1	ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
2	ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 600 By: Rader of the Senate
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7	An Act relating to sales tax; amending 68 O.S. 2021,
8	Sections 1364 and 1364.2, which relate to sales tax and special event permits; requiring individual to be
9	of certain age to obtain permit; authorizing parent or guardian to apply on behalf of minor; requiring
10	promoters or organizers to provide certain letter; requiring submission of certain list before special
11	event; modifying information required post-event; updating reference; updating statutory language; and
12	providing an effective date.
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15	AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill and insert:
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L7	"[ scholarships - Oklahoma Equal Opportunity
18	Education Scholarship Act - higher education
19	institution foundations - tax credits -
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
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SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2357.206, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 49, O.S.L. 2022 (68 O.S. Supp. 2022, 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  of this section, after August 26, 2011, there shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible scholarshipgranting 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, plus any suspended credits pursuant to subparagraph  $\frac{1}{2}$  of paragraph 2 of subsection  $\frac{1}{2}$  of this section; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap amount established pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection  $\frac{1}{2}$  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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 April 30, 2024, and once every two (2) years thereafter, such scholarship-granting organization and educational improvement grant organization shall electronically submit to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the chairs and vice chairs of the education committees of the Senate and House of Representatives an audited financial statement for the organization along with information detailing the benefits, successes, or failures of the program, and make publicly available on its website the financial statement and information submitted pursuant to this paragraph.
- C. 1. Except as provided in subsection & H 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. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 2 of this subsection, 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, plus any suspended credits pursuant to subparagraph  $\underline{e}$  of paragraph 2 of subsection  $\underline{F}$   $\underline{J}$  of this section; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap amount established pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of subsection  $\underline{F}$   $\underline{F}$  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  $\underline{F}$   $\underline{J}$  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 cap amount established in paragraphs 3 and 4 of subsection  $\Xi$  F of this section for the taxable year in which the credit provided in this paragraph is claimed; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap established pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of subsection  $\mathbf{E}$  F 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  $\pm$  J 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.

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- 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. For contributions made on or after January 1, 2022, there shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible public school foundation or public school district. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 2 of this subsection, 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 amount established pursuant to
  paragraph 4 of subsection # F 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 # J of this
  section.
  - 2. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 1 of this subsection, for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible public school foundation or public school district 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 cap amount established in paragraph 4 of subsection E F of this section for the taxable year in which the credit provided in this paragraph is claimed. The taxpayer shall provide evidence of the written commitment to the Oklahoma Tax Commission at the time of filing the refund claim; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap amount established pursuant to paragraph 4 of subsection  $\pm$  F 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  $\pm$  J of this section.

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- 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 April 30, 2024, and once every four (4) years thereafter, such eligible public school foundation and public school district shall submit to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives an audited financial statement for the organization along with information detailing the benefits, successes, or failures of the programs.
- E. 1. For contributions made on or after January 1, 2024, there shall be allowed a credit for any taxpayer who makes a

1 contribution to an eligible higher education institution foundation. 2 Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 2 of this subsection, the credit shall be equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of 3 4 contributions made during a taxable year, not to exceed One Thousand 5 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for single individuals, Two Thousand Dollars 6 (\$2,000.00) for married individuals filing jointly, or One Hundred 7 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for any taxpayer which is a legal 8 business entity including limited and general partnerships, 9 corporations, subchapter S corporations, and limited liability 10 companies; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this 11 paragraph exceed the cap amount established pursuant to paragraph 5 12 of subsection F of this section, the credit shall be equal to the 13 taxpayer's proportionate share of the cap for the taxable year, as 14 determined pursuant to subsection J of this section.

2. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph 1 of this subsection, for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible higher education institution foundation 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 cap amount established in paragraph 5 of subsection F of this section for the taxable year in which the credit provided in this paragraph is claimed. The taxpayer shall provide evidence of the written commitment to the

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  provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed

  the cap amount established pursuant to paragraph 5 of subsection F

  of this section, the credit shall be equal to the taxpayer's
- 5 proportionate share of the cap for the taxable year, as determined
- 6 pursuant to subsection J of this section.

- 3. The credits authorized pursuant to the provisions of this

  8 subsection shall be allocable to the partners, shareholders,

  9 members, or other equity owners of a taxpayer that is authorized to

  10 be treated as a partnership for purposes of federal income tax

  11 reporting for the taxable year for which the tax credits authorized
- with required schedules, forms, or reports of the partners,
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by this subsection are claimed on the applicable return, together

- credits which are allocated to such equity owners shall only be
- 16 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
- 20 individuals or limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for
- 21 married persons filing a joint return.
- 22 <u>4. On or before April 30, 2026, and once every four (4) years</u>
- 23 thereafter, each eligible higher education institution foundation
- 24 shall submit to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Governor, President

- 1 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the
- 2 | Oklahoma House of Representatives an audited financial statement for
- 3 | the foundation along with information detailing the benefits,
- 4 | successes, or failures of the program.
- $\underline{F}$ . Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection  $\underline{J}$  of this section:
- 7 1. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection B of
- 8 | this section for all taxpayers for tax years 2017 through 2021 shall
- 9 | not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
- 10 (\$3,500,000.00) annually;
- 11 2. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection B of
- 12 | this section for all taxpayers for tax years 2022 and subsequent tax
- 13 | years shall not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00)
- 14 annually;
- 15 3. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection C of
- 16 | this section for all taxpayers for tax years 2017 through 2021 shall
- 17 | not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00)
- 18 | annually;
- 19 4. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsections C and D
- 20 of this section for all taxpayers for tax year 2022 and subsequent
- 21 tax years shall not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars
- 22 (\$25,000,000.00) annually. In Except as otherwise provided pursuant
- 23 to subparagraph c of paragraph 2 of subsection J of this section, in
- 24 addition to the cap amount prescribed by this paragraph, the credit

amount shall also be limited to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of credits per public school district annually; and

- 5. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection E of this section for all taxpayers for tax year 2024 and subsequent tax years shall not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) annually. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subparagraph d of paragraph 2 of subsection J of this section, in addition to the cap amount prescribed by this paragraph, the credit amount shall also be limited to Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) of credits per public higher education institution annually; and
- $\underline{6.}$  The cap on total credits provided for in this subsection shall be allocated by the Tax Commission as provided in subsection  $\pm$  J of this section.
- F. G. 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.

G. H. Any tax credits which are earned by a taxpayer pursuant to this section during the time period beginning 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 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.

## H. I. 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-price 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;

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- 2. "Eligible special needs student" means a child who has been provided services under an Individualized 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,

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3		of the statewide annual average per-pupil expenditure
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6		greater, to cover the educational costs of a qualified
7		school which does not charge tuition, which enrolls
8		special populations of students, and which is
9		accredited by the State Board of Education or an
10		accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant
11		to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
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13	С.	scholarships to an eligible special needs student of
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17		eligible special needs students which is accredited by
18		the State Board of Education or an accrediting
19		association approved by the Board pursuant to Section
20		3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or
21	<u>d.</u>	scholarships to an eligible public higher education
22		institution student to cover all or part of the
23		tuition and fees for undergraduate courses at an

## institution authorized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

- 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

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- 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 public school district" means any public school;

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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;
- 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

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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; and

- 15. "Eligible public school foundation" means a nonprofit entity formed pursuant to the laws of this state and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to either Section 501(c)(3) or Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Each public school foundation must shall be approved by the local board of education prior to accepting qualifying donations;
- 16. "Eligible public higher education institution student"

  means a student who is enrolled in a public higher education

  institution in the state, 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-price school lunch; and
- 17. "Eligible higher education institution foundation" means a nonprofit entity formed pursuant to the laws of this state that is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to either Section 501

  (c) (3) or Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and is formed for the primary purpose of supporting a public higher education institution. Each public higher education

- institution foundation shall be approved by the governing board of
  the higher education institution prior to accepting qualifying
  donations.
  - $\overline{\text{J.}}$  Total credits authorized by this section shall be allocated as follows:

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- 1. By January 10 of the year immediately following each calendar year, a scholarship-granting organization, an educational improvement grant organization, an eligible public school foundation, example a public school district, or an eligible higher education institution foundation 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 entity making the report 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 cap amount provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection  $\pm \underline{F}$  of this section, the Tax Commission shall first allocate any amount of credits not claimed for contributions made to organizations

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authorized pursuant to subsections C and, D, and E of this section, then 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 total maximum credits authorized by this section are not exceeded.

b. If the Tax Commission determines the total combined credits claimed for contributions made to organizations authorized pursuant to subsections C and, D, and E of this section during the most recently completed calendar year by all taxpayers are in excess of the statewide cap amount provided in paragraphs 3 and, 4, and 5 of subsection  $\Xi$  F of this section, the Tax Commission shall first allocate any amount of credits not claimed for contributions made to scholarship-granting organizations, then 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.

c. If the Tax Commission determines the total combined credits claimed for contributions made to organizations authorized pursuant to subsections C and

D of this section during the most recently completed calendar year by all taxpayers are in excess of the per public school district cap of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) pursuant to paragraph 4 of subsection  $\pm F$  of this section, the Tax Commission shall first allocate any amount of credits not claimed for contributions made to other organizations authorized pursuant to subsections C and D of this section, then 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.

d. If the Tax Commission determines the total combined credits claimed for contributions made to organizations authorized pursuant to subsection E of this section during the most recently completed calendar year by all taxpayers are in excess of the per higher education institution cap of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) pursuant to paragraph 5 of subsection F of this section, the Tax Commission shall first allocate any amount of credits not claimed for contributions made to other organizations authorized pursuant to subsection E of this section, then 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.

- e. Beginning for tax year 2016, credits earned, but not allowed due to the application of statewide caps provided in subsection  $\pm$   $\underline{F}$  of this section will be considered suspended and authorized to be used in the next immediate tax year and applied to the next year's statewide cap; 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 organization authorized pursuant to subsections B, C, and D, and E of this section shall notify contributors of that amount annually.
- $\frac{J_{\star}}{K_{\star}}$  No tax credits authorized by this section shall be used to reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0).
- K. L. Any credits authorized by this section 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.

- $\underline{\text{H.}}$  M. 1. In order to qualify under this section, each organization authorized pursuant to subsections C and, D, and E of this section 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) or Section 509(a), and
  - 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 or the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
- 3. In order to maintain eligibility under this section, an organization authorized pursuant to subsections C and D of this section shall annually report the following information to the Tax Commission and publish on its website 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,

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- 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,
- 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. In order to maintain eligibility under this section, an organization authorized pursuant to subsection E of this section shall annually report the following information to the Tax

  Commission and publish on its website by September 1 of each year:
  - a. the name of the higher education institution

    scholarship program or programs and the total amount

    of funds distributed by the foundation through those

    programs during the immediately preceding school year,

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b. a description of how the scholarship funds were utilized during the immediately preceding school year, and

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- c. the total number and total amount of scholarships
  granted during the immediately preceding school year.
- 5. The information required under paragraph paragraphs 3 and 4 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. 6. The Tax Commission shall not require any other information be provided by an organization, except as expressly authorized in this section.
- M. N. 1. Beginning in 2023 for the 2022-2023 academic year, in order to maintain registration, a scholarship-granting organization shall annually report to the Tax Commission by September 1 of each year the following information regarding the educational scholarships funded by the organization in the previous academic year:
  - a. the name and address of the scholarship-granting organization,
  - b. the names of the qualifying schools that received funding for educational scholarships, the total amount

1 of funds paid to each qualifying school, and the total 2 number of scholarship recipients enrolled in each qualifying school, 3 the total number and total dollar amount of 4 C. 5 contributions received during the previous academic 6 year, 7 d. the total number and total dollar amount of educational scholarships awarded and funded during the 8 9 previous academic year, the total number, total dollar amount, and percentage 10 е. 11 of educational scholarships awarded and funded during 12 the previous academic year disaggregated into the 1.3 following categories: 14 low-income eligible students, (1)15 students who during the immediately preceding (2) 16 school year attended or who were eligible by 17 virtue of the residence of the student to attend 18 a public school in the state which was identified 19 for school improvement by the State Board of 20 Education, 2.1 (3) eligible special needs students, and 22 students who were first-time recipients of a (4)23 scholarship including information about the type 24 of public or private school the student was

enrolled in during the entire previous academic year,

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- f. the percentage of annual revenue received by the organization from donations which qualify for tax credits pursuant to this section which was not expended on scholarships,
- g. disaggregated data reported under this subsection shall be redacted if reporting would allow for identification of specific children, and shall be reported in accordance with the Student Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2013, division subparagraph b of subparagraph paragraph 2 of subsection C of Section 3-168 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), 20 U.S.C., Section 1232g, and
- h. the percentage of the total amount of education scholarship expenditures spent on low-income eligible students.
- 2. The Tax Commission shall make available on its website:
  - a. the information submitted by the scholarship-granting organization pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection,
  - b. a list of participating schools, and

- c. all other application information submitted to the Tax Commission by a scholarship-granting organization, except that information which would violate the privacy of an individual.
- 3. A scholarship-granting organization shall annually submit verification to the Tax Commission that the organization still meets the criteria set forth in paragraph 7 of subsection  $\frac{H}{I}$  of this section.
- N. O. Contributions made pursuant to subsections B, C, and D of this section shall not be used by the Legislature to reduce the amount appropriated for the financial support of public schools.
- OF P. In consultation with the State Department of Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Tax

  Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act. The rules shall include procedures for the registration of a scholarship-granting organization, an educational improvement grant organization, a public school foundation, or public school district, or public higher education institution foundation for purposes of determining if the organization meets the requirements of the Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act or for the revocation of the registration of an organization, if applicable, and for notice as required in subsection # J of this section.

1	SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2	of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4	be in full force from and after its passage and approval."
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6	Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 2023.
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1 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 600 By: Rader of the Senate 2 and 3 Pfeiffer of the House 4 5 An Act relating to sales tax; amending 68 O.S. 2021, 6 Sections 1364 and 1364.2, which relate to sales tax and special event permits; requiring individual to be 7 of certain age to obtain permit; authorizing parent or guardian to apply on behalf of minor; requiring 8 promoters or organizers to provide certain letter; 9 requiring submission of certain list before special event; modifying information required post-event; updating reference; updating statutory language; and 10 providing an effective date. 11 12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 13 SECTION 3. 68 O.S. 2021, Section 1364, is AMENDATORY 14 amended to read as follows: 15 Section 1364. Permits to do business. 16 Every person desiring to engage in a business within this 17 state who would be designated as a Group One or Group Three vendor, 18 pursuant to Section 1363 of this title, shall be required to secure 19 from the Oklahoma Tax Commission every three (3) years a written 20 permit for a fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) prior to engaging in 21

such business in this state. Each such person shall file with the

Tax Commission an application for a permit to engage in or transact

business in this state, setting forth such information as the Tax

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- 1 Commission may require. The application shall be signed by the owner of the business or representative of the business entity and as a natural person, and, in the case of a corporation, as a legally constituted officer thereof. To obtain a sales tax permit, an individual or sole proprietor must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. A parent or legal guardian may apply for a permit on behalf of an individual or sole proprietor who is not at least eighteen (18) years of age, provided the parent or legal guardian will be considered the authorized user responsible for remitting state tax.
  - Upon receipt of an initial application, the Tax Commission В. may issue a probationary permit effective for six (6) months which will automatically renew for an additional thirty (30) months unless the applicant receives written notification of the refusal of the Commission to renew the permit. If the applicant receives a notice of refusal, the applicant may request a hearing to show cause why the permit should be renewed. Upon receipt of a request for a hearing, the Tax Commission shall set the matter for hearing and give ten (10) days' notice in writing of the time and place of the hearing. At the hearing, the applicant shall set forth the qualifications of the applicant for a permit and proof of compliance with all state tax laws.
  - C. Holders of a probationary permit as provided in subsection B of this section shall not be permitted to present the permit to

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- obtain a commercial license plate for their motor vehicle as provided in Section 1133.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- D. Upon verification that the applicant is a Group Three vendor, the Tax Commission may require such applicant to furnish a surety bond or other security as the Commission may deem necessary to secure payment of taxes under this article, prior to issuance of a permit for the place of business set forth in the application for permit. Provided, the Tax Commission is hereby authorized to set guidelines, by adoption of regulations, for the issuance of sales tax permits. Pursuant to said guidelines the Tax Commission may refuse to issue permits to any Group Three vendors, or any class of vendors included in the whole classification of Group Three vendors, if the Tax Commission determines that it is likely this state will lose tax revenue due to the difficulty of enforcing this article for any reasons stated in subsection (T) of Section 1354 of this title.
- E. A separate permit for each additional place of business to be operated must be obtained from the Tax Commission for a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Such permit shall be good for a period of three (3) years. The Tax Commission shall grant and issue to each applicant a separate permit for each place of business in this state, upon proper application therefor and verification thereof by the Tax Commission.
- F. A permit is not assignable and shall be valid only for the person in whose name it is issued and for the transaction of

business at the place designated therein. The permit shall at all times be conspicuously displayed at the place of business for which issued in a position where it can be easily seen. The permit shall be in addition to all other permits required by the laws of this state. Provided, if the location of the business is changed, such person shall file with the Tax Commission an application for a permit to engage in or transact business at the new location. Upon issuance of the permit to the new location of such business, no additional permit fee shall be due until the expiration of the permit issued to the previous location of such business.

G. It shall be unlawful for any person coming within the class designated as Group One or the class designated as Group Three to engage in or transact a business of reselling tangible personal property or services within this state unless a written permit or permits shall have been issued to such person. Any person who engages in a business subject to the provisions of this section without a permit or permits, or after a permit has been suspended, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation hereof shall be guilty of a felony and punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by a term of imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for not more than two (2) years, or both such fine and imprisonment.

- H. Any person operating under a permit as provided in this article shall, upon discontinuance of business by sale or otherwise, return such permit to the Tax Commission for cancellation, together with a remittance for any unpaid or accrued taxes. Failure to surrender a permit and pay any and all accrued taxes will be sufficient cause for the Tax Commission to refuse to issue a permit subsequently to such person to engage in or transact any other business in this state. In the case of a sale of any business, the tax shall be deemed to be due on the sale of the fixtures and equipment, and the Tax Commission shall not issue a permit to continue or conduct the business to the purchaser until all tax claims due the State of Oklahoma have been settled.
- I. All permits issued under the provisions of this article shall expire three (3) years from the date of issuance at the close of business at each place or location of the business within this state. No refund of the fee shall be made if the business is terminated prior to the expiration of the permit.
- J. Whenever a holder of a permit fails to comply with any provisions of this article, the Tax Commission, after giving ten (10) days' notice in writing of the time and place of hearing to show cause why the permit should not be revoked, may revoke or suspend the permit, the permit to be renewed upon removal of cause or causes of revocation or suspension. However, if a holder of a permit becomes delinquent for a period of three (3) months or more

- in reporting or paying of any tax due under this article, any duly
  authorized agent of the Tax Commission may remove the permit from
  the taxpayer's premises and it shall be returned or renewed only
- 4 upon the filing of proper reports and payment of all taxes due under
- 5 this article.

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- K. Permits are not required of persons coming within the classification designated as Group Two. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall issue a limited permit to Group Five vendors. The permit shall be in such form as the Tax Commission may prescribe.
- L. Nothing in this article shall be construed to allow a permit holder to purchase, tax exempt, anything for resale that the permit holder is not regularly in the business of reselling.
  - M. All monies received pursuant to issuance of such permits to do business shall be paid to the State Treasurer and placed to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury.
  - N. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 205 of this title, the Oklahoma Tax Commission is authorized to release the following information contained in the Master Sales and Use Tax File to vendors:
  - Permit number;
- 21 2. Name in which permit is issued;
- 3. Name of business operation if different from ownership
- 23 (DBA);
  - 4. Mailing address;

5. Business address;

- 6. Business class or Standard Industrial Code (SIC); and
- 7. Effective date and expiration or cancellation date of permit.

Release of such information shall be limited to tax remitters for the express purpose of determining the validity of sales permits presented as evidence of purchasers' sales tax resale status under this Code.

The provisions of this subsection shall be strictly interpreted and shall not be construed as permitting the disclosure of any other information contained in the records and files of the Tax Commission relating to sales tax or to any other taxes.

This information may be provided on a subscription basis, with periodic updates, and sufficient fee charged, not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per year, to offset the administrative costs of providing the list. All revenue received by the Oklahoma Tax Commission from such fees shall be deposited to the credit of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Revolving Fund. No liability whatsoever, civil or criminal, shall attach to any member of the Tax Commission or any employee thereof for any error or omission in the disclosure of information pursuant to this subsection.

O. If the Tax Commission enters into the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement under Section 1354.18 of this title, the Tax Commission is authorized to participate in its online sales and use

- tax registration system and shall not require the payment of the registration fees or other charges provided in this section from a vendor who registers within the online system if the vendor has no legal requirement to register.
- 5 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 1364.2, is 6 amended to read as follows:
  - Section 1364.2. A. Promoters or organizers of special events shall submit an application for a special event permit to the Oklahoma Tax Commission at least twenty (20) days prior to the special event. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The application shall include the location and dates of the special event, expected number of vendors, and any other information that may be required by the Tax Commission. A separate permit shall be required for each special event and must be prominently displayed. Multiple events held at the same location during the calendar year may be included in one application.
  - B. All monies received from such fees shall be paid to the State Treasurer and placed to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasurer.
  - C. Promoters or organizers shall provide <u>vendor letters or</u> forms to special event vendors for reporting sales tax collections and any other information that may be required by the Tax Commission.

- D. Unless otherwise provided in this section, special event vendors shall collect sales tax from purchasers of tangible personal property and services taxable under Section 1350 et seq. of this title and shall remit the tax, along with a sales tax report, to the promoter or organizer.
- E. Within fifteen (15) days following the conclusion of the special event, the organizer or promoter shall forward all reports and payments to the Tax Commission along with a completed sales tax report. If not filed on or before the fifteenth day, the tax shall be delinquent from such date. Reports timely mailed shall be considered timely filed. If a report is not timely filed, interest shall be charged from the date the report should have been filed until the report is actually filed.
- event, the organizer or promoter shall submit a list of all vendors registered to attend the event. Within fifteen (15) days following the conclusion of the special event, the organizer or promoter shall also submit a list of vendors at who actually attended each event that hold a valid sales tax permit issued under Section 1364 of this title. The Each list shall include the vendor's name, address, telephone number, email address, and sales tax permit number taxpayer identification number. If a vendor holds an Oklahoma sales tax permit issued under Section 1364 of this title, the permit numbers shall also be included.

- G. For the purposes of compensating the promoter or organizer in keeping sales tax records, filing reports and remitting the tax when due, a promoter or organizer shall be allowed a deduction of the tax due as provided in Section 1367.1 of this title.
  - H. Promoters and organizers shall only be liable for failure to report and remit all taxes that are remitted to them by special event vendors.
  - T. H. Promoters or organizers of a special event that is held on an annual basis during the same thirty-day period each year may request that the Tax Commission limit their responsibilities to the following:
  - 1. Submitting of an application for a special event permit as provided in subsection A of this section;
  - 2. Providing report forms to special event vendors as provided in subsection C of this section; and
  - 3. Within fifteen (15) days following the conclusion of the special event, submitting a list of special event vendors at each event, including the vendor's name, address, and telephone number.

Such requests may be denied by the Tax Commission for reasons including, but not limited to, failure by the promoter to comply with the requirements of this section or failure by vendors of the promoter's previous special events to comply with the provisions of subsection  $\frac{1}{2}$  of this section.

J. I. Special event vendors of special events that are approved under subsection  $\pm$   $\underline{H}$  of this section shall remit the tax along with a sales tax report directly to the Tax Commission within fifteen (15) days following the conclusion of the special event. If not filed on or before the fifteenth day, the tax shall be delinquent from such date. Reports timely mailed shall be considered timely filed. If a report is not timely filed, interest shall be charged from the date the report should have been filed until the report is actually filed.

## K. J. As used in this section:

- 1. "Promoter" or "organizer" means any person who organizes or promotes a special event which results in the rental, occupation, or use of any structure, lot, tract of land, sample or display case, table, or any other similar items for the exhibition and sale of tangible personal property or services taxable under Section 1350 et seq. of this title by special event vendors;
- "Special event" means an entertainment, amusement, recreation, or marketing event that occurs at a single location on an irregular basis and at which tangible personal property is sold. "Special event" shall include, but not be limited to, gun shows, knife shows, craft shows, antique shows, flea markets, carnivals, bazaars, art shows, and other merchandise displays or exhibits. Special event shall not include any county, district, or state fair or public or private school or university-sponsored event. Special

1	event shall not include an event sponsored by a city or town that
2	includes less than ten special event vendors or any event sponsored
3	by a church organization exempt from federal income tax pursuant to
4	Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Special event shall
5	not include a registered farmers market which is a designated area
6	in which farmers, growers, or producers from a defined region gather
7	on a regularly scheduled basis to sell at retail nonpotentially
8	hazardous farm food products and whole-shell eggs to the public; and
9	3. "Special event vendor" means a person making sales of
10	tangible personal property or services taxable under Section 1350 et
11	seq. of this title at a special event within this state and who is
12	not permitted under Section 1364 of this title.
13	SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
14	Passed the Senate the 28th day of February, 2023.
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