

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1328

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to water quality and water quantity
8 monitoring; stating funding needs for certain
9 purposes; appropriating funding to the Oklahoma Water
Resources Board for certain purpose; providing for
noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

15 The latest update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan
16 (OCWP) adopted by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in 2011 finds
17 an overwhelming number of citizens participating in the compilation
18 of the OCWP recognize the urgent need for more robust data gathering
19 programs to enable informed decision-making on all issues relating
20 to the water resources of this state.

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

1 The Legislature shall otherwise appropriate, in addition to any
2 state funding currently directed to the various state and federal
3 agencies involved in administering data collection programs for
4 measuring water quality and water quantity, an additional amount of
5 Two Million Two Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$2,235,000.00)
6 annually to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for the development
7 and maintenance of a permanent statewide water quality and quantity
8 monitoring program to be established pursuant to the recommendations
9 contained in the OCWP.

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

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