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ENGROSSED Senate Bill No. 2043

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2043 - By: BROWN of the Senate and SULLIVAN of the House.

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2001, Sections 2024, 2025, 2028, 2032, 2036 and 2042, which relate to the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act; adding, modifying and deleting definitions; modifying coverage pursuant to the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act; modifying actions that the Association may take regarding an impaired insurer; modifying duties of the Association; authorizing the Association to join certain organization; providing procedures relating to the assumption of certain contracts; stating venue for certain actions; authorizing the Association to issue certain coverage; modifying duties of the Insurance Commissioner; authorizing the board of directors to make certain reports and recommendations; authorizing the Association and other similar associations to be entitled to certain disbursement of assets; increasing time period for the staying of certain proceedings; specifying that the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act is not applicable to certain insurers; repealing 36 O.S. 2001, Sections 2029 and 2033, which relate to the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association and reports relating to insurer insolvencies; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 2024, is amended to read
- 2 as follows:
- 3 Section 2024. As used in Section Sections 2021 et seq. through 2043 of this title:

1	1. "Account" means any either of the three two accounts created under Section 2023
2	of the Insurance Code this title;
3	2. "Association" means the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
4	Association created in Section 2023 of the Insurance Code this title;
5	3. "Board" means Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance
6	Guaranty Association "Commissioner" means the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner;
7	4. "Contractual obligation" means any an obligation under a policy or contract or
8	certificate under a group policy or contract, or portion thereof for which coverage is
9	provided under Section 2025 of the Insurance Code this title;
10	5. "Covered policy" means any a policy or contract specified in or portion of a policy
11	or contract for which coverage is provided under Section 2025 of the Insurance Code this
12	<u>title</u> ;
13	6. "Extra-contractual claims" includes, but is not limited to, claims relating to bad
14	faith in the payment of claims, punitive or exemplary damages or attorneys fees and
15	$\underline{\mathrm{costs}};$
16	7. "Impaired insurer" means a member insurer which, after the effective date of
17	this act, is not an insolvent insurer and:
18	a. is deemed by the Commissioner to be potentially unable to fulfill its
19	contractual obligations; or
20	b. is placed under an order of rehabilitation or conservation by a court of
21	competent jurisdiction;

1	7. <u>8.</u>	"Insol	vent insurer" means a member insurer which, after the effective date of			
2	this act, is placed under an order of liquidation by a court of competent jurisdiction with					
3	a finding o	a finding of insolvency;				
4	8. <u>9.</u>	"Mem	ber insurer" means any nonprofit hospital service and medical			
5	indemnity	corpoi	ration and any insurer licensed or which that holds a certificate of			
6	authority t	o tran	sact in this state any kind of insurance for which coverage is provided			
7	under Sect	ion 20	25 of the Insurance Code this title, and includes any insurer whose			
8	license or o	ertific	cate of authority in this state may have been suspended, revoked, not			
9	renewed or	volur	ntarily withdrawn, but does not include:			
10		a.	A <u>a</u> health maintenance organization;			
11		b.	A <u>a</u> fraternal benefit society;			
12		c.	A <u>a</u> mandatory state-pooling plan ;			
13		d.	A <u>a</u> mutual assessment company or any entity <u>other person</u> that			
14			operates on an assessment basis;			
15		e.	An <u>an</u> insurance exchange ; or ,			
16		f.	Any an organization that has a certificate or license limited to the			
17			issuance of charitable gift annuities under Sections 4071 through 4082			
18			of this title, or			
19		<u>g.</u>	any entity similar to any of the above;			
20	9. <u>10.</u>	"Moo	ody's Corporate Bond Yield Average" means the Monthly Average			
21	Corporates	s as pu	ablished by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or any successor thereto;			

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1	10. 11. "Owner, "policy owner" or "contract owner" means the person who is
2	identified as the legal owner of a policy or contract under the terms of the policy or
3	contract or who is otherwise vested with legal title to the policy or contract through a
4	valid assignment completed in accordance with the terms of the policy or contract and
5	properly recorded as the owner on the books of the insurer. Owner, policy owner or
6	contract owner does not include persons with a mere beneficial interest in a policy or
7	contract;
8	12. "Person" means any an individual, corporation, limited liability company,
9	partnership, association, governmental body or entity, or voluntary organization;
10	11. "Premium" 13. "Premiums" means amounts or considerations by whatever
11	name called, received on covered policies or contracts less returned premiums,
12	considerations and deposits returned thereon, and less dividends and experience credits
13	thereon. "Premiums" does not include any amounts or considerations received for any
14	policies or contracts or for the portions of any policies or contracts for which coverage is
15	not provided under subsection B of Section 2025 of the Insurance Code this title except
16	that assessable premium shall not be reduced on account of subparagraph (c) of
17	paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section 2025 of this title relating to interest limitations
18	and paragraph 2 of subsection C of Section 2025 $\underline{\text{of this title}}$ relating to limitations with
19	respect to any one life individual, one participant and one contract owner. Premiums
20	does not include:
21	a. premiums on an unallocated annuity contract, or

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1	<u>b.</u>	premiums in excess of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) on multiple
2		non-group policies of life insurance owned by one owner, whether the
3		policy owner is an individual, firm, corporation, or other person, and
4		whether the persons insured are officers, managers, employees or
5		other persons, regardless of the number of policies or contracts held by
6		the owner;
7	14. "Princip	pal place of business" of a person other than a natural person means the
8	single state in wl	nich the natural persons who establish policy for the direction, control
9	and coordination	of the operations of the entity as a whole primarily exercise that
10	function, determ	ined by the Association in its reasonable judgment by considering the
11	following factors:	
12	<u>a.</u>	the state in which the primary executive and administrative
13		headquarters of the entity are located,
14	<u>b.</u>	the state in which the principal office of the chief executive officer of
15		the entity is located.
16	<u>c.</u>	the state in which the board of directors or similar governing person or
17		persons of the entity conducts the majority of its meetings,
18	<u>d.</u>	the state in which the executive or management committee of the
19		board of directors or similar governing person or persons of the entity
20		conducts the majority of its meetings,
21	<u>e.</u>	the state from which the management of the overall operations of the
22		entity is directed, and
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1	<u>f.</u> <u>in the case of a benefit plan sponsored by affiliated companies</u>
2	comprising a consolidated corporation, the state in which the holding
3	company or controlling affiliate has its principal place of business as
4	determined using the factors listed in subparagraphs a through e of
5	this paragraph;
6	15. "Receivership court" means the court in the insolvent or impaired state of the
7	insurer having jurisdiction over the conservation, rehabilitation or liquidation of the
8	insurer;
9	12. 16. "Resident" means any a person to whom a contractual obligation is owed
10	and who resides in this state at the time a member insurer is determined to be an
11	impaired or insolvent insurer and to whom a contractual obligation is owed on the date of
12	entry of a court order that determines a member insurer to be an impaired insurer or a
13	court order that determines a member insurer to be an insolvent insurer. A person may
14	be a resident of only one state, which in the case of a person other than a natural person
15	shall be its principal place of business. Citizens of the United States that are either
16	residents of foreign countries or residents of the United States possessions, territories or
17	protectorates that do not have an association similar to the Association created by the
18	Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, shall be deemed
19	residents of the state of domicile of the insurer that issued the policy or contract; and
20	13. 17. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto
21	Rico, or a United States possession, territory or protectorate;

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1	<u>18. "Struc</u>	<u>tured settlement annuity" means an annuity pur</u>	<u>chased in order to fund</u>		
2	periodic paymer	nts for a plaintiff or other claimant in payment fo	or with respect to		
3	personal injury	suffered by a plaintiff or other claimant;			
4	<u>19.</u> "Suppl	lemental contract" means any <u>a written</u> agreeme	nt entered into for the		
5	distribution of p	policy or contract proceeds under a life, health or a	annuity policy or		
6	contract; and				
7	<u>20. "Unall</u>	located annuity contract" means an annuity contr	act or group annuity		
8	certificate which	h is not issued to and owned by an individual, exc	ept to the extent of any		
9	annuity benefits	s guaranteed to an individual by an insurer unde	the contract or		
10	certificate.				
11	SECTION	2. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 20	25, is amended to read		
12	as follows:				
13	Section 202	25. A. For the policies and contracts specified in	subsection B of this		
14	section, this act the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act shall				
15	provide coverage	e:			
16	1. <u>a.</u>	to To persons, who regardless of where they re	side, except for		
17		nonresident certificate holders under group po	licies or contracts, are		
18		the beneficiaries, assignees or payees of the pe	rsons covered under		
19		subparagraph b of this paragraph,			
20	<u>b.</u>	To persons who are owners of or certificate hol	ders under such <u>the</u>		
21		policies or contracts, other than structured set	tlement annuities, and		
22		in each case who:			
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1	a.		
2		<u>(1)</u>	are residents, or
3	b.		
4		<u>(2)</u>	are not residents, but only under all of the following conditions:
5		(1)	
6			(a) the insurers which insurer that issued such the policies or
7			contracts are domiciled in this state,
8		<u>(2)</u>	such insurers never held a license or certificate of authority in
9			the states in which such persons reside,
10		(3)	such
11			(b) the states in which the persons reside have associations
12			similar to the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance
13			Guaranty Association created by this act, and
14		(4)	such the persons are not eligible for coverage by such other
15			states' associations an association in any other state due to the
16			fact that the insurer was not licensed in the state at the time
17			specified in the guaranty association law of the state; and
18	2. to perso	o ns wl	no, regardless of where they reside, are the beneficiaries, assignees
19	or payees of the	person	as covered under paragraph 1 of this subsection except for
20	nonresident cert	ificate	holders under group policies or contracts Subparagraphs a and b
21	of paragraph 1 or	f this s	subsection shall not apply to structured settlement annuities
22	specified in subs	ection	B of this section and in the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance -8- House of Representatives

1	Guaranty Associ	iation .	Act sha	all, exc	<u>ept as provided in paragr</u>	aphs 3 and 4 of this
2	subsection, prov	ide cov	erage	to a pe	rson who is a payee unde	r a structured settlement
3	annuity or a ben	<u>ieficiar</u>	y of a j	<u>payee i</u>	f the payee is deceased, i	f the payee:
4	<u>a.</u>	is a 1	resider	ıt, rega	ardless of where the contr	act owner resides, or
5	<u>b.</u>	is no	t a res	ident, l	but only under both of th	e following conditions:
6		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(a)</u>	the c	contract owner of the stru	ctured settlement annuity is
7				<u>a res</u>	sident, or	
8			<u>(b)</u>	the c	contract owner of the stru	ctured settlement annuity is
9				not a	resident but:	
10				<u>i.</u>	the insurer that issued	the structured settlement
11					annuity is domiciled in	this state, and
12				<u>ii.</u>	the state in which the	contract owner resides has
13					an association similar	to the association created by
14					the Oklahoma Life and	Health Insurance Guaranty
15					Association Act, and	
16		<u>(2)</u>	<u>neitl</u>	ner the	payee nor beneficiary no	r the contract owner is
17			<u>eligi</u>	ble for	coverage by the associati	on of the state in which the
18			paye	e or co	ntract owner resides;	
19	3. The Okl	ahoma	Life a	nd Hea	alth Insurance Guaranty	Association Act shall not
20	provide coverage	e to a p	erson	who is	a payee or beneficiary of	a contract owner resident of
21	this state, if the	payee	or ben	eficiary	y is afforded coverage by	the association of another
22	state; and SB2043 HFLR				- 9 -	House of Representatives

1	4. The Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act is intended				
2	to provide coverage to a person who is a resident of this state and in special				
3	circumstances, to a nonresident. In order to avoid duplicate coverage, if a person who				
4	would otherwise receive coverage under the Oklahoma life and Health Insurance				
5	Guaranty Association Act is provided coverage under the laws of any other state, the				
6	person shall not be provided coverage under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance				
7	Guaranty Association Act. In determining the application of the provisions of this				
8	paragraph to situations where a person could be covered by the association of more than				
9	one state, whether as an owner, payee, beneficiary or assignee, the Oklahoma Life and				
10	Health Insurance Association Act shall be construed in conjunction with the laws of other				
11	states to result in coverage by only one association.				
12	B. 1. This act The Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act				
13	shall provide coverage to the persons specified in subsection A of this section for direct,				
14	nongroup non-group life, health, annuity and supplemental policies or contracts, and for				
15	certificates under direct group policies and contracts, issued by member insurers, except				
16	as limited by this act the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association				
17	Act. Annuity contracts and certificates under group annuity contracts include allocated				
18	funding agreements, structured settlement annuities and any immediate or deferred				
19	annuity contracts.				
20	2. This act shall not provide coverage for:				
21	a. $\frac{any}{a}$ portion of a policy or contract not guaranteed by the insurer, or				
22	under which the risk is borne by the policy or contract holder; owner,				
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1		b.	$\frac{1}{2}$ any $\frac{1}{2}$ policy or contract of reinsurance, unless assumption certificates		
2			have been issued; pursuant to the reinsurance policy or contract,		
3		c.	any a portion of a policy or contract to the extent that the rate of		
4			interest on which it is based, or the interest rate, crediting rate or		
5			similar factor determined by use of an index or other external		
6			reference stated in the policy or contract employed in calculating		
7			returns or changes in value:		
8			(1) averaged over the period of four (4) years prior to the date on		
9			which the Association becomes obligated with respect to such		
10			the policy or contract, exceeds a rate of interest determined by		
11			subtracting two (2) percentage points from Moody's Corporate		
12			Bond Yield Average averaged for that same four-year period or		
13			for such lesser period if the policy or contract was issued less		
14			than four (4) years before the Association became obligated, and		
15			(2) on and after the date on which the Association becomes		
16			obligated with respect to such the policy or contract, exceeds the		
17			rate of interest determined by subtracting three (3) percentage		
18			points from Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average as most		
19			recently available;		
20		d.	any a portion of a policy or contract issued to a plan or program of an		
21			employer, association or similar entity other person to provide life,		
22			health or annuity benefits to its employees or, members or others, to		
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1		the e	xtent that such <u>the</u> plan or program is self-funded or uninsured,
2		inclu	ding but not limited to benefits payable by an employer,
3		assoc	iation or similar entity <u>other person</u> under:
4		(1)	a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement as defined in Section
5			514 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as
6			amended 29 U.S.C. Section 1144,
7		(2)	a minimum premium group insurance plan,
8		(3)	a stop-loss group insurance plan, or
9		(4)	an administrative services only contract;
10	e.	any <u>a</u>	portion of a policy or contract to the extent that it provides for:
11		<u>(1)</u>	dividends or experience rating credits, or provides that
12		<u>(2)</u>	voting rights, or
13		<u>(3)</u>	payment of any fees or allowances be paid to any person,
14			including the policy or contract holder owner, in connection with
15			the service to or administration of such the policy or contract;
16	f.	any <u>a</u>	policy or contract issued in this state by a member insurer at a
17		time	when it was not licensed or did not have a certificate of authority
18		to iss	ue such the policy or contract in this state;
19	g.	any a	annuity contract or group annuity certificate which is not issued to
20		and c	owned by an individual, except to the extent of any annuity
21		benef	fits guaranteed to an individual by an insurer under such contract
22		or ce i	rtificate; and a portion of a policy or contract to the extent that the
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1			asses	ssments required by Section 2030 of this title with respect to the
2			polic	y or contract are preempted by federal or state law,
3		h.	any p	policy or contract issued by those insurers enumerated in Section
4			110 c	of the Insurance Code an obligation that does not arise under the
5			expre	ess written terms of the policy or contract issued by the insurer to
6			the c	ontract or policy owner, including without limitation:
7			<u>(1)</u>	claims based on marketing materials,
8			<u>(2)</u>	claims based on side letters, riders or other documents that were
9				issued by the insurer without meeting applicable policy form
10				filing or approval requirements,
11			<u>(3)</u>	misrepresentations of or regarding policy benefits,
12			<u>(4)</u>	extra-contractual claims, or
13			<u>(5)</u>	a claim for penalties or consequential or incidental damages,
14		<u>i.</u>	<u>a con</u>	tractual agreement that establishes the obligations of the member
15			insur	cer to provide a book value accounting guaranty for defined
16			<u>contr</u>	ribution benefit plan participants by reference to a portfolio of
17			<u>asset</u>	s that is owned by the benefit plan or its trustee, which in each
18			case	is not an affiliate of the member insurer,
19		<u>į.</u>	an uı	nallocated annuity contract,
20		<u>k.</u>	a por	tion of a policy or contract to the extent it provides for interest or
21			other	changes in value to be determined by the use of an index or other
22			<u>exter</u>	rnal reference stated in the policy or contract, but which have not
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1		been credited to the policy or contract, or as to which the policy or
2		contract owner's rights are subject to forfeiture, as of the date the
3		member insurer becomes an impaired or insolvent insurer under the
4		Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act,
5		whichever is earlier. If a policy's or contract's interest or changes in
6		value are credited less frequently than annually, then for purposes of
7		determining the values that have been credited and are not subject to
8		forfeiture under this subparagraph, the interest or change in value
9		determined by using the procedures defined in the policy or contract
10		will be credited as if the contractual date of crediting interest or
11		changing values was the date of impairment or insolvency, whichever
12		is earlier, and will not be subject to forfeiture, or
13	<u>l.</u>	a policy or contract providing any hospital, medical, prescription drug
14		or other health care benefits pursuant to Part C or Part D of
15		Subchapter XVIII, Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code,
16		commonly known as Medicare Part C or Part D, or any regulations
17		issued pursuant thereto.
18	C. The bea	nefits for which that the Association may become liable <u>obligated to</u>
19	cover shall in no	event exceed the lesser of:
20	1. the The	contractual obligations for which the insurer is liable or would have
21	been liable if it w	vere not an impaired or insolvent insurer; or

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1	2.	<u>a.</u>	with	respec	et to any one life, regardless of the number of policies or
2			contr	acts:	
3		a.			
4			<u>(1)</u>	Thre	e Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in life insurance
5				death	h benefits, but not more than One Hundred Thousand
6				Dolla	ars (\$100,000.00) in net cash surrender and net cash
7				with	drawal values for life insurance,
8		b.	Three	e Hunc	dred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in health insurance
9			benef	fits, inc	cluding any net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal
10			value)S,	
11		e.	Three	e Hune	dred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the present value of
12			annu	ity ber	nefits, including net eash surrender and net eash
13			withe	drawal	l values; provided,
14			<u>(2)</u>	<u>in he</u>	ealth insurance benefits:
15				<u>(a)</u>	One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for
16					coverages not defined as disability insurance or basic
17					hospital, medical and surgical insurance or major medical
18					insurance or long-term care insurance as defined in
19					Section 4424 of this title, including any net cash
20					surrender and net cash withdrawal values,
21				<u>(b)</u>	Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for
22					insurance providing income payments to an insured wage
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1				earner when income is interrupted or terminated because
2				of illness, sickness or accident, commonly known as
3				disability insurance and Three Hundred Thousand
4				Dollars (\$300,000.00) for long-term care insurance as
5				defined in Section 4424 of this title, and
6			<u>(c)</u>	Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for basic
7				hospital, medical and surgical insurance or insurance
8				providing coverage in excess of that provided by a basic
9				hospital, medical and surgical insurance, commonly
10				known as major medical insurance, or
11		<u>(3)</u>	Three	e Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the present
12			<u>value</u>	e of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net
13			cash	withdrawal values, or
14	<u>b.</u>	with	respec	t to each payee of a structured settlement annuity or
15		<u>bene</u>	<u>ficiary</u>	or beneficiaries of the payee if the payee is deceased, Three
16		Hune	dred Th	nousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in present value annuity
17		<u>bene</u>	fits, in	the aggregate, including net cash surrender and net cash
18		with	<u>drawal</u>	values,
19	<u>c.</u>	howe	ever, th	at in no event shall the Association be liable obligated to
20		expe	nd cove	er more than:
21		<u>(1)</u>	an ag	ggregate of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00)
22			in th e	e aggregate benefits with respect to any one life under this
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1		subparagraph and subparagraphs a, and b and e of this
2		subparagraph paragraph except with respect to benefits for
3		basic hospital, medical and surgical insurance and major
4		medical insurance under division (2) of subparagraph a of this
5		paragraph, in which case the aggregate liability of the
6		Association shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
7		(\$500,000.00) with respect to any one individual, or
8		(2) with respect to one owner of multiple non-group policies of life
9		insurance, whether the policy owner is an individual, firm,
0		corporation or other person, and whether the persons insured
11		are officers, managers, employees or other persons, more than
12		Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in benefits, regardless of
13		the number of policies and contracts held by the owner,
14	<u>d.</u>	the limitations set forth in this subsection are limitations on benefits
15		for which the Association is obligated before taking into account either
16		its subrogation and assignment rights or the extent to which those
17		benefits could be provided out of the assets of the impaired or insolven
18		insurer attributable to covered policies. The costs of the obligations of
19		the Association under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance
20		Guaranty Association Act may be met by the use of assets attributable
21		to covered policies or reimbursed to the Association pursuant to its
22		subrogation and assignment rights.
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reinsured, any or all of the policies or contracts of the impaired insurer; or	ou or
1. guarantee Guarantee, assume or reinsure, or cause to be guaranteed, assum	ലർ വ
the impaired insurer:	·
that are, except in cases of court-ordered conservation or rehabilitation, also approve	ed by
obligations of the impaired insurer, and that are approved by the Commissioner, and]
subject to any conditions imposed by the Association that do not impair the contract	ual
Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association may, in its discretion, an	nd
Section 2028. A. If a member insurer is an impaired domestic insurer, the	
as follows:	
SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 2028, is amended to re-	ad
contract.	
materially affect the economic values or economic benefits of the covered policy or	
the insolvent or impaired insurer under a covered policy or contract that do not	
cause to be guaranteed, assumed, reinsured or performed, the contractual obligation	s of
title, the Association shall not be required to guarantee, assume, reinsure or perform	<u>1, or</u>
by this act In performing its obligations to provide coverage under Section 2028 of th	
interest other than as provided for by the terms of such policies or contracts, as limit	
liable for any extracontractual, exemplary or punitive damages, attorney's fees or	
brokers or others used or made in connection with their sale. The Association is not	
contents of any brochures, illustrations, advertisements, or oral statements by agent	S,
covered policies and contracts and by the provisions of this act and is not affected by	
D. The liability of the Association is strictly limited by the express terms of su	ich

1	2. provide such Provide monies, pledges, notes, guarantees or other means as are
2	proper to effectuate paragraph 1 of this subsection, and assure payment of the
3	contractual obligations of the impaired insurer pending action under paragraph 1 of this
4	subsection ; or
5	3. loan money to the impaired insurer.
6	B. 1. If a member insurer is an impaired insurer, whether domestic, foreign or
7	alien, and the insurer is not paying claims timely, then subject to the preconditions
8	specified in paragraph 2 of this subsection, the Association shall, in its discretion, either-
9	a. take any of the actions specified in subsection A of this section, subject
10	to the conditions therein, or
11	b. provide substitute benefits in lieu of the contractual obligations of the
12	impaired insurer solely for: health claims; periodic annuity benefit
13	payments; death benefits; supplemental benefits; and cash
14	withdrawals for policy or contract owners who petition therefor under
15	claims of emergency or hardship in accordance with standards
16	proposed by the Association and approved by the Commissioner.
17	2. The Association shall be subject to the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
18	subsection only if
19	a. the impaired insurer is a foreign or alien insurer:
20	(1) which has been prohibited from soliciting or accepting new
21	business in this state, and

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22	discretion, either: SB2043 HFLR		- 20 -	House of Representatives
21	C. <u>B.</u> If a n	nembe	er insurer is an insolvent insurer, the	Association shall, in its
20		this s	tate.	
19		unde	an order of rehabilitation by a court	of competent jurisdiction in
18	b.	the in	npaired insurer is a domestic insurer	which has been placed
17			any suspended or revoked license re	stored; or
16		(7)	it shall not be permitted to solicit or	accept new business or have
15			the control of its shareholders or pri	vate management, and
14		(6)	neither the impaired insurer nor its	assets shall be returned to
13		(5)	the delinquency proceeding shall no	t be dismissed, and
12			approved by the guaranty association	ons, and
11			a plan of repayment by the impaired	l insurer shall have been
10			expenses, shall have been repaid to	the guaranty associations or
9			all expenses thereof and interest on	
8			contractual obligations by all guara	nty associations, along with
7			until all payments of or on account	of the impaired insurer's
6		(4)	the laws of the impaired insurer's st	rate of domicile provide that
5			domicile by the Insurance Commiss	ioner of that state, and
4			filed in a court of competent jurisdic	tion in the insurer's state of
3		(3)	for which a petition for rehabilitatio	n or liquidation has been
2			this state, and	
1		(2)	whose certificate of authority has be	een suspended or revoked in

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22				respect to the policies and contracts, or
21				after the date on which the Association becomes obligated with
20				or forty-five (45) days, but in no event less than thirty (30) days,
19				earlier of the next renewal date under those policies or contracts
18			<u>(1)</u>	with respect to group policies and contracts, not later than the
17			contr	acts of the insolvent insurer for claims incurred:
16			renev	vability, that would have been payable under the policies or
15			<u>prem</u>	iums and benefits, except for terms of conversion and
14			with	subsection D of this section for premiums identical to the
13			<u>annu</u>	ities, assure payment of benefits and coverages in accordance
12		<u>a.</u>	with	respect to life and health insurance policies only, provide and
11	3.			
10	2. Pr	ovide	<u>benefit</u>	s and coverages in accordance with the following provisions:
9			Assoc	ciation; or
8			as ar	e reasonably necessary to discharge such <u>the</u> duties <u>of the</u>
7		<u>b.</u>	provi	de such monies, pledges, <u>loans, notes,</u> guarantees or other means
6				insurer, and
5			<u>(2)</u>	assure payment of the contractual obligations of the insolvent
4	2.			
3				insurer ; or
2				assumed or reinsured, the policies or contracts of the insolvent
1	1.	<u>a.</u>	<u>(1)</u>	guarantee, assume or reinsure, or cause to be guaranteed,

1		(2) with respect to non-group policies, contracts, and annuities not
2		later than the earlier of the next renewal date, if any, under the
3		policies or contracts for one (1) year, but in no event less than
4		thirty (30) days, from the date on which the Association becomes
5		obligated with respect to the policies or contracts,
6	<u>b.</u>	make diligent efforts to provide all known insureds or annuitants for
7		non-group policies and contracts, or group policy owners with respect
8		to group policies and contracts, thirty (30) days' notice of the
9		termination of the benefits provided pursuant to subparagraph a of
10		this paragraph.
11	<u>c.</u>	with respect to non-group life and health insurance policies and
12		annuities covered by the Association, make available to each known
13		insured or annuitant, or owner if other than the insured or annuitant,
14		and with respect to an individual formerly insured or formerly an
15		annuitant under a group policy who is not eligible for replacement
16		group coverage, make available substitute coverage on an individual
17		basis in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph d of this
18		paragraph, if the insureds or annuitants had a right under law or the
19		terminated policy or annuity to convert coverage to individual coverage
20		or to continue an individual policy or annuity in force until a specified
21		age or for a specified time, during which the insurer had no right

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1			<u>unila</u>	terally to make changes in any provision of the policy or annuity
2			or ha	d a right only to make changes in premium by class,
3		<u>d.</u>	<u>(1)</u>	in providing the substitute coverage required under
4				subparagraph c of this paragraph, the Association may offer
5				either to reissue the terminated coverage or to issue an
6				alternative policy,
7			<u>(2)</u>	alternative or reissued policies shall be offered without requiring
8				evidence of insurability, and shall not provide for any waiting
9				period or exclusion that would not have applied under the
10				terminated policy, and
11			<u>(3)</u>	the Association may reinsure any alternative or reissued policy,
12		<u>e.</u>	<u>(1)</u>	alternative policies adopted by the Association shall be subject
13				to the approval of the domiciliary insurance commissioner and
14				the receivership court. The Association may adopt alternative
15				policies of various types for future issuance without regard to
16				any particular impairment or insolvency,
17			<u>(2)</u>	alternative policies shall contain at least the minimum statutory
18				provisions required in this state and provide benefits that shall
19				not be unreasonable in relation to the premium charged. The
20				Association shall set the premium in accordance with a table of
21				rates that it shall adopt. The premium shall reflect the amount
22				of insurance to be provided and the age and class of risk of each
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1		insured, but shall not reflect any changes in the health of the
2		insured after the original policy was last underwritten,
3		(3) any alternative policy issued by the Association shall provide
4		coverage of a type similar to that of the policy issued by the
5		impaired or insolvent insurer, as determined by the Association,
6	<u>f.</u>	if the Association elects to reissue terminated coverage at a premium
7		rate different from that charged under the terminated policy, the
8		premium shall be set by the Association in accordance with the amount
9		of insurance provided and the age and class of risk, subject to approval
10		of the domiciliary insurance commissioner and the receivership court,
11	<u>g.</u>	the obligations of the Association with respect to coverage under any
12		policy of the impaired or insolvent insurer or under any reissued or
13		alternative policy shall cease on the date the coverage or policy is
14		replaced by another similar policy by the policy owner, the insured or
15		the Association,
16	<u>h.</u>	when proceeding under paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section
17		with respect to a policy or contact carrying guaranteed minimum
18		interest rates, the Association shall assure the payment or crediting of
19		a rate of interest consistent with subparagraph c of paragraph 2 of
20		subsection B of Section 2025 of this title.

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1	D. When proceeding under paragraph 1 of subsection B or paragraph 3 of
2	subsection C of this section, the Association shall, with respect to life and health
3	insurance policies only:
4	1. except for terms of conversion and renewability, assure payment of benefits for
5	premiums identical to the premiums and benefits that would have been payable under
6	the policies of the insolvent insurer, for claims incurred:
7	a. with respect to group policies, not later than the earlier of the next
8	renewal date under such policies or contracts or forty-five (45) days,
9	but in no event less than thirty (30) days, after the date on which the
10	Association becomes obligated with respect to such policies,
11	b. with respect to individual policies, not later than the earlier of the next
12	renewal date, if any, under such policies or one (1) year, but in no
13	event less than thirty (30) days, from the date on which the Association
14	becomes obligated with respect to such policies;
15	2. make diligent efforts to provide all known insureds or group policyholder with
16	respect to group policies thirty (30) days' notice of the termination of the benefits
17	provided;
18	3. make available substitute coverage on an individual basis to each known
19	insured, or owner if other than the insured, of an individual policy, and to any individual
20	formerly insured under a group policy who is not eligible for replacement group coverage,
21	if the insureds had a right under law or the terminated policy to convert coverage to
22	individual coverage or to continue an individual policy in force until a specified age or for SB2043 HFLR - 25 - House of Representatives

1	a specified time, during which the insurer had no right unilaterally to make changes in
2	any provision of the policy or had a right only to make changes in premium by class. In
3	providing said substitute coverage, the Association may offer either to reissue the
4	terminated coverage or to issue an alternative policy.
5	Alternative or reissued policies shall be offered without requiring evidence of
6	insurability, and shall not provide for any waiting period or exclusion that would not
7	have applied under the terminated policy. The Association may reinsure any alternative
8	or reissued policy.
9	Alternative policies adopted by the Association shall be subject to the approval of
10	the Commissioner. The Association may adopt alternative policies of various types for
11	future issuance without regard to any particular impairment or insolvency.
12	Alternative policies shall contain at least the minimum statutory provisions
13	required in this state and provide benefits that shall not be unreasonable in relation to
14	the premium charged. The Association shall set the premium in accordance with a table
15	of rates which it shall adopt. The premium shall reflect the amount of insurance to be
16	provided and the age and class of risk of each insured, but shall not reflect any changes
17	in the health of the insured after the original policy was last underwritten.
18	Any alternative policy issued by the Association shall provide coverage of a type
19	similar to that of the policy issued by the impaired or insolvent insurer, as determined by
20	the Association.
21	If the Association elects to reissue terminated coverage at a premium rate different
22	from that charged under the terminated policy, the premium shall be set by the

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1	Association in accordance with the amount of insurance provided and the age and class of
2	risk, subject to approval of the Commissioner or by a court of competent jurisdiction.
3	The Association's obligations with respect to coverage under any policy of the
4	impaired or insolvent insurer or under any reissued or alternative policy shall cease on
5	the date such coverage or policy is replaced by another similar policy by the policyholder,
6	the insured or the Association.
7	E. When proceeding under subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of subsection B or
8	subsection C of this section with respect to any policy or contract carrying guaranteed
9	minimum interest rates, the Association shall assure the payment or crediting of a rate
10	of interest consistent with subparagraph e of paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section 2025
11	of the Insurance Code.
12	F. C. Nonpayment of premiums within thirty-one (31) days after the date required
13	under the terms of any guaranteed, assumed, alternative or reissued policy or contract or
14	substitute coverage shall terminate the Association's obligations under $\underline{\text{such}}$ $\underline{\text{the}}$ policy or
15	coverage under this act the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
16	Act with respect to such the policy or coverage, except with respect to any claims
17	incurred or any net cash surrender value which may be due in accordance with the
18	provisions of this act.
19	G. D. Premiums due for coverage after entry of an order of liquidation of an
20	insolvent insurer shall belong to and be payable at the direction of the Association , and
21	the. If the liquidator of an insolvent insurer requests, the Association shall provide a
22	report to the liquidator regarding the premium collected by the Association. The

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1	Association shall be liable for unearned premiums due to policy or contract owners						
2	arising after the entry of such the order.						
3	H. E. The protection provided by this act the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance						
4	Guaranty Association Act shall not apply where any guaranty protection is provided to						
5	residents of this state by the laws of the domiciliary state or jurisdiction of the impaired						
6	or insolvent insurer other than this state.						
7	I. F. In carrying out its duties under subsections subsection B and C of this section						
8	the Association may, subject to approval by the <u>a</u> court <u>in this state</u> :						
9	1. impose Impose permanent policy or contract liens in connection with any \underline{a}						
10	guarantee, assumption or reinsurance agreement, if the Association finds that the						
11	amounts which can be assessed under this act are less than the amounts needed to						
12	assure full and prompt performance of the Association's duties of the Association under						
13	this act the Oklahoma Life and Health Guaranty Insurance Association Act, or that the						
14	economic or financial conditions as they affect member insurers are sufficiently adverse						
15	to render the imposition of such permanent policy or contract liens, to be in the public						
16	interest; and						
17	2. impose Impose temporary moratoriums or liens on payments of cash values and						
18	policy loans, or any other right to withdraw funds held in conjunction with policies or						
19	contracts, in addition to any contractual provisions for deferral of cash or policy loan						
20	value. In addition, in the event of a temporary moratorium or moratorium charge						
21	imposed by the receivership court on payment of cash values or policy loans, or on any						
22	other right to withdraw funds held in conjunction with policies or contracts, out of the SB2043 HFLR -28 - House of Representatives						

1	assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer, the Association may defer the payment of
2	cash values, policy loans or other rights by the Association for the period of the
3	moratorium or moratorium charge imposed by the receivership court, except for claims
4	covered by the Association to be paid in accordance with a hardship procedure
5	established by the liquidator or rehabilitator and approved by the receivership court.
6	G. A deposit in this state, held pursuant to law or required by the Commissioner for
7	the benefit of creditors, including but not limited to policy owners, not turned over to the
8	domiciliary liquidator upon the entry of a final order of liquidation or order approving a
9	rehabilitation plan of an insurer domiciled in this state or in a reciprocal state, shall be
10	promptly paid by the Association. The Association shall be entitled to retain a portion of
11	any amount so paid to it equal to the percentage determined by dividing the aggregate
12	amount of policy owners claims related to that insolvency for which the Association has
13	provided statutory benefits by the aggregate amount of all claims by the policy owners in
14	this state related to that insolvency and shall remit to the domiciliary receiver the
15	amount so paid to the Association less the amount retained pursuant to this subsection.
16	Any amount so paid to the Association and retained by it shall be treated as a
17	distribution of estate assets pursuant to applicable state receivership laws dealing with
18	early access disbursements.
19	J. H. If the Association fails to act within a reasonable period of time with respect
20	to an insolvent insurer, as provided in subsections subsection B, C and D of this section,
21	the Commissioner shall have the powers and duties of the Association under this act the

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1	Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act with respect to impaired
2	or the insolvent insurers insurer;
3	K. I. The Association may render assistance and advice to the Commissioner, upon
4	his the request of the Commissioner, concerning rehabilitation, payment of claims,
5	continuance of coverage, or the performance of other contractual obligations of any an
6	impaired or insolvent insurer;
7	L. J. The Association shall have standing to appear or intervene before any a court
8	or agency in this state which has jurisdiction over an impaired or insolvent insurer
9	concerning which the Association is or may become obligated under this act the
10	Oklahoma Life and Health Guaranty Insurance Association Act or with jurisdiction over
11	any person or property against which the Association may have rights through
12	subrogation or otherwise. Such standing Standing shall extend to all matters germane to
13	the powers and duties of the Association including, but not limited to, proposals for
14	reinsuring, modifying or guaranteeing the policies or contracts of the impaired or
15	insolvent insurer and the determination of the policies or contracts and contractual
16	obligations. The Association shall also have the right to appear or intervene before a
17	court or agency in another state with jurisdiction over an impaired or insolvent insurer
18	for which the Association is or may become obligated or with jurisdiction over a third
19	party any person or property against whom the Association may have rights through
20	subrogation of the insurer's policyholders; or otherwise.
21	M. K. 1. Any person receiving benefits under this act the Oklahoma Life and
22	<u>Insurance Health Insurance Association Act</u> shall be deemed to have assigned to the SB2043 HFLR - 30 - House of Representatives

Association the rights under, and any causes of action against any person for losses arising under, resulting from or otherwise relating to, the covered policy or contract to the Association to the extent of the benefits received because of this act, whether the benefits are payments of or on account of contractual obligations, continuation of coverage or provision of substitute or alternative coverages. The Association may require an assignment to it of such the rights and cause of action by any payee, policy or contract owner, beneficiary, insured or annuitant as a condition precedent to the receipt of any rights or benefits conferred by this act upon such the person.

- 2. The subrogation rights of the Association under this subsection shall have the same priority against the assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer as that possessed by the person entitled to receive benefits under this act the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act.
- 3. The In addition to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection, the Association shall have all common law rights of subrogation and any other equitable or legal remedy which that would have been available to the impaired or insolvent insurer or holder owner, beneficiary or payee of a policy or contract with respect to such the policy or contracts, including without limitation, in the case of a structured settlement annuity, any rights of the owner, beneficiary or payee of the annuity, to the extent of benefits received pursuant to the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, against a person originally or by succession responsible for the losses arising from the personal injury relating to the annuity or payment therefore, excepting any person responsible solely by

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1	reason of serving as an assignee in respect of a qualified assignment under Internal
2	Revenue Code Section 130.
3	4. If paragraphs 1 through 3 of this subsection are invalid or ineffective with
4	respect to any person or claim for any reason, the amount payable by the Association
5	with respect to the related covered obligations shall be reduced by the amount realized
6	by any other person with respect to the person or claim that is attributable to the
7	policies, or portion thereof, covered by the Association.
8	5. If the Association has provided benefits with respect to a covered obligation and
9	a person recovers amounts as to which the Association has rights as described in
10	paragraphs 1 through 4 of this subsection, the person shall pay to the Association the
11	portion of the recovery attributable to the policies, or portion thereof, covered by the
12	Association.
13	L. In addition to the rights and powers specified in the Oklahoma Life and Health
14	Insurance Guaranty Association Act, the Association may:
15	1. Enter into contracts as are necessary or proper to carry out the provisions and
16	purposes of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act;
17	2. Sue or be sued, including, but not limited to, taking any legal actions necessary
18	or proper to recover any unpaid assessments under Section 2030 of this title and to settle
19	claims or potential claims against it;
20	3. Borrow money to effect the purposes of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance
21	Guaranty Association Act. Any notes or other evidence of indebtedness of the

1	Association not in default shall be legal investments for domestic insurers and may be
2	carried as admitted assets;
3	4. Employ or retain persons as are necessary or appropriate to handle the financia
4	transactions of the Association, and to perform other functions as become necessary or
5	proper under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act;
6	5. Take any legal action as may be necessary or appropriate to avoid or recover
7	payment of improper claims;
8	6. Exercise, for the purposes of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
9	Association Act and to the extent approved by the Commissioner, the powers of a
10	domestic life or health insurer, but in no case may the Association issue insurance
11	policies or annuity contracts other than those issued to perform its obligations under the
12	Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act;
13	7. Organize itself as a corporation or in other legal form permitted by the laws of
14	the state;
15	8. Request information from a person seeking coverage from the Association in
16	order to aid the Association in determining its obligations under the Oklahoma Life and
17	Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act with respect to the person, and the person
18	shall promptly comply with the request; and
19	9. Take other necessary or appropriate action to discharge its duties and
20	obligations under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act or
21	to exercise its powers under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
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1	M. The Association may join an organization of one or more other state associations					
2	of similar purposes, to further the purposes and administer the powers and duties of the					
3	Association.					
4	<u>N. 1. a.</u>	At any time within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of the				
5		order of liquidation, the Association may elect to succeed to the rights				
6		and obligations of the ceding member insurer that relate to policies or				
7		annuities covered, in whole or in part, by the Association, in each case				
8		under any one or more reinsurance contracts entered into by the				
9		insolvent insurer and its reinsurers and selected by the Association.				
10		Any assumption shall be effective as of the date of the order of				
11		liquidation. The election shall be effected by the Association or the				
12		National Organization of Life and Health Insurance Guaranty				
13		Associations (NOLHGA) on its behalf sending written notice, return				
14		receipt requested, to the affected reinsurers.				
15	<u>b.</u>	To facilitate the earliest practicable decision about whether to assume				
16		any of the contracts of reinsurance, and in order to protect the				
17		financial position of the estate, the receiver and each reinsurer of the				
18		ceding member insurer shall make available upon request to the				
19		Association or to NOLHGA on its behalf as soon as possible after				
20		commencement of formal delinquency proceedings, copies of in-force				
21		contracts of reinsurance and all related files and records relevant to				
22	SB2043 HFLR	the determination of whether the contracts should be assumed, and - 34 - House of Representatives				

1		<u>notic</u>	es of any defaults under the reinsurance contacts or any known			
2		even	t or condition which with the passage of time could become a			
3		default under the reinsurance contracts.				
4	<u>c.</u>	The 1	requirements provided in this subparagraph shall apply to			
5		reins	surance contracts assumed by the Association:			
6		<u>(1)</u>	the Association shall be responsible for all unpaid premiums due			
7			under the reinsurance contracts for periods both before and after			
8			the date of the order of liquidation, and shall be responsible for			
9			the performance of all other obligations to be performed after			
10			the date of the order of liquidation, in each case which relate to			
11			policies or annuities covered, in whole or in part, by the			
12			Association. The Association may charge policies or annuities			
13			covered in part by the Association, through reasonable allocation			
14			methods, the costs for reinsurance in excess of the obligations of			
15			the Association and shall provide notice and an accounting of			
16			these charges to the liquidator,			
17		<u>(2)</u>	the Association shall be entitled to any amounts payable by the			
18		<u>(2)</u>	reinsurer under the reinsurance contracts with respect to losses			
19			or events that occur in periods after the date of the order of			
20			liquidation and that relate to policies or annuities covered, in			
20						
			whole or in part, by the Association, provided that, upon receipt			
22	SB2043 HFLR		of any of these amounts, the Association shall be obliged to pay - 35 - House of Representatives			

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22				forementioned calculation. A		\mathbf{s}
21			the o	ther, in each case within five	(5) days of the completion of	
20			Assoc	ciation or reinsurer shall pay	any remaining balance due	
19			prem	iums unpaid for periods prior	to the date, and the	
18			date	of the order of liquidation, su	bject to any set-off for	
17			the re	eceiver any amounts due for l	osses or events prior to the	
16			the re	einsurer prior to the election	date. The reinsurer shall pay	Z
15			<u>full c</u>	redit to all items paid by eith	er the insurer or its receiver o	<u> </u>
14			whole	e or in part, by the Association	n, which calculation shall giv	<u>e</u>
13			the e	lection date with respect to po	olicies or annuities covered, in	<u>a</u>
12			to or	from the Association under ea	ach reinsurance contract as o	<u>f</u>
11			assur	med by the Association shall o	calculate the net balance due	
10			Assoc	ciation, the Association and ea	ach reinsurer under contracts	<u>3</u>
9		<u>(3)</u>	withi	n thirty (30) days following th	he election date of the	
8				the insurer applicable to the	e loss or event,	
7				on account of the policy or a	nnuity less the retention of	
6				the amount equal to the ber	nefits paid by the Association	
5			<u>(b)</u>	the excess of the amount red	ceived by the Association over	<u>c</u>
4			<u>(a)</u>	the amount received by the	Association, or	
3			the le	esser of:		
2			which	h the amounts were paid a po	rtion of the amount equal to	
1			to the	e beneficiary under the policy	or annuity on account of	

1		due to either the Association or the reinsurer shall be resolved
2		by arbitration pursuant to the terms of the affected reinsurance
3		contracts or, if the contract contains no arbitration clause, as
4		otherwise provided by law. If the receiver has received any
5		amounts due the Association pursuant to division (2) of this
6		subparagraph, the receiver shall remit the same to the
7		Association as promptly as practicable, and
8	<u>(4)</u>	if the Association or receiver, on the behalf of the Association,
9		within sixty (60) days of the election date, pays the unpaid
10		premiums due for periods both before and after the election date
11		that relate to policies or annuities covered, in whole or in part,
12		by the Association, the reinsurer shall not be entitled to
13		terminate the reinsurance contracts for failure to pay the
14		premium insofar as the reinsurance contracts relate to policies
15		or annuities covered, in whole or in part, by the Association, and
16		shall not be entitled to set off any unpaid amounts due under
17		other contracts, or unpaid amounts due from parties other than
18		the Association, against amounts due the Association.
19	2. During the per	iod from the date of the order of liquidation until the election date,
20	or if the election date d	oes not occur, until one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of
21	the order of liquidation	<u>:</u>

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1	<u>a.</u>	<u>(1)</u>	neither the Association nor the reinsurer shall have any rights	
2			or obligations under reinsurance contracts that the Association	
3			has the right to assume under paragraph 1 of this subsection,	
4			whether for periods prior to or after the date of the order of	
5			liquidation, and	
6		<u>(2)</u>	the reinsurer, the receiver and the Association shall, to the	
7			extent practicable, provide each other data and records	
8			reasonably requested.	
9	<u>b.</u>	<u>Prov</u>	ided that once the Association has elected to assume a reinsurance	
10		cont	ract, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed by	
11		<u>para</u>	graph 1 of this subsection.	
12	3. If the As	ssociat	ion does not elect to assume a reinsurance contract by the election	
13	date pursuant to	parag	graph 1 of this subsection, the Association shall have no rights or	
14	obligations, in each case for periods both before and after the date of the order of			
15	liquidation, with respect to the reinsurance contract.			
16	4. When po	olicies	or annuities, or covered obligations with respect thereto, are	
17	transferred to an assuming insurer, reinsurance on the policies or annuities may also be			
18	transferred by the	he Asse	ociation, in the case of contracts assumed under paragraph 1 of	
19	this subsection,	subject	t to the following:	
20	<u>a.</u>	<u>unle</u>	ss the reinsurer and the assuming insurer agree otherwise, the	
21		reins	surance contract transferred shall not cover any new policies of	
22		insu	rance or annuities in addition to those transferred.	
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2		longer apply with respect to matters arising after the effective date of
3		the transfer, and
4	<u>C.</u>	notice shall be given in writing, return receipt requested, by the
5		transferring party to the affected reinsurer not less than thirty (30)
6		days prior to the effective date of the transfer.
7	5. The prov	visions of this subsection shall govern any affected reinsurance contract
8	that provides for	or requires any payment of reinsurance proceeds, on account of losses or
9	events that occur	r in periods after the date of the order of liquidation, to the receiver of
10	the insolvent ins	surer or any other person. The receiver shall remain entitled to any
11	amounts payable	e by the reinsurer under the reinsurance contracts with respect to losses
12	or events that oc	cur in periods prior to the date of the order of liquidation, subject to
13	applicable setoff	provisions.
14	6. Except a	as otherwise provided in this section, nothing in this subsection shall
15	alter or modify t	he terms and conditions of any reinsurance contract. Nothing in this
16	section shall abr	ogate or limit any rights of any reinsurer to claim that it is entitled to
17	rescind a reinsu	rance contract. Nothing in this section shall give a policyholder or
18	beneficiary an ir	adependent cause of action against a reinsurer that is not otherwise set
19	forth in the reins	surance contract. Nothing in this section shall limit or affect the rights
20	of the Associatio	n as a creditor of the estate against the assets of the state. Nothing in
21	this section shall	l apply to reinsurance agreements covering property or casualty risks.

the obligations described in paragraph 1 of this subsection shall no

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1	O. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have discretion and may exercise
2	reasonable business judgment to determine the means by which the Association is to
3	provide the benefits of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
4	Act in an economical and efficient manner.
5	P. Where the Association has arranged or offered to provide the benefits of the
6	Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act to a covered person
7	under a plan or arrangement that fulfills the obligations of the Association under the
8	Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, the person shall not be
9	entitled to benefits from the Association in addition to or other than those provided
10	under the plan or arrangement.
11	Q. Venue in a suit against the Association arising under the Oklahoma Life and
12	Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act shall be in Oklahoma County. The
13	Association shall not be required to give an appeal bond in an appeal that relates to a
14	cause of action arising under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
15	Association Act.
16	R. In carrying out its duties in connection with guaranteeing, assuming or
17	reinsuring policies or contracts under subsection A or B of this section, the Association
18	may, subject to approval of the receivership court, issue substitute coverage for a policy
19	or contract that provides an interest rate, crediting rate or similar factor determined by
20	use of an index or other external reference stated in the policy or contract employed in
21	calculating returns or changes in value by issuing an alternative policy or contract in
22	accordance with the following provisions: SB2043 HFLR - 40 - House of Representatives

1	1. In lieu of the index or other external reference provided for in the original policy
2	or contract, the alternative policy or contract provides for:
3	<u>a.</u> <u>a fixed interest rate,</u>
4	b. payment of dividends with minimum guarantees, or
5	c. a different method for calculating interest or changes in value;
6	2. There is no requirement for evidence of insurability, waiting period or other
7	exclusion that would not have applied under the replaced policy or contract; and
8	3. The alternative policy or contract is substantially similar to the replaced policy
9	or contract in all other material terms.
10	SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 2032, is amended to read
11	as follows:
12	Section 2032. A. To aid in the detection and prevention of insurer insolvencies, it
13	shall be the duty of the Commissioner:
14	1. To notify his counterpart in the commissioners of all of the other states,
15	territories of the United States and the District of Columbia within thirty (30) days
16	following the action taken or the date the action occurs, when he the Commissioner takes
17	any of the following actions against a member insurer:
18	a. revocation of license,
19	b. suspension of license, or
20	c. makes <u>any a</u> formal order that <u>such the</u> company restrict its premium
21	writing, obtain additional contributions to surplus, withdraw from the
22	state, reinsure all or any part of its business, or increase capital,
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1	surplus or any other account for the security of policyholders <u>policy</u>
2	owners or creditors.
3	Such notice shall be mailed to all counterparts of the Commissioner within thirty (30)
4	days following the action or the date on which such action occurs;
5	2. To report to the Board board of directors when he the Commissioner has taken
6	any of the actions set forth in paragraph 1 of this subsection or has received a report
7	from any other state commissioner of other states indicating that any such action has
8	been taken in another state. Such The report to the Board board of directors shall
9	contain all significant details of the action taken or the report received from $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$
10	commissioner from another state;
11	3. To report to the Board board when he the Commissioner has reasonable cause to
12	believe from any an examination, whether completed or in process, of any member
13	company, that such company insurer that the insurer may be an impaired or insolvent
14	insurer;
15	4. To furnish to the Board information, if available, which is contained in the Early
16	Warning Tests developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners board
17	of directors the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Insurance
18	Regulatory Information System (IRIS) ratios and listings of companies not included in
19	the ratios developed by the NAIC, and the board may use the information contained
20	therein in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this section. The report and
21	the information contained therein shall be kept confidential by the board of directors
22	until a time as made public by the Commissioner or other lawful authority. SB2043 HFLR -42 - House of Representatives

1	B. The Commissioner may seek the advice and recommendations of the Board
2	board of directors concerning any matter affecting his the duties and responsibilities of
3	the Commissioner regarding the financial condition of member insurers and companies
4	and companies seeking admission to transact insurance business in this state.
5	C. The board of directors may, upon majority vote, make reports and
6	recommendations to the Commissioner upon any matter germane to the solvency,
7	liquidation, rehabilitation or conservation of any member insurer or germane to the
8	solvency of any company seeking to do an insurance business in this state. The reports
9	and recommendations shall not be considered public documents.
10	D. The board of directors may, upon majority vote, notify the Commissioner of any
11	information indicating a member insurer may be an impaired or insolvent insurer.
12	E. The board of directors may, upon majority vote, make recommendations to the
13	Commissioner for the detection and prevention of insurer insolvencies.
14	SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 2036, is amended to read
15	as follows:
16	Section 2036. A. For the purpose of carrying out its obligations under this act the
17	Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, the Oklahoma Life and
18	Health Insurance Guaranty Association shall be deemed to be a creditor of the impaired
19	or insolvent insurer to the extent of assets attributable to covered policies reduced by any
20	amounts to which the Association is entitled as subrogee pursuant to paragraph 8 of
21	Section 8 2028 of this act title. All assets Assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer
22	attributable to covered policies shall be used to continue all covered policies and pay all SB2043 HFLR -43 - House of Representatives

1	contractual obligations of the impaired or insolvent insurer as required by this act the
2	Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. Assets attributable to
3	covered policies, as used in this subsection, are that proportion of the assets which that
4	the reserves which should have been established for such policies, bear to the reserves
5	which should have been established for all policies of insurance written by the impaired
6	or insolvent insurer.
7	B. As a creditor of the impaired or insolvent insurer as established in subsection A
8	of this section and consistent with Section 1927.1 of this title, the Association and other
9	similar associations shall be entitled to receive a disbursement of assets out of the
10	marshaled assets, from time to time as the assets become available to reimburse it, as a
11	credit against contractual obligations under this act. If the liquidator has not, within one
12	hundred twenty (120) days of a final determination of insolvency of an insurer by the
13	receivership court, made an application to the court for the approval of a proposal to
14	disburse assets out of marshaled assets to guaranty associations having obligations
15	because of the insolvency, then the Association shall be entitled to make application to
16	the receivership court for approval of its own proposal to disburse these assets.
17	SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 2042, is amended to read
18	as follows:
19	Section 2042. All proceedings in which the insolvent insurer is a party in any court
20	in this state shall be stayed sixty (60) one hundred eighty (180) days from the date an
21	order of liquidation, rehabilitation , receivership or conservatorship <u>conservation</u> is final
22	to permit proper legal action by the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty SB2043 HFLR - 44 - House of Representatives

1	Association on any matters germane to its powers or duties. As to judgment under any
2	decision, order, verdict or finding based on default, the Association may apply to have
3	such the judgment set aside by the same court that made such the judgment and shall b
4	permitted to defend against such the suit on the merits.
5	SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
6	Statutes as Section 2044 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
7	reads as follows:
8	None of the amendatory provisions contained herein shall apply to any member
9	insurer that is impaired or insolvent on the date such amendments become effective.
10	SECTION 8. REPEALER 36 O.S. 2001, Sections 2029 and 2033, are hereby
11	repealed.
12	SECTION 9. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.
13 14	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, dated 03-31-10 - DO PASS.

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