ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1327 By: Crain and Fields of the Senate

and

Richardson of the House

[water conservation - recommendation to the Legislature - noncodification - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The most recent update to the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP) adopted by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in 2011, studied in detail projections of forecasted water shortages that may occur in this state in the next fifty (50) years and made recommendations relating to water conservation, efficiency, recycling and reuse to avoid water shortages and costly development of new water supplies and infrastructure.

In analyzing various methods of conservation, efficiency, recycling and reuse the OCWP used two scenarios, one considering moderate levels of conservation (Scenario I) and the other more substantial levels of conservation (Scenario II), both of which

demonstrated the feasibility and costs of achieving significant reductions in future demands for water. The OCWP analysis indicates that full implementation of Scenario I would reduce water demands in the year 2060 to levels approaching the projected levels in the year 2020.

The Legislature hereby directs the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to make full legislative recommendations necessary to promote and implement methods to conserve future water demands using the Scenario I methods analyzed in the OCWP. The Board shall report such recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than December 31, 2012.

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

Passed the Senate the 6th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives