

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 3126

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3126 - By: ENNS AND COX of the House and CRAIN of the Senate.

An Act relating to public health; creating the Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act; defining term; authorizing specific stem cell research; providing for specific requirements when performing research; prohibiting the restriction of funds for research performed in accordance with the Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act; requiring the State Department of Health to establish a reporting system; requiring certain report; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 1-270.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in
3 numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Advancement in Stem Cell Cures
5 and Therapies Act”.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
7 Statutes as Section 1-270.2 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in
8 numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. For the purposes of the Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act,
10 “human embryo” means a living organism of the species Homo sapiens at the earliest

1 stage of development, including the single-cell stage, that is not located in the body of a
2 woman.

3 B. Research on human tissue regeneration and human diseases using adult stem
4 cells and stem cells obtained from umbilical cord blood and amniotic fluid may be
5 conducted in this state, provided that the research is performed:

6 1. Safely and ethically;

7 2. Only on embryonic stem cell lines created prior to August 1, 2001, and in
8 accordance with federal law as it existed on November 1, 2007; and

9 3. Without the use of a human embryo, including a human embryo produced using
10 cloning technology.

11 C. When research is performed in accordance with the Advancement in Stem Cell
12 Cures and Therapies Act, a person or governmental body shall not:

13 1. Restrict public funds designated for the stem cell research; or

14 2. Obstruct or provide disincentives for the stem cell research.

15 D. The State Department of Health shall establish a reporting system that collects
16 information regarding all activities carried out in accordance with this section.

17 E. The Department shall submit a report with all information collected pursuant to
18 subsection D of this section to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
19 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate no later than
20 December 31 of each year.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02-14-08 - DO
2 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.