c. campus-wide software replacement;

22. Projects at Murray State College of approximately Seven Million Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($7,025,000.00) to include:

a. renovation and improvements to various campus facilities,

b. construction of a building for customer service and laboratory facilities,

c. construction of a maintenance building,

d. landscaping and parking and street improvements,

e. acquisition of technology equipment, and

f. acquisition of equipment to address instructional needs and campus security and safety issues;

23. Projects at Northern Oklahoma College of approximately Fourteen Million Two Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-five Dollars ($14,293,235.00) to include:

a. renovation and repair of buildings, parking areas and infrastructure on Enid campus,

b. renovation of and furnishing and equipment for Wilkin Hall,

c. construction of Allied Health and Educational Communication Center,

d. renovation and expansion of the Vineyard Library Administration Building, and

e. construction in conjunction with OSU of a new classroom building in Stillwater;

24. Projects at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College of approximately Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000.00) to include:

a. renovation, expansion and equipment for Health Science Building,

b. renovation of Commons Hall, and

c. renovation and restoration of Science Building;

25. Projects at Oklahoma City Community College of approximately Fifteen Million Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand One Hundred One Dollars ($15,335,101.00) to include:

a. construction of the Arts Education Center, and

b. expansion of the Health Professions Education Center;

26. Projects at Redlands Community College of approximately Six Million Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars ($6,770,000.00) to include:

a. construction of the Darlington Agricultural Center,

b. construction of a health, math and science facility,

c. renovation and automation of library,

d. acquisition of real property for Darlington Production facility,

e. construction of facility to house International and Entrepreneurship Business Institute, and

f. infrastructure improvements and upgrades;

27. Projects at Rose State College of approximately Eleven Million Seven Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($11,775,000.00) to include construction of a Health Sciences Center;

28. Projects at Seminole State College of approximately Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($6,750,000.00) to include:

a. construction of a wellness and athletic training facility,

b. renovation and equipment acquisition necessary to accommodate persons with disabilities,

c. acquisition and improvement of computer network equipment,

d. renovation and expansion of facilities to develop a student success center,

e. construction of maintenance building and affiliated roads and parking,

f. acquisition of building for office space and storage, and

g. construction and expansion of roads and parking facilities;

29. Projects at Tulsa Community College of approximately Sixteen Million Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($16,025,000.00) to include:

a. construction of a distance learning center, and

b. construction of a math and science building;

30. Projects at Western Oklahoma State College of approximately Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000.00) to include:

a. construction of a cooperative higher education and training center,

b. construction and repair of parking lots, roads and walkways, and

c. acquisition of software and information technology equipment;

31. Projects at the Ardmore Higher Education Center of approximately Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($600,000.00) to include:

construction of classrooms in a new facility;

32. Projects at the McCurtain County Higher Education Center of approximately Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($600,000.00) to include renovation and expansion of chemistry laboratory and classroom and acquisition of equipment;

33. Projects at the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center of approximately Three Million One Hundred Seventy-three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-six Dollars ($3,173,556.00) to include:

a. renovation and remediation of lodge, walkways, parking lots and sidewalks,

b. construction of a student dormitory and family reunion center,

c. repair and renovation of Performing Arts Hall and Arts Pavilions,

d. completion of construction of a comprehensive pedestrian trail system,

e. improvements and upgrades of infrastructure, and

f. improvement and acquisition of land; and

34. Projects for the Oklahoma Climatological Survey of approximately Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($650,000.00) to include acquisition and installation of equipment for the Oklahoma

Mesonet to monitor atmospheric conditions in and around Oklahoma City.

B. To the extent funds are available from the proceeds of the borrowing authorized by subsection A of this section, the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority shall provide for the payment of professional fees and associated costs related to the projects authorized in subsection A of this section.

C. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority may issue obligations in one or more series and in conjunction with other issues of the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority may issue short-term obligations in anticipation of the sale of the bonds authorized by this section and enter into such liquidity and other agreements as may be necessary to provide for the efficient financing of the projects. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is authorized to hire bond counsel, financial consultants, and such other professionals as it may deem necessary to provide for the efficient sale of the obligations and may utilize a portion of the proceeds of any borrowing to create such reserves as may be deemed necessary and to pay costs associated with the issuance and administration of such obligations.

D. The obligations authorized under this section may be sold at either competitive or negotiated sale, as determined by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority, and in such form and at such prices

and bearing interest at a fixed or variable rate as may be authorized by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority may enter into agreements with such credit enhancers and liquidity providers as may be determined necessary to efficiently market the obligations. The obligations may mature and have such provisions for redemption as shall be determined by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority.

E. Any interest earnings on funds or accounts created for the purposes of this section may be utilized as partial payment of the annual debt service or for the purposes directed by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. The interest earnings in the construction funds created pursuant to this section shall be used by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority for the projects enumerated herein.

F. The obligations issued under this section, the transfer thereof and the interest earned on such obligations, including any profit derived from the sale thereof, shall not be subject to taxation of any kind by the State of Oklahoma, or by any county, municipality or political subdivision therein.

G. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority may direct the investment of all monies in any funds or accounts created in connection with the offering of the obligations authorized under this section. Such investments shall be made in a manner consistent with the investment guidelines of the State Treasurer. The Oklahoma

Capitol Improvement Authority may place additional restrictions on the investment of such monies if necessary to enhance the marketability of the obligations.

H. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is authorized to issue bonds, notes, or other obligations for the purpose of refinancing or restructuring obligations issued pursuant to this section. To the extent funds are available from the proceeds of the borrowing authorized by this subsection, the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority shall provide for the payment of professional fees and associated costs approved by the Oklahoma State Bond Advisor. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is authorized to hire bond counsel, financial consultants, and such other professionals as may be deemed necessary to provide for the efficient sale of the obligations and may utilize a portion of the proceeds of any borrowing to create such reserves as may be deemed necessary and to pay costs associated with the issuance and administration of such obligations. An issuance of bonds under this subsection may be undertaken to achieve an overall debt service savings, modify restrictive bond document covenants, or reduce payment requirements during periods of fiscal stress. To achieve these objectives, the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is authorized to extend the final maturity of outstanding obligations if necessary, but in no event shall the final maturity of an individual bond issue be extended more than ten (10) years without

the approval of the Council of Bond Oversight. The obligations authorized under this subsection may be sold at either competitive or negotiated sale, as determined by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority, and in such form and at such prices as may be authorized by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority may issue obligations in one or more series and may set such other terms and conditions as may be necessary in its judgment to achieve an efficient refinancing. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority may enter into agreements with such credit enhancers and liquidity providers as may be determined necessary to efficiently market the obligations, including the purchase of surety policies or other financial instruments to be utilized in lieu of reserve funds. The obligations may mature and have such provisions for redemption as shall be determined by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is hereby specifically authorized to purchase surety policies or other financial instruments to replace existing debt service reserves. Any payment for such policies or other instruments may be made from the cash reserves being replaced or any other legally available source.

I. Bonds issued pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the provisions of Section ~~4~~ 3980.4 of ~~Enrolled House Bill No. 1191 of the 1st Session of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature~~ this title.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2001, Section 302, is amended to read as follows:

Section 302. ~~From and after July 1, 1974, any~~ Any Oklahoma veteran, or the child of any Oklahoma veteran who is missing in action or a prisoner of war, shall be entitled to attend any state-supported technology center school in the State of Oklahoma operating under the State Board of Career and Technology Education without the payment of tuition. ~~Provided, further, that~~ The Oklahoma State University ~~School of Technical Training at~~ Institute of Technology - Okmulgee~~, Oklahoma,~~ shall be excluded from the provisions of this act.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 130.12, is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.12 It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the State Board of Career and Technology Education develop curriculum for the training of technicians for the installation and conversion of engines to be fueled by alternative fuels as the technologies are developed. It is further the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that Oklahoma State University~~/~~ Institute of Technology - Okmulgee develop curriculum for the training of technicians for the installation, service, modification, repair or renovation of fill stations. It is further the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature to enact legislation which promotes the

development of technology in a manner that ensures the health and safety of the citizens of this state.

SECTION 9. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

SECTION 10. 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.

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