ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1328 By: Crain of the Senate

and

Richardson of the House

An Act relating to water quality and water quantity; stating legislative findings; stating intent to appropriate funds for certain purposes; providing for noncodification; and declaring an 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 latest update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP) adopted by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in 2011 finds an overwhelming number of citizens participating in the compilation of the OCWP recognize the urgent need for more robust data-gathering programs to enable informed decision-making on all issues relating to the water resources of this state.

The most acute funding need is for the establishment of a holistic statewide surface water and groundwater monitoring program to accurately assess water quality and quantity of those resources over the next fifty (50) years.

It is the intent of the Legislature to otherwise appropriate, in addition to any state funding currently directed to the various state and federal agencies involved in administering data collection programs for measuring water quality and water quantity, an additional appropriation annually to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for the development and maintenance of a permanent statewide water quality and quantity monitoring program to be established pursuant to the recommendations contained in the OCWP.

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 7th 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