STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to a moratorium on tax credits; providing short title; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 2357, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2015, 2357.4, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 2015, 2357.11, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2013, 2357.22, as last amended by Section 12, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 2014, 2357.27, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 33, O.S.L. 2014, Section 5, Chapter 370, O.S.L. 2013, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2014, 2357.32A, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2013, 2357.41, 2357.43, 2357.45, 2357.46, 2357.47, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 292, O.S.L. 2014, 2357.104, 2357.206, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 2015, 2357.302, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2014, 2357.303, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2014, 2357.304, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2014, 2357.401, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 34, O.S.L. 2014, Section 1, Chapter 421, O.S.L. 2014, 2358.7, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 2012, 2370, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 41, O.S.L. 2014, 2906 and 5011(68 O.S Supp. 2015, Sections 2357, 2357.4, 2357.11, 2357.22, 2357.27, 2357.29A, 2357.32A, 2357.47, 2327.104, 2357.206, 2357.302, 2357.303, 2357.304, 2357.401, 2357.403,2358.7, 2370, 2906 and 5011), which relate to tax credits for certain events, transactions, investments, expenditures or other acts; establishing a moratorium on the ability to claim tax credits during certain time period for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act relating to federal child or child care credits, investment in depreciable property or new employment relating to manufacturing, purchase of Oklahoma-mined coal, investment in clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property, expenses by child care service providers, ad valorem property tax for improvements after certain natural disasters, production and sale of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities, rehabilitation of certain historic hotel or newspaper buildings, federal earned income tax credit, donations for independent biomedical research or cancer research institutes, energy efficient residential property construction, employer expenses relating to injured employees, railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures, donations to eligible scholarship-granting or educational improvement grant organizations, qualified employee tuition reimbursement, compensation paid to qualified employees by employers, credits for qualified employees, fees paid for certain electronic fund transfers, investment in qualified affordable housing projects, expenses related to volunteer firefighter certification; income from loans made by financial institutions pursuant to Rural Economic Development Loan Act, credits for property tax relief and credits for sales tax relief; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; 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:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Fiscal Responsibility Moratorium Act. Unless earlier repealed or revoked by the Legislature, the moratorium shall be in effect for the time period from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2018.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2015 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357. A. The withheld taxes and estimated taxes paid shall be allowed as credits as provided by law.

B. 1. There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title the amount of tax paid another state by a resident individual, as defined in paragraph 4 of Section 2353 of this title, upon income received as compensation for personal services in such other state; provided, such credit shall not be allowed with respect to any income specified in Section 114 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 U.S.C., Section 114, upon which a state is prohibited from imposing an income tax. The credit shall not exceed such proportion of the tax payable under Section 2355 of this title as the compensation for personal services subject to tax in the other state and also taxable under Section 2355 of this title bears to the Oklahoma adjusted gross income as defined in paragraph 13 of Section 2353 of this title.

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a. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph b of this paragraph, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2007, there shall be allowed to a resident individual or part-year resident individual or nonresident individual member of the Armed Forces as a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title twenty percent (20%) of the credit for child care expenses allowed under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States or five percent (5%) of the child tax credit allowed under the Internal Revenue Code, whichever amount is greater. Neither credit authorized by this paragraph shall exceed the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title. The maximum child care credit allowable on the Oklahoma income tax return shall be prorated on the ratio that Oklahoma adjusted gross income bears to the federal adjusted gross income. The credit authorized by this paragraph shall not be claimed by any taxpayer if the federal adjusted gross income reflected on the Oklahoma return for the taxpayer is in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00).

b. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of subparagraph a of this paragraph may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this paragraph may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this paragraph.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.4, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 2015 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.4 A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection F of Section 3658 of this title and in subsections J ~~and~~, K and L of this section, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1987, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title for:

1. Investment in qualified depreciable property placed in service during those years for use in a manufacturing operation, as defined in Section 1352 of this title, which has received a manufacturer exemption permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 1359.2 of this title or a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility as defined in Section 1357 of this title in this state or a qualified web search portal as defined in Section 1357 of this title; or

2. A net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees in a manufacturing operation, as defined in Section 1352 of this title, which has received a manufacturer exemption permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 1359.2 of this title or a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility defined in

Section 1357 of this title in this state or in a qualified web search portal as defined in Section 1357 of this title including employees engaged in support services.

B. Except as otherwise provided in subsection F of Section 3658 of this title and in subsections J ~~and~~, K and L of this section, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1998, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title for:

1. Investment in qualified depreciable property with a total cost equal to or greater than Forty Million Dollars ($40,000,000.00) within three (3) years from the date of initial qualifying expenditure and placed in service in this state during those years for use in the manufacture of products described by any Industry Number contained in Division D of Part I of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, latest revision; or

2. A net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees in this state engaged in the manufacture of any goods identified by any Industry Number contained in Division D of Part I of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, latest revision, if the total cost of qualified depreciable property placed in service by the business entity within the state equals or exceeds Forty Million Dollars ($40,000,000.00) within three (3) years from the date of initial qualifying expenditure.

C. The business entity may claim the credit authorized by subsection B of this section for expenditures incurred or for a net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees after the business entity provides proof satisfactory to the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the conditions imposed pursuant to paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section have been satisfied.

D. If a business entity fails to expend the amount required by paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section within the time required, the business entity may not claim the credit authorized by subsection B of this section but shall be allowed to claim a credit pursuant to subsection A of this section if the requirements of subsection A of this section are met with respect to the investment in qualified depreciable property or net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees.

E. The credit provided for in subsection A of this section, if based upon investment in qualified depreciable property, shall not be allowed unless the investment in qualified depreciable property is at least Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00). The credit provided for in subsection A or B of this section shall not be allowed if the applicable investment is the direct cause of a decrease in the number of full-time-equivalent employees. Qualified property shall be limited to machinery, fixtures, equipment, buildings or substantial improvements thereto, placed in service in this state during the taxable year. The taxable years for which the credit may be allowed if based upon investment in qualified depreciable property shall be measured from the year in which the qualified property is placed in service. If the credit provided for in subsection A or B of this section is calculated on the basis of the cost of the qualified property, the credit shall be allowed in each of the four (4) subsequent years. If the qualified property on which a credit has previously been allowed is acquired from a related party, the date such property is placed in service by the transferor shall be considered to be the date such property is placed in service by the transferee, for purposes of determining the aggregate number of years for which credit may be allowed.

F. The credit provided for in subsection A or B of this section, if based upon an increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees, shall be allowed in each of the four (4) subsequent years only if the level of new employees is maintained in the subsequent year. In calculating the credit by the number of new employees, only those employees whose paid wages or salary were at least Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000.00) during each year the credit is claimed shall be included in the calculation. Provided, that the first year a credit is claimed for a new employee, such employee may be included in the calculation notwithstanding paid wages of less than Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000.00) if the employee was hired in the last three quarters of the tax year, has wages or salary which will result in annual paid wages in excess of Seven Thousand Dollars

($7,000.00) and the taxpayer submits an affidavit stating that the employee's position will be retained in the following tax year and will result in the payment of wages in excess of Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000.00). The number of new employees shall be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Oklahoma income tax withholding for the final quarter of the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year, as substantiated by such reports as may be required by the Tax Commission.

G. The credit allowed by subsection A of this section shall be the greater amount of either:

1. One percent (1%) of the cost of the qualified property in the year the property is placed in service; or

2. Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for each new employee. No credit shall be allowed in any taxable year for a net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees if such increase is a result of an investment in qualified depreciable property for which an income tax credit has been allowed as authorized by this section.

H. The credit allowed by subsection B of this section shall be the greater amount of either:

1. Two percent (2%) of the cost of the qualified property in the year the property is placed in service; or

2. One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for each new employee.

No credit shall be allowed in any taxable year for a net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees if such increase is a result of an investment in qualified depreciable property for which an income tax credit has been allowed as authorized by this section.

I. Except as provided by subsection G of Section 3658 of this title, any credits allowed but not used in any taxable year may be carried over in order as follows:

1. To each of the four (4) years following the year of qualification;

2. To the extent not used in those years in order to each of the fifteen (15) years following the initial five-year period; and

3. If a C corporation that otherwise qualified for the credits under subsection A of this section subsequently changes its operating status to that of a pass-through entity which is being treated as the same entity for federal tax purposes, the credits will continue to be available as if the pass-through entity had originally qualified for the credits subject to the limitations of this section.

To the extent not used in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection, such credits from qualified depreciable property placed in service on or after January 1, 2000, may be utilized in any subsequent tax years after the initial twenty-year period.

J. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions of this section; provided, credits accrued during the period from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, shall be limited to a period of two (2) taxable years. The credit shall be limited in each taxable year to fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of the accrued credit. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, may not be claimed for any period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. No credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012.

K. Beginning January 1, 2017, except with respect to tax credits allowed from investment or job creation occurring prior to January 1, 2017, the credits authorized by this section shall not be allowed for investment or job creation in electric power generation by means of wind as described by the North American Industry Classification System, No. 221119.

L. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.11, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.11), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.11. A. For purposes of this section, the term "person" means any legal business entity including limited and general partnerships, corporations, sole proprietorships, and limited liability companies, but does not include individuals.

B. 1. Except as provided in ~~subsection M~~ subsections M and N of this section, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1993, and ending on or before December 31, 2021, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title or Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes for every person in this state furnishing water, heat, light or power to the state or its citizens, or for every person in this state burning coal to generate heat, light or power for use in manufacturing operations located in this state.

2. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1993, and ending on or before December 31, 2005, and for the period of January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, the credit shall be in the amount of Two Dollars ($2.00) per ton for each ton of Oklahoma-mined coal purchased by such person.

3. For the period of July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, and for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, and ending on or before December 31, 2021, the credit shall be in the amount of Two Dollars and eighty-five cents ($2.85) per ton for each ton of Oklahoma-mined coal purchased by such person.

4. In addition to the credit allowed pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this subsection, for the period of July 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006, and except as provided in ~~subsection M~~ subsections M and N of this section, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, and ending on or before December 31, 2021, there shall be allowed a credit in the amount of Two Dollars and fifteen cents ($2.15) per ton for each ton of Oklahoma-mined coal purchased by such person. The credit allowed pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph may not be claimed or transferred prior to January 1, 2008.

C. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, and ending on or before December 31, 2005, and for the period beginning

January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, there shall be allowed, in addition to the credits allowed pursuant to subsection B of this section, a credit against the tax imposed by Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title or Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes for every person in this state which:

1. Furnishes water, heat, light or power to the state or its citizens, or burns coal to generate heat, light or power for use in manufacturing operations located in this state; and

2. Purchases at least seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) tons of Oklahoma-mined coal in the tax year.

The additional credit allowed pursuant to this subsection shall be in the amount of Three Dollars ($3.00) per ton for each ton of Oklahoma-mined coal purchased by such person.

D. Except as otherwise provided in subsection E of this section and in ~~subsection M~~ subsections M and N of this section, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, and ending on or before December 31, 2021, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title or Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes for every person in this state primarily engaged in mining, producing or extracting coal, and holding a valid permit issued by the Oklahoma Department of Mines. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, and ending on or before December 31, 2005, and for the period beginning January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, the credit shall be in the amount of ninety-five cents ($0.95) per ton and for the period of July 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006, and for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, the credit shall be in the amount of Five Dollars ($5.00) for each ton of coal mined, produced or extracted in on, under or through a permit in this state by such person.

E. In addition to the credit allowed pursuant to the provisions of subsection D of this section and except as otherwise provided in subsection F of this section, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, and ending on or before December 31, 2005, and for the period of January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title or Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes for every person in this state primarily engaged in mining, producing or extracting coal, and holding a valid permit issued by the Oklahoma Department of Mines in the amount of ninety-five cents ($0.95) per ton for each ton of coal mined, produced or extracted from thin seams in this state by such person; provided, the credit shall not apply to such coal sold to any consumer who purchases at least seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) tons of Oklahoma-mined coal per year.

F. In addition to the credit allowed pursuant to the provisions of subsection D of this section and except as otherwise provided in subsection G of this section, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, and ending on or before December 31, 2005, and for the period of January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title or that portion of the tax imposed by Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which is actually paid to and placed into the General Revenue Fund, in the amount of ninety-five cents ($0.95) per ton for each ton of coal mined, produced or extracted from thin seams in this state by such person on or after July 1, 2005.

G. The credits provided in subsections D and E of this section shall not be allowed for coal mined, produced or extracted in any month in which the average price of coal is Sixty-eight Dollars ($68.00) or more per ton, excluding freight charges, as determined by the Tax Commission.

H. The additional credits allowed pursuant to subsections B, C, D and E of this section but not used shall be freely transferable after January 1, 2002, but not later than December 31, 2013, by written agreement to subsequent transferees at any time during the five (5) years following the year of qualification; provided, the additional credits allowed pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of subsection B of this section but not used shall be freely transferable after January 1, 2008, but not later than December 31, 2013, by written agreement to subsequent transferees at any time during the five (5) years following the year of qualification. An eligible transferee shall be any taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title or Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The person originally allowed the credit and the subsequent transferee shall jointly file a copy of the written credit transfer agreement with the Tax Commission within thirty (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of credit being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the transferring person and the tax year or years for which the credit may be claimed. The Tax Commission may promulgate rules to permit verification of the validity and timeliness of a tax credit claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not promulgate any rules which unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of such tax credit.

I. The additional credit allowed pursuant to subsection F of this section but not used shall be freely transferable on or after July 1, 2006, but not later than December 31, 2013, by written agreement to subsequent transferees at any time during the five (5) years following the year of qualification. An eligible transferee shall be any taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title or Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The person originally allowed the credit and the subsequent transferee shall jointly file a copy of the written credit transfer agreement with the Tax Commission within thirty (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of credit being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the transferring person and the tax year or years for which the credit may be claimed. The Tax Commission may promulgate rules to permit verification of the validity and timeliness of a tax credit claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not promulgate any rules which unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of such tax credit.

J. Any person receiving tax credits pursuant to the provisions of this section shall apply the credits against taxes payable or, subject to the limitation that credits earned after December 31, 2013, shall not be transferred, shall transfer the credits as provided in this section or, for credits earned on or after January 1, 2014, shall receive a refund pursuant to the provisions of subsection L of this section. Credits shall not be used to lower the price of any Oklahoma-mined coal sold that is produced by a subsidiary of the person receiving a tax credit under this section to other buyers of the Oklahoma-mined coal.

K. Except as provided by paragraph 2 of subsection L of this section, the credits allowed by subsections B, C, D, E and F of this section, upon election of the taxpayer, shall be treated and may be claimed as a payment of tax, a prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax for purposes of Section 1803 or 2355 of this title or Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

L. 1. With respect to credits allowed pursuant to the provisions of subsections B, C, D, E and F of this section earned prior to January 1, 2014, but not used in any tax year may be carried over in order to each of the five (5) years following the year of qualification.

2. With respect to credits allowed pursuant to the provisions of subsections B, C, D, E and F of this section which are earned but not used, based upon activity occurring on or after January 1, 2014, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall, at the taxpayer's election, refund directly to the taxpayer eighty-five percent (85%) of the face amount of such credits. The direct refund of the credits pursuant to this paragraph shall be available to all taxpayers, including, without limitation, pass-through entities and taxpayers subject to Section 2355 of this title. The amount of any direct refund of credits actually received at the eighty-five percent (85%) level by the taxpayer pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title. If the pass-through entity does not file a claim for a direct refund, the pass-through entity shall allocate the credit to one or more of the shareholders, partners or members of the pass-through entity; provided, the total of all credits refunded or allocated shall not exceed the amount of the credit or refund to which the pass-through

entity is entitled. For the purposes of this paragraph, "pass-through entity" means a corporation that for the applicable tax year is treated as an S corporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, trust or limited liability company that for the applicable tax year is not taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes.

M. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2012, according to the provisions of this section.

N. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other

act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.22, as last amended by Section 12, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.22), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.22. A. ~~For~~ Except as provided in subsection J of this section, for tax years beginning before January 1, 2020, there shall be allowed a one-time credit against the income tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property placed in service after December 31, 1990.

B. As used in this section, "qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property" means:

1. Equipment installed to modify a motor vehicle which is propelled by gasoline or diesel fuel so that the vehicle may be propelled by a hydrogen fuel cell, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas; provided, equipment installed on a vehicle propelled by a hydrogen fuel cell shall only be eligible for tax year 2010. The equipment covered by this paragraph must:

a. be new, not previously used to modify or retrofit any vehicle propelled by gasoline or diesel fuel and be installed by an alternative fuels equipment technician who is certified in accordance with the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act,

b. meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards set forth in 49 CFR 571, or

c. for any commercial motor vehicle (CMV), follow the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations or Oklahoma Intrastate Motor Carrier Regulations;

2. A motor vehicle originally equipped so that the vehicle may be propelled by a hydrogen fuel cell, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas but only to the extent of the portion of the basis of such motor vehicle which is attributable to the storage of such fuel, the delivery to the engine of such motor vehicle of such fuel, and the exhaust of gases from combustion of such fuel. A motor vehicle originally equipped so that the vehicle may be propelled by a hydrogen fuel cell shall only be eligible for tax year 2010;

3. Property, not including a building and its structural components, which is:

a. directly related to the delivery of compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas, or hydrogen, for commercial purposes or for a fee or charge, into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by such fuel including compression equipment and storage tanks for such fuel at the point where such fuel is so delivered but only if such property is not used to deliver such fuel into any other type of storage tank or receptacle and such fuel is not used for any purpose other than to propel a motor vehicle, or

b. a metered-for-fee, public access recharging system for motor vehicles propelled in whole or in part by electricity. The property covered by this paragraph must be new, and must not have been previously installed or used to refuel vehicles powered by compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen or electricity.

Any property covered by this paragraph which is related to the delivery of hydrogen into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle shall only be eligible for tax year 2010; or

4. Property which is directly related to the compression and delivery of natural gas from a private home or residence, for noncommercial purposes, into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by compressed natural gas. The property covered by this paragraph must be new and must not have been previously installed or used to refuel vehicles powered by natural gas.

C. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle originally designed by the manufacturer to operate lawfully and principally on streets and highways.

D. The credit provided for in subsection A of this section shall be as follows:

1. After ~~the effective date of this act~~ August 22, 2014, for the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property defined in paragraph 1 or 2 of subsection B of this section, forty-five percent (45%) of the cost of the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property;

2. For qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property defined in paragraph 3 of subsection B of this section, a per-location credit of seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property; and

3. For qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property defined in paragraph 4 of subsection B of this section, a per-location credit of the lesser of fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property or Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00).

E. In cases where no credit has been claimed pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section by any prior owner and in which a motor vehicle is purchased by a taxpayer with qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property installed by the manufacturer of such motor vehicle and the taxpayer is unable or elects not to determine the exact basis which is attributable to such property, the taxpayer may claim a credit in an amount not exceeding the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the cost of the motor vehicle or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00).

F. If the tax credit allowed pursuant to subsection A of this section exceeds the amount of income taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer, the amount of the credit not used as an offset against the income taxes of a taxable year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent income tax liability for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

G. A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half (1/2) of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.

H. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is herein empowered to promulgate rules by which the purpose of this section shall be administered, including the power to establish and enforce penalties for violations thereof.

I. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2352 of this title, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Tax Commission shall calculate an amount that equals five percent (5%) of the cost of qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property as provided for in paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section for tax year 2012. For each subsequent fiscal year thereafter, the Tax Commission shall perform the same computation with respect to the second tax year preceding the beginning of each subsequent fiscal year. The Tax Commission shall then transfer an amount equal to the amount calculated in this subsection from the revenue derived pursuant to the provisions of subsections A, B and E of Section 2355 of this title to the Compressed Natural Gas Conversion Safety and Regulation Fund created in ~~Section 13 of this act~~ Section 130.25 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

J. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.27, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 33, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.27), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.27. A. Except as otherwise provided by ~~subsection E~~ subsections E and F of this section, for tax years beginning after December 31, 1998, and ending before January 1, 2017, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title for eligible expenses incurred by entities primarily engaged in the business of providing child care services.

B. As used in this section, "eligible expenses" means amounts paid by an entity primarily engaged in the business of providing child care services for expenses incurred by the entity to comply with the standards promulgated by a national accrediting association recognized by the Department of Human Services and which would not have been incurred by the entity to comply with the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act.

C. The credit allowed by subsection A of this section shall be twenty percent (20%) of the amount of eligible expenses. Such credit shall not be allowed for any amounts for which the entity claims or receives an income tax credit, exemption or deduction.

D. Any credits allowed but not used in any tax year may be carried over in order to each of the four (4) tax years following the year of qualification.

E. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other

act occurring on or after July 1, 2012, according to the provisions of this section.

F. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 370, O.S.L. 2013, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.29A), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.29A. A. ~~For~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection F of this section, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2011, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title for owners of residential real property whose primary residence was damaged or destroyed in a natural disaster occurring after December 31, 2011, for which a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration was issued or with respect to calendar year 2012 or calendar year 2013 for which a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration was not issued. The amount of the credit shall be the difference between the ad valorem property tax paid on such property and improvements in the year prior to the damage or destruction and the amount of ad valorem property tax paid on the property and improvements the first year after the improvement is complete. For purposes of this credit, the amount of ad valorem property tax paid the first year after the improvement is complete shall be based on the same or similar square footage as the property which was damaged or destroyed. For purposes of this section, a "natural disaster" shall mean a weather or fire event for which a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration was issued; provided, however, that with respect to damage or destruction caused by a tornado occurring in calendar year 2012 or in calendar year 2013 for which a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration was not issued, "natural disaster" shall include such a tornadic occurrence.

B. The credit shall be a refundable credit. Eligible taxpayers shall be entitled to claim this credit for five (5) consecutive years. After the first year the credit is claimed, the amount of the credit shall be eighty percent (80%) of the previous year's credit. If the taxpayer has no income tax liability, or if the credit exceeds the amount of the income tax liability of the taxpayer, then the credit, or balance thereof, shall be paid out in the same manner and out of the same fund as refunds of income taxes are paid and so much of the fund as is necessary for such purposes is hereby appropriated.

C. In order to qualify for this credit:

1. The property shall have been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster after December 31, 2011;

2. The property shall be within an area which has been declared a federal disaster area;

3. The property shall be the primary residence of the owner both prior to and after the natural disaster;

4. The owner shall have been granted a homestead exemption or be eligible to claim a homestead exemption both prior to and after the natural disaster;

5. The primary residence shall be repaired or rebuilt on the same property as it existed prior to the natural disaster; and

6. The primary residence shall be repaired or rebuilt and used as the primary residence no later than December 31, 2015, with respect to the calendar year 2012 or 2013 natural disaster and no later than thirty-six (36) months after the date of any natural disaster occurring on or after January 1, 2014.

D. The credit shall not be allowed if the property is transferred or title is changed or conveyed as defined in Section 2802.1 of this title. Any credit claimed and allowed prior to the transfer of the property or the change or conveyance of title shall not be affected.

E. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall promulgate any necessary rules and develop any necessary forms to implement the provisions of this section.

<u>F. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of</u>

this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.32A, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.32A), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.32A. A. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection H~~ subsections H and I of this section, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title to a taxpayer for the taxpayer's production and sale to an unrelated person of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities located in this state. As used in this section:

1. "Electricity generated by zero-emission facilities" means electricity that is exclusively produced by any facility located in this state with a rated production capacity of one megawatt (1 mw) or greater, constructed for the generation of electricity and placed in operation after June 4, 2001, which utilizes eligible renewable resources as its fuel source. The construction and operation of such facilities shall result in no pollution or emissions that are or may be harmful to the environment, pursuant to a determination by the Department of Environmental Quality; and

2. "Eligible renewable resources" means resources derived from:

a. wind,

b. moving water,

c. sun, or

d. geothermal energy.

B. For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1, 2003, and before January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit for the electricity generated on or after January 1, 2003, but prior to January 1, 2004, shall be seventy-five one-hundredths of one cent ($0.0075) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities. For electricity generated on or after January 1, 2004, but prior to January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent ($0.0050) per kilowatt-hour for electricity generated by zero-emission facilities. For electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to January 1, 2012, the amount of the credit shall be twenty-five one-hundredths of one cent ($0.0025) per kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities. For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2021, the amount of the credit for the electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007, shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent ($0.0050) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities.

C. Credits may be claimed with respect to electricity generated on or after January 1, 2003, during a ten-year period following the date that the facility is placed in operation on or after June 4, 2001.

D. 1. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, if the credit allowed pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of income taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer, the amount of the credit allowed but not used in any tax year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent income tax liability for a period not exceeding ten (10) years.

2. For credits generated, but not used, on or after January 1, 2014, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall refund, at the taxpayer's election, directly to the taxpayer eighty-five percent (85%) of the face amount of such credits. The direct refund of the credits pursuant to this paragraph shall be available to all taxpayers, including, without limitation, pass-through entities and taxpayers subject to Section 2355 of this title, but shall not be available to any entities falling within the provisions of subsection E of this section. The amount of any direct refund of credits actually received at the eighty-five percent (85%) level by the taxpayer pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title. If the pass-through entity does not file a claim for a direct refund, the pass-through entity shall allocate the credit to one or more of the shareholders, partners or

members of the pass-through entity; provided, the total of all credits refunded or allocated shall not exceed the amount of the credit or refund to which the pass-through entity is entitled. For the purposes of this paragraph, "pass-through entity" means a corporation that for the applicable tax year is treated as an S corporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, trust or limited liability company that for the applicable tax year is not taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes.

E. Any nontaxable entities, including agencies of the State of Oklahoma or political subdivisions thereof, shall be eligible to establish a transferable tax credit in the amount provided in subsection B of this section. Such tax credit shall be a property right available to a state agency or political subdivision of this state to transfer or sell to a taxable entity, whether individual or corporate, who shall have an actual or anticipated income tax liability under Section 2355 of this title. These tax credit provisions are authorized as an incentive to the State of Oklahoma, its agencies and political subdivisions to encourage the expenditure of funds in the development, construction and utilization of electricity from zero-emission facilities as defined in subsection A of this section.

F. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, the amount of the credit allowed, but not used, shall be freely transferable at any time during the ten (10) years following the year of qualification. Any person to whom or to which a tax credit is transferred shall have only such rights to claim and use the credit under the terms that would have applied to the entity by whom or by which the tax credit was transferred. The provisions of this subsection shall not limit the ability of a tax credit transferee to reduce the tax liability of the transferee, regardless of the actual tax liability of the tax credit transferor, for the relevant taxable period. The transferor initially allowed the credit and any subsequent transferees shall jointly file a copy of any written transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the name, address and taxpayer identification number or social security number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of the credit being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the transferor, and the tax year or years for which the credit may be claimed. The Tax Commission may promulgate rules to permit verification of the validity and timeliness of the tax credit claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not promulgate any rules that unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of such tax credit. The tax credit allowed by this section, upon the election of the taxpayer, may be claimed as a payment of tax, a prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax for purposes of Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title.

G. For electricity generation produced and sold in a calendar year, the tax credit allowed by the provisions of this section, upon election of the taxpayer, shall be treated and may be claimed as a payment of tax, a prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax for purposes of Section 2355 of this title on or after July 1 of the following calendar year.

H. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011. Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions of this section. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, may not be claimed for any period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. No credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012.

I. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment,

expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.41, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.41. A. Except as otherwise provided by ~~subsection I~~ subsections I and J of this section, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2000, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Sections 2355 and 2370 of this title or that portion of the tax imposed by Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes that would otherwise have been apportioned to the General Revenue Fund for qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred in connection with any certified historic hotel or historic newspaper plant building located in an increment or incentive district created pursuant to the Local Development Act or for qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred after January 1, 2006, in connection with any certified historic structure.

B. The amount of the credit shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the federal rehabilitation credit provided for in Section 47 of Title 26 of the United States Code. The credit authorized by this section may be claimed at any time after the relevant local governmental body responsible for doing so issues a certificate of occupancy or other document that is a precondition for the applicable use of the building or structure that is the basis upon which the credit authorized by this section is claimed.

C. All requirements with respect to qualification for the credit authorized by Section 47 of Title 26 of the United States Code shall be applicable to the credit authorized by this section.

D. If the credit allowed pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of income taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer, the amount of the credit allowed but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent income tax liability for a period not exceeding ten (10) years following the qualified expenditures.

E. All rehabilitation work to which the credit may be applied shall be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office which will in turn forward the information to the National Park Service for certification in accordance with 36 C.F.R., Part 67. A certified historic structure may be rehabilitated for any lawful use or uses, including without limitation mixed uses and still retain eligibility for the credit provided for in this section.

F. The amount of the credit allowed for any credit claimed for a certified historic hotel or historic newspaper plant building or any certified historic structure, but not used, shall be freely transferable, in whole or in part, to subsequent transferees at any time during the five (5) years following the year of qualification. Any person to whom or to which a tax credit is transferred shall have only such rights to claim and use the credit under the terms that would have applied to the entity by whom or by which the tax credit was transferred. The provisions of this subsection shall not limit the ability of a tax credit transferee to reduce the tax liability of the transferee regardless of the actual tax liability of the tax credit transferor for the relevant taxable period. The transferor of the credit and the transferee shall jointly file a copy of the written credit transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty (30) days of the transfer. Such filing of the written credit transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall perfect such transfer. The written agreement shall contain the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of credit being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the transferor, the tax year or years for which the credit may be claimed, and a representation by the transferor that the transferor has neither claimed for its own behalf nor conveyed such credits to any other transferee. The Tax Commission shall develop a standard form for use by subsequent transferees of the credit demonstrating eligibility for the transferee to reduce its applicable tax liabilities resulting from ownership of the credit. The Tax

Commission shall develop a system to record and track the transfers of the credit and certify the ownership of the credit and may promulgate rules to permit verification of the validity and timeliness of a tax credit claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not promulgate any rules which unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of such tax credit.

G. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this section, on or after January 1, 2009, if a credit allowed pursuant to this section which has been transferred is subsequently reduced as the result of an adjustment by the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Commission, or any other applicable government agency, only the transferor originally allowed the credit and not any subsequent transferee of the credit, shall be held liable to repay any amount of disallowed credit.

H. As used in this section:

1. "Certified historic hotel or historic newspaper plant building" means a hotel or newspaper plant building that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty (30) months of taking the credit pursuant to this section.

2. "Certified historic structure" means a building that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty (30) months of taking the credit pursuant to this section or a building located in Oklahoma which is certified by the State Historic Preservation Office as contributing to the historic

significance of a certified historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or a local district that has been certified by the State Historic Preservation Office as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and

3. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" means capital expenditures that qualify for the federal rehabilitation credit provided in Section 47 of Title 26 of the United States Code and that were paid after December 31, 2000. Qualified rehabilitation expenditures do not include capital expenditures for nonhistoric additions except an addition that is required by state or federal regulations that relate to safety or accessibility. In addition, qualified rehabilitation expenditures do not include expenditures related to the cost of acquisition of the property.

I. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions of this section. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, may not be claimed for any period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. No credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012.

J. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.43, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.43. ~~For~~ A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2001, there shall be allowed to a resident individual or a part-year resident individual as a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title five percent (5%) of the earned income tax credit allowed under Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, 26 U.S.C., Section 32. However, this credit shall not be paid in advance pursuant to the provisions of Section 3507 of the Internal Revenue Code. If the credit exceeds the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title, the excess amount shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

The maximum earned income tax credit allowable on the Oklahoma income tax return shall be prorated on the ratio that Oklahoma adjusted gross income bears to the federal adjusted gross income.

B. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.45, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.45. A. 1. ~~For~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection E of this section, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2004, there shall be allowed against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title, a credit for any taxpayer who makes a donation to an independent biomedical research institute and for tax years beginning after December 31, 2010, a credit for any taxpayer who makes a donation to a cancer research institute.

2. The credit authorized by paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be limited as follows:

a. for calendar year 2007 and all subsequent years, the credit percentage, not to exceed fifty percent (50%), shall be adjusted annually so that the total estimate of the credits does not exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00) annually. The formula to be used for the percentage adjusted shall be fifty percent (50%) times One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) divided by the credits claimed in the preceding year for each donation to an independent biomedical research institute and fifty percent (50%) times One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) divided by the credits claimed in the preceding year for each donation to a cancer research institute,

b. in no event shall a taxpayer claim more than one credit for a donation to any independent biomedical research institute and one credit for a donation to a cancer research institute in each taxable year nor shall the credit exceed One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for each taxpayer for each type of donation,

c. for tax year 2011, no more than Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) in total tax credits for donations to a cancer research institute shall be allowed,

d. in no event shall more than fifty percent (50%) of the Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00) in total tax credits authorized by this section, for any calendar year after ~~the effective date of this act~~ January 1, 2011, be allocated for credits for donations to a cancer research institute, and

e. in the event the total tax credits authorized by this section exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) in any calendar year for either a cancer research institute or an independent biomedical research institute, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall permit any excess over One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) but shall factor such excess into the percentage adjustment formula for subsequent years for that type of donation. However, any such adjustment to the formula for donations to an independent biomedical research institute shall not affect the formula for donations to a cancer research institute, and any such adjustment to the formula for donations to a cancer research institute shall not affect the formula for donations to an independent biomedical research institute.

3. For purposes of this section, "independent biomedical research institute" means an organization which is exempt from

taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3) whose primary focus is conducting peer-reviewed basic biomedical research. The organization shall:

a. have a board of directors,

b. be able to accept grants in its own name,

c. be an identifiable institute that has its own employees and administrative staff, and

d. receive at least Fifteen Million Dollars ($15,000,000.00) in National Institute of Health funding each year.

4. For purposes of this section, "cancer research institute" means an organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and whose primary focus is raising the standard of cancer clinical care in Oklahoma through peer-reviewed cancer research and education or a not-for-profit supporting organization, as that term is defined by the Internal Revenue Code, affiliated with a tax-exempt organization whose primary focus is raising the standard of cancer clinical care in Oklahoma through peer-reviewed cancer research and education. The tax-exempt organization whose primary focus is raising the standard of cancer clinical care in Oklahoma through peer-reviewed cancer research and education shall:

a. either be an independent research institute or a program that is part of a state university which is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and

b. receive at least Four Million Dollars ($4,000,000.00) in National Cancer Institute funding each year.

B. In no event shall the amount of the credit exceed the amount of any tax liability of the taxpayer.

C. Any credits allowed but not used in any tax year may be carried over, in order, to each of the four (4) years following the year of qualification.

D. The Tax Commission shall have the authority to prescribe forms for purposes of claiming the credit authorized by this section.

E. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.46, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.46. A. Except as otherwise provided by ~~subsection G~~ subsections G and H of this section, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2005, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of ~~Title 68 of Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title for eligible expenditures incurred by a contractor in the construction of energy efficient residential property of two thousand (2,000) square feet or less. The amount of the credit shall be based upon the following:

1. For any eligible energy efficient residential property constructed and certified as forty percent (40%) or more above the International Energy Conservation Code 2003 and any supplement in effect at the time of completion, the amount of the credit shall be equal to the eligible expenses, not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000.00) for the taxpayer who is the contractor; and

2. For any eligible energy efficient residential property constructed and certified as between twenty percent (20%) and thirty-nine percent (39%) above the International Energy Conservation Code 2003 and any supplement in effect at the time of completion, the credit shall be equal to the eligible expenditures, not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) for the taxpayer who is the contractor.

B. As used in this section:

1. "Eligible expenditure" means any:

a. energy efficient heating or cooling system,

b. insulation material or system which is specifically and primarily designed to reduce the heat gain or loss of a residential property when installed in or on such property,

c. exterior windows, including skylights,

d. exterior doors, and

e. any metal roof installed on a residential property, but only if such roof has appropriate pigmented coatings which are specifically and primarily designed to reduce the heat gain of such dwelling unit and which meet Energy Star program requirements;

2. "Contractor" means the taxpayer who constructed the residential property or manufactured home, or if more than one taxpayer qualifies as the contractor, the primary contractor; and

3. "Eligible energy efficient residential property" means a newly constructed residential property or manufactured home property which is located in the State of Oklahoma and substantially complete after December 31, 2005, and which is two thousand (2,000) square feet or less:

a. for the credit provided pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, which is certified by an accredited Residential Energy Services Network Provider using the Home Energy Rating System to have:

(1) a level of annual heating and cooling energy consumption which is at least forty percent (40%) below the annual level of heating and cooling energy consumption of a comparable residential property constructed in accordance with the standards of Chapter 4 of the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code, as such code is in effect on ~~the effective date of this act~~ November 1, 2005,

(2) heating and cooling equipment efficiencies which correspond to the minimum allowed under the regulations established by the Department of Energy pursuant to the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 and in effect at the time of construction of the property, and

(3) building envelope component improvements which account for at least one-fifth of the reduced annual heating and cooling energy consumption levels,

b. for the credit provided pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, which is certified by an accredited Residential Energy Services Network Provider using the Home Energy Rating System to have:

(1) a level of annual heating and cooling energy consumption which is between twenty percent (20%) and thirty-nine percent (39%) below the annual level of heating and cooling energy consumption of a comparable residential property constructed in accordance with the standards of Chapter 4 of the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code, as such code is in effect on ~~the effective date of this act~~ November 1, 2005,

(2) heating and cooling equipment efficiencies which correspond to the minimum allowed under the regulations established by the Department of Energy pursuant to the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 and in effect at the time of construction of the property, and

(3) building envelope component improvements which account for at least one-third of the reduced annual heating and cooling energy consumption levels.

C. The credit provided for in subsection A of this section may only be claimed once for the contractor of any eligible residential energy efficient property during the taxable year when the property is substantially complete.

D. If the credit allowed pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of income taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer, the amount of credit allowed but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent income tax liability for a period not exceeding four (4) years following the qualified expenditures.

E. For credits earned on or after ~~the effective date of this act~~ July 1, 2006, the credits authorized by this section shall be freely transferable to subsequent transferees.

F. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this act.

G. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010 for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2012, according to the provisions of this section.

H. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment,

expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.47, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 292, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.47), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.47. A. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection D of this section, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2005, and ending before January 1, 2015, there shall be allowed against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title, a credit for eligible wages paid by an employer to an employee. The amount of the credit shall be ten percent (10%) of the amount of the gross wages paid to the employee for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days but in no event shall the credit exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for each employee of each taxpayer. In no event shall the total credit claimed exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) in any one year for any taxpayer.

2. Except as otherwise provided by ~~subsection D~~ subsections D and E of this section, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2005, and ending before January 1, 2017, there shall be allowed

against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title, a credit for eligible modification expenses of an employer. The amount of the credit shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the funds expended for eligible modification expenses or new tools or equipment but in no event shall the credit exceed One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for eligible modification expenses incurred for any single employee. In no event shall the total credit claimed exceed Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) in any year for any taxpayer.

3. As used in this section:

a. "employee", "employer", "maximum medical improvement", "treating physician", and "wages" shall be defined as in Title 85 <u>A</u> of the Oklahoma Statutes,

b. "eligible wages" means gross wages paid by an employer to an employee who is injured as a result of an injury which is compensable under Title 85 <u>A</u> of the Oklahoma Statutes and which are paid beginning when the employee returns to work with restricted duties as provided by the employee's treating physician or an independent medical examiner before the employee has reached maximum medical improvement, and ending after ninety (90) days or when the employee has reached maximum medical improvement, and

c. "eligible modification expenses" means expenses incurred by an employer to modify a workplace, tools or equipment or to obtain new tools or equipment and which are incurred by an employer solely to enable a specific injured employee who is injured as a result of an injury which is compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act to return to work with restricted duties as provided by the employee's treating physician or an independent medical examiner before the employee has reached maximum medical improvement, and which workplace, tools or equipment are used primarily by the injured employee.

B. In no event shall the amount of the credit(s) exceed the amount of any tax liability of the taxpayer.

C. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall have the authority to promulgate rules necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

D. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other

act occurring on or after July 1, 2012, according to the provisions of this section.

E. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.104, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.104. A. Except as otherwise provided by ~~subsection G~~ subsections G and H of this section, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title equal to fifty percent (50%) of an eligible taxpayer's qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures.

B. 1. Except as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection, the amount of the credit shall be limited to the product of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for tax year 2007 and Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) for tax year 2008 and subsequent tax years and the number of miles of railroad track owned or leased within this state by the eligible taxpayer as of the close of the taxable year.

2. In tax year 2009 and subsequent tax years, a taxpayer may elect to increase the limit provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection to an amount equal to three times the limit specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection for qualified expenditures made in the tax year, provided the taxpayer may only claim one third (1/3) of the credit in any one taxable period.

C. The credit allowed pursuant to subsection A of this section but not used shall be freely transferable, by written agreement, to subsequent transferees at any time during the five (5) years following the year of qualification. An eligible transferee shall be any taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title. The person originally allowed the credit and the subsequent transferee shall jointly file a copy of the written credit transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of credit being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the transferring person and the tax year or years for which the credit may be claimed. The Tax Commission shall promulgate rules to permit verification of the timeliness of a tax credit claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not promulgate any rules which unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of such tax credit. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules to permit verification of the eligibility of an eligible taxpayer's expenditures for the purpose of claiming the credit. The rules shall provide for the approval of qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures prior to commencement of a project and provide a certificate of verification upon completion of a project that uses qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures. The certificate of verification shall satisfy all requirements of the Tax Commission pertaining to the eligibility of the person claiming the credit.

D. Any credits allowed pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section but not used in any tax year may be carried over in order to each of the five (5) years following the year of qualification.

E. A taxpayer who elects to increase the limitation on the credit under paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section shall not be granted additional credits under subsection A of this section during the period of such election.

F. As used in this section:

1. "Class II and Class III railroad" means a railroad that is classified by the United States Surface Transportation Board as a Class II or Class III railroad;

2. "Eligible taxpayer" means any Class II or Class III railroad; and

3. "Qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures" means expenditures for:

a. reconstruction or replacement of railroad infrastructure including track, roadbed, bridges, industrial leads and track-related structures owned or leased by a Class II or Class III railroad as of January 1, 2006, or

b. new construction of industrial leads, switches, spurs and sidings and extensions of existing sidings by a Class II or Class III railroad.

G. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2012, according to the provisions of this section.

<u>H. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for</u>

<u>which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.</u>

SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.206, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 2015 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.206), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.206. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act".

B. 1. Except as provided in ~~subsection F~~ <u>subsections F and M</u> of this section, after August 26, 2011, there shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible scholarship-granting organization. The credit shall be equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of contributions made during a taxable year, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for single individuals, Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) for married individuals filing jointly, or One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) for any taxpayer which is a legal business entity including limited and general partnerships, corporations, subchapter S corporations and limited liability companies; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the caps established pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section, the credit shall be equal to the taxpayer's proportionate share of the cap for the taxable year, as determined pursuant to subsection H of this section.

2. For any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible scholarship-granting organization and makes a written commitment to contribute the same amount for an additional year, the credit for the first year and the additional year shall be equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount of the contribution made during a taxable year, not to exceed the amounts established in paragraph 1 of this subsection for the taxable year in which the credit provided in this subsection is claimed. The taxpayer shall provide evidence of the written commitment to the Oklahoma Tax Commission at the time of filing the refund claim.

3. The credits authorized pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be allocable to the partners, shareholders, members or other equity owners of a taxpayer that is authorized to be treated as a partnership for purposes of federal income tax reporting for the taxable year for which the tax credits authorized by this subsection are claimed on the applicable return, together with required schedules, forms or reports of the partners, shareholders, members or other equity owners of the taxpayer. Tax credits which are allocated to such equity owners shall only be limited in amount for the income tax return of a natural person or persons based upon the limitation of the total credit amount to the

entity from which the tax credits have been allocated and shall not be limited to One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for single individuals or limited to Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) for married persons filing a joint return.

4. On or before December 31, 2017, and once every four (4) years thereafter, such scholarship-granting organization and educational improvement granting organization shall submit to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, an audited financial statement for the organization along with information detailing the benefits, successes or failures of the program.

C. 1. Except as provided in ~~subsection F~~ subsections F and M of this section, after August 26, 2011, there shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible educational improvement grant organization. The credit shall be equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of contributions made during a taxable year, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for single individuals, Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) for married individuals filing jointly, or One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) for any taxpayer which is a legal business entity including limited and general partnerships, corporations, subchapter S corporations and limited liability companies; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap established pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection D of this section, the credit shall be equal to the taxpayer's proportionate share of the cap for the taxable year, as determined pursuant to subsection H of this section.

2. For any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible educational improvement grant organization and makes a written commitment to contribute the same amount for an additional year, the credit for the first year and the additional year shall be equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount of the contribution made during a taxable year, not to exceed the amounts established in paragraph 1 of this subsection for the taxable year in which the credit provided in this subsection is claimed; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap established pursuant to paragraph 3 of this subsection, the credit shall be equal to the taxpayer's proportionate share of the cap for the taxable year, as determined pursuant to subsection H of this section. The taxpayer shall provide evidence of the written commitment to the Oklahoma Tax Commission at the time of filing the refund claim.

3. The credits authorized pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be allocable to the partners, shareholders, members or other equity owners of a taxpayer that is authorized to be treated as a partnership for purposes of federal income tax reporting for the taxable year for which the tax credits authorized by this subsection are claimed on the applicable return, together

with required schedules, forms or reports of the partners, shareholders, members or other equity owners of the taxpayer. Tax credits which are allocated to such equity owners shall only be limited in amount for the income tax return of a natural person or persons based upon the limitation of the total credit amount to the entity from which the tax credits have been allocated and shall not be limited to One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for single individuals or limited to Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) for married persons filing a joint return.

D. 1. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection B of this section for all taxpayers shall not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,500,000.00) annually.

2. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection C of this section for all taxpayers shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000.00) annually.

3. The cap on total credits provided for in this subsection shall be allocated by the Tax Commission as provided in subsection H of this section.

E. For credits claimed for eligible contributions made during tax year 2014 and thereafter, a credit shall not be allowed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission for contributions made to a scholarship-granting organization or an educational improvement grant organization if that organization's percentage of funds actually awarded is less than ninety percent (90%). For purposes of this section, the "percentage of funds actually awarded" shall be determined by dividing the total amount of funds actually awarded as educational scholarships or educational improvement grants over the most recent twenty-four (24) months by the total amount available to award as educational scholarships or educational improvement grants over the most recent twenty-four (24) months.

F. Any tax credits which are earned by a taxpayer pursuant to this section during the time period beginning on ~~the effective date of this act~~ August 26, 2011, through December 31, 2012, may not be claimed for any period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2013. No credits which accrue during the time period beginning on ~~the effective date of this act~~ August 26, 2011, through December 31, 2012, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2013.

G. As used in this section:

1. "Eligible student" means a child of school age who is lawfully present in the United States and who is a member of a household in which the total annual income during the preceding tax year does not exceed an amount equal to three hundred percent (300%) of the income standard used to qualify for a free or reduced school lunch or who, during the immediately preceding school year, attended or, by virtue of the location of such student's place of residence, was eligible to attend a public school in this state which has been identified for school improvement as determined by the State Board

of Education pursuant to the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. No. 107-110. Once a student has received an educational scholarship, as defined in paragraph 3 of this subsection, the student and any siblings who are members of the same household shall remain eligible until they graduate from high school or reach twenty-one (21) years of age, whichever occurs first;

2. "Eligible special needs student" means a child who has been provided services under an Individual Family Service Plan through the SoonerStart program and during transition was evaluated and determined to be eligible for school district services, a child of school age who has attended public school in our state with an individualized education program pursuant to the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.A., Section 1400 et seq. or a child who has been diagnosed by a clinical professional as having a significant disability that will affect learning and who has been approved by the board of a scholarship-granting organization;

3. "Educational scholarships" means:

a. scholarships to an eligible student of up to Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) or eighty percent (80%) of the statewide annual average per-pupil expenditure as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, whichever is greater, to cover all or part of the tuition, fees and transportation costs of a qualified school which is accredited by the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

b. scholarships to an eligible student of up to Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) or eighty percent (80%) of the statewide annual average per-pupil expenditure as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, whichever is greater, to cover the educational costs of a qualified school which does not charge tuition, which enrolls special populations of students and which is accredited by the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

c. scholarships to an eligible special needs student of up to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) to cover all or part of the tuition, fees and transportation costs of a qualified school for eligible special needs students which is accredited by the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

4. "Low-income eligible student" means an eligible student or eligible special needs student who qualifies for a free or reduced-price lunch;

5. "Qualified school" means an early childhood, elementary or secondary private school in this state, including schools which provide special educational programs for three-year-olds or prekindergarten educational programs for four-year-olds, which:

a. is accredited by the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

b. is in compliance with all applicable health and safety laws and codes,

c. has a stated policy against discrimination in admissions on the basis of race, color, national origin or disability, and

d. ensures academic accountability to parents and guardians of students through regular progress reports;

6. "Qualified school for eligible special needs students" means an early childhood, elementary or secondary private school in a county in this state, including schools which provide special educational programs for three-year-olds or prekindergarten educational programs for four-year-olds;

7. "Scholarship-granting organization" means an organization which:

a. is a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3),

b. distributes periodic scholarship payments as checks made out to an eligible student's or eligible special needs student's parent or guardian and mailed to the qualified school where the student is enrolled,

c. spends no more than ten percent (10%) of its annual revenue on expenditures other than educational scholarships as defined in paragraph 3 of this subsection,

d. spends each year a portion of its expenditures on educational scholarships for low-income eligible students, as defined in paragraph 4 of this subsection, in an amount equal to or greater than the percentage of low-income eligible students in the state,

e. ensures that scholarships are portable during the school year and can be used at any qualified school that accepts the eligible student or at any qualified school for special needs students that accepts the eligible special needs student,

f. registers with the Oklahoma Tax Commission as a scholarship-granting organization, and

g. has policies in place to:

(1) carry out criminal background checks on all employees and board members to ensure that no individual is involved with the organization who might reasonably pose a risk to the appropriate use of contributed funds, and

(2) maintain full and accurate records with respect to the receipt of contributions and expenditures of those contributions and supply such records and any other documentation required by the Tax Commission to demonstrate financial accountability;

8. "Annual revenue" means the total amount or value of contributions received by an organization from taxpayers awarded credits during the organization's fiscal year and all amounts earned from interest or investments;

9. "Public school" means public schools as defined in Section 1-106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10. "Eligible school" means any public school that is not located within a ten-mile radius of a qualified school in this state, or any public school that is located within a ten-mile radius of a qualified school in this state but offers grade-level

instruction different from the qualified school or any public school located within a public school district with fewer than four thousand five hundred (4,500) students;

11. "Early childhood education program" means a special educational program for eligible special needs students who are three (3) years of age or a prekindergarten educational program provided to children who are at least four (4) years of age but not more than five (5) years of age on or before September 1;

12. "Innovative educational program" means an advanced academic or academic improvement program that is not part of the regular coursework of a public school but that enhances the curriculum or academic program of the school or provides early childhood education programs to students;

13. "Educational improvement grant" means a grant to an eligible public school to implement an innovative educational program for students, including the ability for multiple public schools to make an application and be awarded a grant to jointly provide an innovative educational program; and

14. "Educational improvement grant organization" means an organization which:

a. is a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and

b. contributes at least ninety percent (90%) of its annual receipts as grants to eligible schools for innovative educational programs. For purposes of this subparagraph, an educational improvement grant organization contributes its annual cash receipts when it expends or otherwise irrevocably encumbers those funds for expenditure during the then current fiscal year of the organization or during the next succeeding fiscal year of the organization.

H. Total credits authorized by this section shall be allocated as follows:

1. By January 10 of the year immediately following each calendar year, a scholarship-granting organization or an educational improvement grant organization which accepts contributions pursuant to this section shall provide electronically to the Tax Commission information on each contribution accepted during such taxable year. At least once each taxable year, the scholarship-granting organization or the educational improvement grant organization shall notify each contributor that Oklahoma law provides for a total, statewide cap on the amount of income tax credits allowed annually;

2. a. If the Tax Commission determines the total combined credits claimed for contributions made to scholarship-granting organizations during the most recently completed calendar year by all taxpayers are in excess

of the statewide caps provided in paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section, the Tax Commission shall determine the percentage of the contribution which establishes the proportionate share of the credit which may be claimed by any taxpayer so that the maximum credits authorized by this section are not exceeded.

b. If the Tax Commission determines the total combined credits claimed for contributions made to educational improvement grant organizations during the most recently completed calendar year by all taxpayers are in excess of the statewide caps provided in paragraph 2 of subsection D of this section, the Tax Commission shall determine the percentage of the contribution which establishes the proportionate share of the credit which may be claimed by any taxpayer so that the maximum credits authorized by this section are not exceeded; and

3. The Tax Commission shall publish the percentage of the contribution which may be claimed as a credit by contributors for the most recently completed calendar year on the Tax Commission website no later than February 15 of each calendar year for contributions made the previous year. Each scholarship-granting

organization or educational improvement grant organization shall notify contributors of that amount annually.

I. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0).

J. Any credits allowed but not used in any tax year may be carried over, in order, to each of the three (3) years following the year of qualification.

K. 1. In order to qualify under this section, an educational improvement grant organization shall submit an application with information to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on a form prescribed by the Tax Commission that:

a. enables the Tax Commission to confirm that the organization is a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and

b. describes the proposed innovative educational program or programs supported by the organization.

2. The Tax Commission shall review and approve or disapprove the application, in consultation with the State Department of Education.

3. In order to maintain eligibility under this section, an educational improvement grant organization shall annually report the following information to the Tax Commission by September 1 of each year:

a. the name of the innovative educational program or programs and the total amount of the grant or grants made to those programs during the immediately preceding school year,

b. a description of how each grant was utilized during the immediately preceding school year and a description of any demonstrated or expected innovative educational improvements,

c. the names of the public school and school districts where innovative educational programs that received grants during the immediately preceding school year were implemented,

d. where the organization collects information on a county-by-county basis, and

e. the total number and total amount of grants made during the immediately preceding school year for innovative educational programs at public school by each county in which the organization made grants.

4. The information required under paragraph 3 of this subsection shall be submitted on a form provided by the Tax Commission. No later than May 1 of each year, the Tax Commission shall annually distribute sample forms together with the forms on which the reports are required to be made to each approved organization.

5. The Tax Commission shall not require any other information be provided by an organization, except as expressly authorized in this section.

L. In consultation with the State Department of Education, the Tax Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this act. The rules shall include procedures for the registration of a scholarship-granting organization or an educational improvement grant organization for purposes of determining if the organization meets the requirements of this act or for the revocation of the registration of an organization, if applicable, and for notice as required in subsection H of this section.

<u>M. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.</u>

SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.302, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.302), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.302. A. Except as provided in ~~subsection F~~ subsections F and G of this section, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and ending before January 1, 2018, a qualified employer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed pursuant to Section 2355 of this title for tuition reimbursed to a qualified employee.

B. The credit authorized by subsection A of this section may be claimed only if the qualified employee has been awarded an undergraduate or graduate degree within one (1) year of commencing employment with the qualified employer.

C. The credit authorized by subsection A of this section shall be in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the tuition reimbursed to a qualified employee for the first through fourth years of employment. In no event shall this credit exceed fifty percent (50%) of the average annual amount paid by a qualified employee for enrollment and instruction in a qualified program at a public institution in Oklahoma.

D. The credit authorized by subsection A of this section shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of the qualified employer to less than zero (0).

E. No credit authorized by this section shall be claimed after the fourth year of employment.

F. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment,

expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011. Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2011, according to the provisions of this section.

G. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018.

SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.303, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.303), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.303. A. Except as provided in ~~subsection F~~ subsections F and G of this section, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and ending before January 1, 2018, a qualified employer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed pursuant to Section 2355 of this title for compensation paid to a qualified employee.

B. The credit authorized by subsection A of this section shall be in the amount of:

1. Ten percent (10%) of the compensation paid for the first through fifth years of employment in the aerospace sector if the qualified employee graduated from an institution located in this state; or

2. Five percent (5%) of the compensation paid for the first through fifth years of employment in the aerospace sector if the qualified employee graduated from an institution located outside this state.

C. The credit authorized by this section shall not exceed Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($12,500.00) for each qualified employee annually.

D. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of the qualified employer to less than zero (0).

E. No credit authorized pursuant to this section shall be claimed after the fifth year of employment.

F. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011. Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other

act occurring on or after July 1, 2011, according to the provisions of this section.

G. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018.

SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.304, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.304), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.304. A. Except as provided in ~~subsection D~~ subsections D and E of this section, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and ending before January 1, 2018, a qualified employee shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed pursuant to Section 2355 of this title of up to Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) per year for a period of time not to exceed five (5) years.

B. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0).

C. Any credit claimed, but not used, may be carried over, in order, to each of the five (5) subsequent taxable years.

D. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011. Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2011, according to the provisions of this section.

E. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018.

SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.401, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 34, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.401), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.401. A. Except as otherwise provided by subsections B ~~and~~, C and F of this section, for taxable years beginning January 1, 2009, and ending before January 1, 2017, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed pursuant to Section 2355 of this title in the amount of all electronic funds transfers fees paid by an individual or entity pursuant to Section 2-503.1j of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. For any fees paid by a person or entity for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2009, the credit otherwise authorized by this section shall not be claimed for an individual prior to January 1,

2011. Subject to the requirements of this subsection, an individual taxpayer shall be able to claim the credit authorized by this section for all fees paid during the tax year ending December 31, 2009, and the tax year ending December 31, 2010, on the income tax return filed for the tax year ending December 31, 2010.

C. For any fees paid by an entity other than a natural person for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2009, the credit otherwise authorized by this section shall not be claimed on an income tax return prior to January 1, 2011. Subject to the requirements of this subsection, an entity other than a natural person shall be able to claim the credit authorized by this section for all fees paid during a tax year ending at any time during calendar year 2009 and for all fees paid during calendar year 2010 on the income tax return filed for the tax year ending not later than December 31, 2010.

D. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to reduce the income tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0).

E. To the extent not used in any taxable year, the credit authorized by this section may be carried over, in order, to each of the five (5) succeeding taxable years.

F. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of

<u>this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.</u>

SECTION 20. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 421, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.403), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.403. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Affordable Housing Act".

B. As used in this section:

1. "Allocation year" means the year for which the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency allocates credits pursuant to this section;

2. "Eligibility statement" means a statement authorized and issued by the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency certifying that a given project qualifies for the Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credit authorized by this section. The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, under Title 330, Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, Chapter 36, Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program Rules, shall promulgate rules establishing criteria upon which the eligibility statements will be issued. The eligibility statement shall specify the amount of Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits allocated to a qualified project. The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency shall only authorize the tax credits created by this section to qualified projects which

are placed in service after July 1, 2015, but which shall not be used to reduce tax liability accruing prior to January 1, 2016;

3. "Federal low-income housing tax credit" means the federal tax credit as provided in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

4. "Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credit" means the tax credit created by this section;

5. "Qualified project" means a qualified low-income building as that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which is located in this state in a county with a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census; and

6. "Taxpayer" means a person, firm or corporation subject to the tax imposed by Section 2355 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title or an insurance company subject to the tax imposed by Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes or other financial institution subject to the tax imposed by Section 2370 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

C. For qualified projects placed in service after July 1, 2015, the amount of state tax credits created by this section which are allocated to a project shall be equal to that of the federal low-income housing tax credits for a qualified project. The total Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits allocated to all qualified projects for an allocation year shall not exceed Four Million Dollars

($4,000,000.00). For purposes of this section, the "credit period" shall mean the period of ten (10) taxable years and "placed in service" shall have the same meaning as is applicable under the federal credit program.

D. ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection L of this section, a taxpayer owning an interest in an investment in a qualified project shall be allowed Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits under this section for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, if the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency issues an eligibility statement for such project, which tax credit shall be allocated among some or all of the partners, members or shareholders of the taxpayer owning such interest in any manner agreed to by such partners, members or shareholders. Such taxpayer may assign its interest in the investment.

E. An insurance company claiming a credit against state premium tax or retaliatory tax or any other tax imposed by Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not be required to pay any additional retaliatory tax under Section 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes as a result of claiming the credit. The credit may fully offset any retaliatory tax imposed by Section 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero ($0.00).

G. Any credit claimed but not used in a taxable year may be carried forward to each of the five (5) subsequent taxable years.

H. The owner of a qualified project eligible for the credit authorized by this section shall submit, at the time of filing the tax return with the Oklahoma Tax Commission, an eligibility statement from the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency. In the case of failure to attach the eligibility statement, no credit under this section shall be allowed with respect to such project for that year until required documents are provided to the Tax Commission.

I. If under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a portion of any federal low-income housing credits taken on a qualified project is required to be recaptured during the first ten (10) years after a project is placed in service, the taxpayer claiming Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits with respect to such project shall also be required to recapture a portion of such credits. The amount of Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits subject to recapture shall be proportionally equal to the amount of federal low-income housing credits subject to recapture.

J. The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency or the Oklahoma Tax Commission may require the filing of additional documentation necessary to determine the accuracy of a tax credit claimed.

K. The Oklahoma Affordable Housing Act shall undergo a review every five (5) years by a committee of nine (9) persons, to be appointed three persons each by the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

<u>L. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.</u>

SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2358.7, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 2012 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2358.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2358.7. A. ~~For~~ <u>Except as otherwise provided by subsection G of this section, for</u> taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed pursuant to Section 2355 of this title an amount equal to:

1. Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) each year for which a volunteer firefighter provides proof of certification as required by subsection B of this section; and

2. Four Hundred Dollars ($400.00) each year following the taxable years for which a taxpayer is eligible for the credit

provided by paragraph 1 of this subsection for a volunteer firefighter providing proof of certification as required by subsection D of this section.

B. In order to claim the tax credit authorized by paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, a volunteer firefighter shall be required to provide adequate documentation to the Oklahoma Tax Commission of at least twelve (12) credited hours toward the State Support or State Basic Firefighter or Firefighter I from an internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board, their equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical services training approved by the Council on Firefighter Training and offered by Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training or Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education prior to or during the first taxable year for which a tax credit is claimed pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section. For the purpose of this subsection, the local fire chief shall be the authority having jurisdiction and shall choose and approve all volunteer firefighter training in the applicable department.

C. For each year subsequent to the first year for which a volunteer firefighter may claim the tax credit authorized by paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, in order to claim any further tax credits pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, the volunteer firefighter shall be required to provide documentation that the firefighter has completed an additional six

(6) hours of State Support or State Basic Firefighter or Firefighter I from an internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board, their equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical services training approved by the Council on Firefighter Training until such program or its equivalent is completed. For purposes of this subsection, equivalency shall be determined by the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training and Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training. For purposes of this subsection, Firefighter I or Firefighter II certifications or their equivalents may be provided in lieu of the State Support or State Basic Firefighter completion.

D. After having completed the State Support or State Basic Firefighter program, in order to be eligible for the tax credit authorized by paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, the volunteer firefighter shall:

1. Complete at least six (6) hours of continuing education each year until the volunteer firefighter completes Intermediate or Advanced Firefighter or Firefighter I from an internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board, their equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical services training approved by the Council on Firefighter Training or its equivalent. For purposes of this paragraph, equivalency shall be determined by the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training and Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training;

2. After completion of Intermediate or Advanced Firefighter or Firefighter I from an internationally recognized accrediting assembly or board, their equivalent, or other related fire or emergency medical services training approved by the Council on Firefighter Training, the volunteer firefighter shall complete six (6) hours of training per year to claim the tax credit. For the purpose of this subsection, the local fire chief shall be the authority having jurisdiction and shall choose and approve all volunteer firefighter training in the applicable department;

3. Provide documentation from the fire chief of the applicable department that the firefighter has been provided and participated in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities; and

4. Provide documentation from the fire chief of the applicable department that the volunteer firefighter has met the requirements under the fire department's constitution and bylaws and is a member in good standing of the department together with a record of the total number of years of service in good standing with such department.

E. The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training shall prescribe a reporting form for use by volunteer fire departments and by volunteer firefighters in order to provide the certifications required by this section.

F. The Oklahoma Tax Commission may require copies of such reporting form provided by the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training regarding training history to verify eligibility for the tax credits provided by this section.

<u>G. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.</u>

SECTION 22. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2370, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 41, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2370), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2370. A. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1989, for the privilege of doing business within this state, every state banking association, national banking association and credit union organized under the laws of this state, located or doing business within the limits of the State of Oklahoma shall annually pay to this state a privilege tax at the rate of six percent (6%) of the amount of the taxable income as provided in this section.

B. 1. The privilege tax levied by this section shall be in addition to the Business Activity Tax levied in Section 1218 of this title and the franchise tax levied in Article 12 of this title and in lieu of the tax levied by Section 2355 of this title and in lieu of all taxes levied by the State of Oklahoma, or any subdivision thereof, upon the shares of stock or personal property of any banking association or credit union subject to taxation under this section.

2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt the real property of any banking associations or credit unions from taxation to the same extent, according to its value, as other real property is taxed. Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt an association from payment of any fee or tax authorized or levied pursuant to the banking laws.

3. Personal property which is subject to a lease agreement between a bank or credit union, as lessor, and a nonbanking business entity or individual, as lessee, is not exempt from personal property ad valorem taxation. Provided further, that it shall be the duty of the lessee of such personal property to return sworn lists or schedules of their taxable property within each county to the county assessor of such county as provided in Sections 2433 and 2434 of this title.

C. Any tax levied under this section shall accrue on the last day of the taxable year and be payable as provided in Section 2375 of this title. The accrual of such tax for the first taxable year to which this act applies, shall apply notwithstanding the prior accrual of a tax in the same taxable year based upon the net income of the next preceding taxable year; provided, however, any additional deduction enuring to the benefit of the taxpayer shall be deducted in accordance with the optional transitional deduction procedures in Section 2354 of this title.

D. The basis of the tax shall be United States taxable income as defined in paragraph 10 of Section 2353 of this title and any adjustments thereto under the provisions of Section 2358 of this title with the following adjustments:

1. There shall be deducted all interest income on obligations of the United States government and agencies thereof not otherwise exempted and all interest income on obligations of the State of Oklahoma or political subdivisions thereof, including public trust authorities, not otherwise exempted under the laws of this state; and

2. Expense deductions claimed in arriving at taxable income under paragraph 10 of Section 2353 of this title shall be reduced by an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of excluded interest income on obligations of the United States government or agencies thereof and obligations of the State of Oklahoma or political subdivisions thereof.

E. 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~paragraph 2~~ paragraphs 2 and 3 of this subsection, before January 1, 2017, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax levied in subsection A of this section in an amount equal to the amount of taxable income received by a participating financial institution as defined in Section 90.2 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes pursuant to a loan made under the Rural Economic Development Loan Act. Such credit shall be limited each year to five percent (5%) of the amount of annual payroll certified by the Oklahoma Rural Economic Development Loan Program Review Board pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of subsection B of Section 90.4 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes with respect to the loan made by the participating financial institution and may be claimed for any number of years necessary until the amount of total credits claimed is equal to the total amount of taxable income received by the participating financial institution pursuant to the loan. Any credit allowed but not used in a taxable year may be carried forward for a period not to exceed five (5) taxable years. In no event shall a credit allowed pursuant to the provisions of this subsection be transferable or refundable.

2. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this subsection may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010 for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this paragraph shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012.

Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this subsection may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2012, according to the provisions of this subsection.

3. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this paragraph shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018.

SECTION 23. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2906, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2906. ~~Any~~ A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B of this section, any person sixty-five (65) years of age or older or any totally disabled person, who is the head of a household, a resident of and domiciled in this state during the entire preceding calendar year, and whose gross household income for such year does not exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00) may file a claim for property tax relief on the amount of property taxes paid on the household occupied by such person during the preceding calendar year. Each head of household shall be allowed to file only one claim per year.

B. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment,

expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 24. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 5011, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5011. A. Except as otherwise provided by subsections E and H of this section, beginning with the calendar year 1990 and for each calendar year through 1998, and for calendar year 2003, any individual who is a resident of and is domiciled in this state during the entire calendar year for which the filing is made and whose gross household income for such year does not exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00) may file a claim for sales tax relief.

B. For calendar years 1999, 2002 and 2004, any individual who is a resident of and is domiciled in this state during the entire calendar year for which the filing is made may file a claim for sales tax relief if the gross household income for such year does not exceed the following amounts:

1. For an individual not subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection and claiming no allowable personal exemption other than the allowable personal exemption for that individual or

the spouse of that individual, Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000.00); or

2. For an individual claiming one or more allowable personal exemptions other than the allowable personal exemption for that individual or the spouse of that individual, an individual with a physical disability constituting a substantial handicap to employment, or an individual who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older at the close of the tax year, Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00).

C. For calendar years 2000, 2001, 2005 and following, an individual who is a resident of and is domiciled in this state during the entire calendar year for which the filing is made may file a claim for sales tax relief if the gross household income for such year does not exceed the following amounts:

1. For an individual not subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection and claiming no allowable personal exemption other than the allowable personal exemption for that individual or the spouse of that individual, Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00); or

2. For an individual claiming one or more allowable personal exemptions other than the allowable personal exemption for that individual or the spouse of that individual, an individual with a physical disability constituting a substantial handicap to employment, or an individual who is sixty-five (65) years of age or

older at the close of the tax year, Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00).

D. The amount of the claim filed pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act shall be Forty Dollars ($40.00) multiplied by the number of allowable personal exemptions. As used in the Sales Tax Relief Act, "allowable personal exemption" means a personal exemption to which the taxpayer would be entitled pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Income Tax Act, except for:

1. The exemptions such taxpayer would be entitled to pursuant to Section 2358 of this title if such taxpayer or spouse is blind or sixty-five (65) years of age or older at the close of the tax year;

2. An exemption for a person convicted of a felony if during all or any part of the calendar year for which the claim is filed such person was an inmate in the custody of the Department of Corrections; or

3. An exemption for a person if during all or any part of the calendar year for which the claim is filed such person resided outside of this state.

E. A person convicted of a felony shall not be permitted to file a claim for sales tax relief pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5010 through 5016 of this title for the period of time during which the person is an inmate in the custody of the Department of Corrections. Such period of time shall include the entire calendar year if the person is in the custody of the

Department of Corrections during any part of the calendar year. The provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit all other members of the household of an inmate from filing a claim based upon the personal exemptions to which the household members would be entitled pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Income Tax Act.

F. The Department of Corrections shall withhold up to fifty percent (50%) of any money inmates receive for claims made pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act prior to September 1, 1991, for costs of incarceration.

G. For purposes of Section 139.105 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the gross household income of any individual who may file a claim for sales tax relief shall not exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00).

H. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2018, according to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 25. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

SECTION 26. 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.

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