

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
2 TO
3 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1273 By: Alvord of the Senate
4 and
5 Townley of the House
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7 [Department of Environmental Quality - Revolving
8 Fund - Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health
9 Assessment Study - coordination - appropriation -
10 codification - effective date -
11 emergency]
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13 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Deck
14 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause, and
15 entire bill and insert:
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18 "[Department of Environmental Quality - revolving
19 fund - Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health
20 Assessment Study - coordination - appropriation -
21 codification - effective date -
22 emergency]
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1 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-3-404 of Title 27A, unless
4 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
6 fund for the Department of Environmental Quality to be designated
7 the "Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study
8 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
9 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received
10 by the Department from appropriations, apportionments, donations,
11 and federal grants received for the purpose of completing the study
12 created pursuant to subsection B of this section. All monies
13 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may
14 be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose provided
15 for in this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
16 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
17 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
18 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

19 B. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1-3-101 of Title 27A
20 of the Oklahoma Statutes as it relates to waters emanating from a
21 sensitive sole source aquifer, the Department shall establish and
22 perform a Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment
23 Study. The Department shall first seek to coordinate with a
24 qualified in-state university for the purpose of defining the study

1 scope and conducting the work necessary to complete data collection
2 and the development of the Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream
3 Health Assessment Study. However, if no in-state universities are
4 qualified, the Department shall coordinate with the Center for
5 Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research at Baylor University for the
6 purpose of defining the study scope and conducting the work
7 necessary to complete data collection and the development of the
8 Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study. The
9 Department may coordinate with other relevant state and federal
10 agencies to effectuate the provisions of this section.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2024.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2024.

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

12 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-3-404 of Title 27A, unless
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
16 fund for the Department of Environmental Quality to be designated
17 the "Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study
18 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
19 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received
20 by the Department from appropriations, apportionments, donations,
21 and federal grants received for the purpose of completing the study
22 created pursuant to subsection B of this section. All monies
23 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may
24 be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose provided

1 for in this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
2 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
3 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
4 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

5 B. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1-3-101 of Title 27A
6 of the Oklahoma Statutes as it relates to waters emanating from a
7 sensitive sole source aquifer, the Department shall establish and
8 perform a Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment
9 Study. The Department shall coordinate with the Center for
10 Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research at Baylor University for the
11 purpose of defining the study scope and conducting the work
12 necessary to complete data collection and the development of the
13 Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study. The
14 Department may coordinate with other relevant state and federal
15 agencies to effectuate the provisions of this section.

16 SECTION 5. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of
17 Environmental Quality from any monies not otherwise appropriated
18 from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal
19 year ending June 30, 2023, the sum of One Million Dollars
20 (\$1,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform
21 the duties imposed upon the Department by law.

22 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

23 SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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7 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
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