

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2101

By: Moore

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public finance; enacting the Whistleblower Liberty Fund Act; prohibiting certain adverse actions with respect to persons providing information related to suspected misuse of federal funds; authorizing recovery of fees from certain monies; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Whistleblower Liberty Fund Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5001 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No person who provides information regarding alleged misuse of federal funds, whether the funds are provided to a state agency by means of a grant, formula grant, apportionment of federal tax revenue or other federal revenues or by any other means or method,

1 shall be disciplined, demoted, transferred, terminated or otherwise
2 penalized as a result of providing information to any person,
3 government entity or organization if the information was provided in
4 the good-faith belief that reasonable grounds existed at the time
5 the information was provided to suspect misuse of the federal funds
6 or that the use of federal funds was in violation of any provisions
7 of the United States Constitution.

8 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5002 of Title 62, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 Any person who provides information regarding the misuse of the
12 federal funds as described in Section 1 of this act shall be awarded
13 a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of funds
14 determined, by a court of competent jurisdiction, to have been
15 misused.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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