

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1884

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8 An Act relating to waters and water rights; directing the Oklahoma Water
9 Resources Board and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to form a study
10 group for certain purposes; specifying purposes; requiring the study group to
11 submit a written report by a certain date; requiring the Board and Commission to
12 map breach inundation areas of dams; making mapping requirement contingent
13 upon funding; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as
16 Section 110.30 of Title 82, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall
18 establish a study group composed of members selected by the Board and the Commission for the
19 purpose of:

20 1. Reviewing all existing state and federal laws and regulations related to the classification of
21 high-hazard dams;

22 2. Making recommendations on legislative, regulatory, or other actions that may be taken to
23 reduce the number of low- or significant-hazard dams that are reclassified to high-hazard dams prior to
24 the end of the current design life of the dam;

1 3. Formulating a public education plan that will inform the general public as well as local, state,
2 and federal officials on the safety risks associated with the construction of residential or business
3 structures downstream of or adjacent to a low- or significant-hazard dam; and

4 4. Exploring funding options and sources, including but not limited to private, local, state, and
5 federal sources, which are available for the upkeep and rehabilitation of dams and levees located in the
6 state and for the mapping of breach inundation areas downstream of dams as provided for in subsection
7 C of this section.

8 B. The study group created as provided for in subsection A of this section shall file a written
9 report of its review, recommendations and findings with the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by December 25, 2009.

11 C. Contingent upon the availability of funding, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the
12 Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall map the breach inundation areas downstream of dams
13 located in the state using standards developed by the United States Department of Agriculture
14 Resource Conservation and Development Program.

15 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in
17 full force from and after its passage and approval.

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