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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; changing the name of the
8 Oklahoma State University Technical Branch at
9 Okmulgee to the Oklahoma State University Institute
10 of Technology at Okmulgee; providing for effect of
11 name change; amending 62 O.S. 2001, Section 57.122,
12 which relates to certain building bonds; amending 70
13 O.S. 2001, Section 3103, as last amended by Section
14 1, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007,
15 Section 3103), which relates to agencies of state
16 higher education institutions; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
17 Section 14-103, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
18 319, O.S.L. 2006 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 14-
19 103), which relates to the powers and duties of the
20 State Board of Career and Technology Education;
21 amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 17-101, as last
22 amended by Section 3, Chapter 46, 2nd Extraordinary
23 Session, O.S.L. 2006 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 17-
24 101), 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.

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

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3401.1 of Title 70, unless there
4 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| 1 | streets and highways in the State | |
| 2 | Capitol Complex | 1,875,000.00 |
| 3 | 9. Equipment and remodeling at Wiley Post | |
| 4 | Building and acquisition and improvement | |
| 5 | of historic sites | 125,000.00 |
| 6 | 10. Technology center schools | |
| 7 | and technical institutes and equipment | 5,750,000.00 |
| 8 | 11. Oklahoma State University School of | |
| 9 | Technical Training <u>Institute of Technology</u> | |
| 10 | at Okmulgee | 1,500,000.00 |
| 11 | 12. Southern Oklahoma Resource Center of | |
| 12 | Pauls Valley, the Northern Oklahoma | |
| 13 | Resource Center of Enid, Hissom | |
| 14 | Memorial Center, School for the | |
| 15 | Blind, School for the Deaf, | |
| 16 | Whitaker State Children's Home, Taft | |
| 17 | State Children's Home, Helena State | |
| 18 | School for Boys, Boley State School for | |
| 19 | Boys, Taft State School for Girls and | |
| 20 | Tecumseh Girls' Town | 4,375,000.00 |
| 21 | 13. Construction of a Juvenile Diagnostic | |
| 22 | Evaluation and Receiving Center | 1,000,000.00 |
| 23 | 14. Construction of a Plans and Training | |
| 24 | Building and for district headquarters | |

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| 1 | of the Department of Public Safety | 497,000.00 |
| 2 | 15. Construction of headquarters, warehouse | |
| 3 | and armory buildings of State Military | |
| 4 | Department | 1,500,000.00 |
| 5 | 16. State Bureau of Investigation | |
| 6 | headquarters building | 200,000.00 |
| 7 | 17. Construction and equipping of a | |
| 8 | reception and diagnostic center | |
| 9 | and other capital improvements | |
| 10 | at the State Penitentiary | 1,000,000.00 |
| 11 | 18. Constructing, renovating and | |
| 12 | equipping academic and vocational | |
| 13 | school facilities and other capital | |
| 14 | projects at the State Reformatory | 750,000.00 |
| 15 | 19. Eastern Oklahoma Tuberculosis | |
| 16 | Sanatorium | 250,000.00 |
| 17 | 20. Western Oklahoma Tuberculosis | |
| 18 | Sanatorium | 250,000.00 |
| 19 | 21. Constructing community social | |
| 20 | service centers at Ada, Shawnee, | |
| 21 | Lawton and other communities | |
| 22 | approved by the State Department | |
| 23 | of Health | 500,000.00 |
| 24 | 22. Cerebral Palsy Institute | 100,000.00 |

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

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

- 7 1. The Health Sciences Center,~~the;~~
- 8 2. The Law Center,~~the;~~
- 9 3. The Oklahoma Geological Survey,~~i~~ and
- 10 4. OU-Tulsa,~~and.~~

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

- 14 1. The College of Veterinary Medicine,~~the;~~
- 15 2. The College of Osteopathic Medicine,~~the;~~
- 16 3. The Agricultural Experiment Station,~~the;~~
- 17 4. The Agricultural Extension Division,~~the;~~
- 18 5. The campus located at Oklahoma City,~~i~~ and ~~the Technical~~
19 ~~Branch located~~
- 20 6. The Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology at
21 Okmulgee.

22 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-103, as
23 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2006 (70 O.S. Supp.
24 2007, Section 14-103), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 14-103. The State Board of Career and Technology

2 Education shall have the following powers and duties:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (9) "Prior service" shall mean service rendered prior to July
24 1, 1943.

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

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

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

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

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

15 (15) "Average salary":

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

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

12 (b) for those members who join the System after June 30,
13 1992, shall mean the average of the salaries for five
14 (5) consecutive years on which the highest
15 contribution to the Teachers' Retirement System was
16 paid. Only salary on which required contributions
17 have been made may be used in computing average
18 salary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (25) "Regular annual compensation" means salary plus fringe
24 benefits, excluding the flexible benefit allowance pursuant to

1 Section 26-105 of this title and for purposes pursuant to Section
2 17-101 et seq. of this title. For purposes of this definition,
3 regular annual compensation shall include all payments as provided
4 in subsection D of Section 17-116.2 of this title.

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

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

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

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

20 (b) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for creditable
21 service authorized and performed prior to July 1,
22 1995, for members electing a maximum compensation
23 level in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
24 (\$25,000.00),

1 (c) Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
2 (\$27,500.00) for members who, as of June 30, 1995, had
3 elected to have a maximum compensation level not in
4 excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00),
5 and who were employed by an entity or institution
6 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
7 for creditable service authorized and performed on or
8 after July 1, 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996,
9 if such member does not elect a higher maximum
10 compensation level for this period as authorized by
11 Section 17-116.2A of this title,

12 (d) Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00)
13 for members employed by a comprehensive university if
14 the member meets the requirements imposed by Section
15 17-116.2A of this title and the member elects to
16 impose a higher maximum compensation level for service
17 performed on or after July 1, 1995, but not later than
18 June 30, 1996,

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

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

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

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

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

19 (i) Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
20 (\$32,500.00) for service authorized and
21 performed on or after July 1, 1996, but not
22 later than June 30, 1997,

23 (ii) Thirty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
24 (\$37,500.00) for service authorized and

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

3 (iii) Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
4 (\$42,500.00) for service authorized and
5 performed on or after July 1, 1998, but not
6 later than June 30, 2000,

7 (iv) Forty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
8 (\$47,500.00) for service authorized and
9 performed on or after July 1, 2000, but not
10 later than June 30, 2001,

11 (v) Fifty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
12 (\$52,500.00) for service authorized and
13 performed on or after July 1, 2001, but not
14 later than June 30, 2002,

15 (vi) Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
16 (\$57,500.00) for service authorized and
17 performed on or after July 1, 2002, but not
18 later than June 30, 2003,

19 (vii) Sixty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
20 (\$62,500.00) for service authorized and
21 performed on or after July 1, 2003, but not
22 later than June 30, 2004,

23 (viii) Sixty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
24 (\$67,500.00) for service authorized and

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

3 (ix) Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
4 (\$72,500.00) for service authorized and
5 performed on or after July 1, 2005, but not
6 later than June 30, 2006,

7 (x) Seventy-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
8 (\$77,500.00) for service authorized and
9 performed on or after July 1, 2006, but not
10 later than June 30, 2007,

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

14 2. for members who elected a maximum compensation
15 level in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
16 (\$25,000.00):

17 (i) Forty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00) for
18 service authorized and performed on or after
19 July 1, 1996, but not later than June 30,
20 1997,

21 (ii) Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) for
22 service authorized and performed on or after
23 July 1, 1997, but not later than June 30,
24 1998,

- 1 (iii) Fifty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$59,000.00) for
2 service authorized and performed on or after
3 July 1, 1998, but not later than June 30,
4 2000,
- 5 (iv) Sixty-four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000.00) for
6 service authorized and performed on or after
7 July 1, 2000, but not later than June 30,
8 2001,
- 9 (v) Sixty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$69,000.00) for
10 service authorized and performed on or after
11 July 1, 2001, but not later than June 30,
12 2002,
- 13 (vi) Seventy-four Thousand Dollars (\$74,000.00)
14 for service authorized and performed on or
15 after July 1, 2002, but not later than June
16 30, 2003,
- 17 (vii) Seventy-nine Thousand Dollars (\$79,000.00)
18 for service authorized and performed on or
19 after July 1, 2003, but not later than June
20 30, 2004,
- 21 (viii) Eighty-four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000.00)
22 for service authorized and performed on or
23 after July 1, 2004, but not later than June
24 30, 2005,

1 (ix) Eighty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$89,000.00)
2 for service authorized and performed on or
3 after July 1, 2005, but not later than June
4 30, 2006,

5 (x) Ninety-four Thousand Dollars (\$94,000.00)
6 for service authorized and performed on or
7 after July 1, 2006, but not later than June
8 30, 2007,

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

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

- 13 1. a member of the retirement system not employed by
14 an entity or institution within The Oklahoma
15 State System of Higher Education for all
16 creditable service authorized and performed on or
17 after July 1, 1995,
- 18 2. a member of the retirement system first employed
19 on or after July 1, 1995, by an entity or
20 institution within The Oklahoma State System of
21 Higher Education for all creditable service
22 authorized and performed on or after July 1,
23 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996,

- 1 3. a member of the retirement system employed by an
2 entity or institution within The Oklahoma State
3 System of Higher Education, other than a
4 comprehensive university, if the member elects to
5 impose a higher maximum compensation level for
6 service performed on or after July 1, 1995, but
7 not later than June 30, 1996, pursuant to
8 subsection B of Section 17-116.2A of this title,
- 9 4. a member of the retirement system who is first
10 employed on or after July 1, 1996, by any entity
11 or institution within The Oklahoma State System
12 of Higher Education, including a comprehensive
13 university, for creditable service authorized and
14 performed on or after July 1, 1996,
- 15 5. a member of the retirement system who, as of July
16 1, 1996, is subject to a maximum compensation
17 level pursuant to paragraph (g) of this
18 subsection if the member terminates service with
19 a comprehensive university and is subsequently
20 reemployed by a comprehensive university,
- 21 6. a member of the retirement system employed by a
22 comprehensive university for all service
23 performed on and after July 1, 2007, or
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1 7. an eligible member of the retirement system who
2 fulfills the requirements of Section 2 of this
3 act with respect to pre-cap removal service
4 included in the retirement benefit computation of
5 the member at the average salary of the member
6 subject to the maximum average salary amount.

7 (29) "Comprehensive university" shall mean:

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

12 (b) Oklahoma State University and all of its constituent
13 agencies, including the Oklahoma State University
14 Agricultural Experiment Station, the Oklahoma State
15 University Agricultural Extension Division, the
16 Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary
17 Medicine, the Oklahoma State University Center for
18 Health Sciences, the Technical Branch at Oklahoma
19 City, the ~~Technical Branch~~ Oklahoma State University
20 Institute of Technology at Okmulgee and Oklahoma State
21 University-Tulsa.

22 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY Section 12, Chapter 2, O.S.L.

23 2005, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 402, O.S.L. 2005 (70

24 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 3980.12), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 3980.12 A. For the purpose of paying the costs for
2 acquisition, reimbursement and construction of real and personal
3 property and making repairs, refurbishments and improvements to real
4 and personal property, and providing funding for the herein
5 enumerated capital projects at institutions of higher education
6 which are part of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and
7 for the purpose authorized in subsection B of this section, the
8 Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is hereby authorized to
9 borrow monies on the credit of the income and revenues to be derived
10 from the leasing of such real and personal property and improvements
11 and, in anticipation of the collection of such income and revenues,
12 to issue negotiable obligations in a total amount sufficient, after
13 deduction of costs of issuance, reserves and cost of any credit
14 enhancement, to generate Four Hundred Seventy-five Million Dollars
15 (\$475,000,000.00) in net proceeds to be expended on the projects
16 enumerated herein whether issued in one or more series. Insofar as
17 not in conflict with the provisions of this section, the provisions
18 of Section 151 et seq. of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall
19 apply to the obligations issued under this section by the Oklahoma
20 Capitol Improvement Authority. It is the intent of the Legislature
21 to appropriate to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
22 for allocation to the various institutions enumerated herein from
23 the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund and from such other
24 sources as may be necessary sufficient monies to make rental

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

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

- 8 a. construction of a chemistry and biochemistry teaching
9 and research-laboratory complex,
- 10 b. installation of fire detection and suppression systems
11 in library areas,
- 12 c. classroom renovation and improvements,
- 13 d. construction of library and learning center facilities
14 and parking structure at the OU-Tulsa campus,
- 15 e. construction of a College of Allied Health Phase II
16 Building and parking structure,
- 17 f. infrastructure improvements for the University
18 Research Campus,
- 19 g. construction of new engineering and technology
20 facilities,
- 21 h. construction of a student learning center for
22 University College,
- 23 i. renovation and expansion of Gould Hall,
- 24 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 at 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;

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

- 4 a. renovation of McElroy Hall, and
- 5 b. renovation of Boren Veterinary Teaching Hospital;

6 5. Projects at OSU-Oklahoma City of approximately Seven Million
7 Three Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-six Dollars
8 (\$7,385,566.00) to include:

- 9 a. construction of an addition to the agriculture
10 resource center,
- 11 b. construction of a physical plant building,
- 12 c. acquisition of real property within existing campus
13 area, and
- 14 d. construction of a public safety training facility;

15 6. Projects at the OSU-Center for Health Science of
16 approximately Four Million Sixty-two Thousand Sixty-one Dollars
17 (\$4,062,061.00) to include renovation of existing facilities;

18 7. Projects at OSU-Tulsa of approximately Twelve Million Nine
19 Hundred Ninety-four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-two Dollars
20 (\$12,994,862.00) to include construction of an advanced technology
21 research center;

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

- 1 a. renovation of Old North Building,
- 2 b. construction of a new classroom building, and
- 3 c. construction of a forensic science building;

4 9. Projects at East Central University of approximately Ten
5 Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Eighty-two Dollars
6 (\$10,810,182.00) to include:

- 7 a. construction of a fine arts center, and
- 8 b. construction of a criminal justice skills training
9 center;

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

- 13 a. renovation of the Science Building,
- 14 b. renovation and repair of classroom buildings,
- 15 c. renovation of the Industrial Arts Building, and
- 16 d. completion of construction on classrooms, other
17 buildings and parking lots at the Broken Arrow campus;

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

- 21 a. construction of Education Building,
- 22 b. renovation of Science Building and upgrading of
23 science equipment, and

1 c. renovation of the Health and Physical Education
2 Building;

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

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

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

10 c. general infrastructure upgrades and improvements,

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

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

15 f. renovation and repairs to other buildings on campus;

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

19 a. renovation of the Aviation Science Building,

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

22 c. construction and renovation of classrooms,

23 d. renovation and construction of Academic Support
24 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;

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

- 4 a. renovation of Canning Hall,
- 5 b. improvements to parking areas and roofing of various
6 buildings,
- 7 c. renovation of performing arts and academic lecture
8 venues,
- 9 d. renovation of art annex, and
- 10 e. acquisition of classroom, laboratory and library
11 equipment;

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

- 15 a. construction of a new classroom building and parking
16 lot,
- 17 b. construction of CASC Sallisaw Classroom and Library,
- 18 c. renovation and expansion of Joe E. White Library, and
- 19 d. renovation and expansion of the Mick Thompson
20 Convocational Center;

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

- 23 a. renovation of the Classroom Building, Library and
24 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

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

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

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

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

10 c. construction of Allied Health and Educational
11 Communication Center,

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

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

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

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

20 b. renovation of Commons Hall, and

21 c. renovation and restoration of Science Building;

22 25. Projects at Oklahoma City Community College of
23 approximately Fifteen Million Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand One
24 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;

1 31. Projects at the Ardmore Higher Education Center of
2 approximately Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) to include:
3 construction of classrooms in a new facility;

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

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

- 11 a. renovation and remediation of lodge, walkways, parking
12 lots and sidewalks,
- 13 b. construction of a student dormitory and family reunion
14 center,
- 15 c. repair and renovation of Performing Arts Hall and Arts
16 Pavilions,
- 17 d. completion of construction of a comprehensive
18 pedestrian trail system,
- 19 e. improvements and upgrades of infrastructure, and
20 f. improvement and acquisition of land; and

21 34. Projects for the Oklahoma Climatological Survey of
22 approximately Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) to
23 include acquisition and installation of equipment for the Oklahoma
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1 Mesonet to monitor atmospheric conditions in and around Oklahoma
2 City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 I. Bonds issued pursuant to this section shall not be subject
22 to the provisions of Section ~~4~~ 3980.4 of ~~Enrolled House Bill No.~~
23 ~~1191 of the 1st Session of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature~~ this title.

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

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

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

14 Section 130.12 It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature
15 that the State Board of Career and Technology Education develop
16 curriculum for the training of technicians for the installation and
17 conversion of engines to be fueled by alternative fuels as the
18 technologies are developed. It is further the intent of the
19 Oklahoma Legislature that Oklahoma State University/ Institute of
20 Technology at Okmulgee develop curriculum for the training of
21 technicians for the installation, service, modification, repair or
22 renovation of fill stations. It is further the intent of the
23 Oklahoma Legislature to enact legislation which promotes the
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1 development of technology in a manner that ensures the health and
2 safety of the citizens of this state.

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

4 SECTION 10. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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