

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1884

By: Richardson and Wright
(John) of the House

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

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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
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 110.30 of Title 82, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

23 2. Making recommendations on legislative, regulatory, or other
24 actions that may be taken to reduce the number of low- or

1 significant-hazard dams that are reclassified to high-hazard dams
2 prior to the end of the current design life of the dam;

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of February,
4 2009.

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7 Presiding Officer of the House of
8 Representatives

9 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2009.

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