

1 THE STATE SENATE  
2 Monday, April 7, 2008

3 ENGROSSED

4 House Bill No. 3126

5 ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 3126 - By: Enns, Cox, Dank, Faught,  
6 McAffrey, McDaniel (Jeannie), Renegar, Rousselot, Sears, Steele and  
7 Shelton of the House and Crain of the Senate.

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

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

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

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Advancement in  
22 Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act".

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

26 A. For the purposes of the Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and  
27 Therapies Act, "human embryo" means a living organism of the species

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

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

7 1. Safely and ethically;

8 2. Only on embryonic stem cell lines created prior to August 1,  
9 2001, and in accordance with federal law as it existed on November  
10 1, 2007; and

11 3. Without the use of a human embryo, including a human embryo  
12 produced using cloning technology.

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

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

18 2. Obstruct or provide disincentives for the stem cell  
19 research.

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

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

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

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 4-2-08 - DO PASS, As  
8 Co-Authored.