

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SUBCOMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1898

By: Cantrell

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to public finance; enacting the Oklahoma Second Amendment Support and Promotion Act; creating the Oklahoma Second Amendment Support and Promotion Fund in the State Treasury; designating fund for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce; designating funding sources; specifying cap on fund; permitting the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to budget and expend fund for the promotion of the firearms industry; providing qualifications for applicant counties; authorizing counties to participate with local funds or apply to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for funding; directing business selections over certain amount be approved by the Governor, in consultation with the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate; directing the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to consider potential impacts; requiring the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to develop rules; permitting the use of funds for administration of the program; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

1       SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 835 of Title 62, unless there is  
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Second  
5 Amendment Support and Promotion Act".

6       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 836 of Title 62, unless there is  
8 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9       A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
10 fund for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to be designated the  
11 "Oklahoma Second Amendment Support and Promotion Fund". The fund  
12 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,  
13 and shall consist of:

14       1. All monies apportioned or allocated to the fund pursuant to  
15 law;

16       2. Any amounts appropriated by the Legislature to the fund;

17       3. Donations from private entities; and

18       4. Interest earned on the investment of money in the fund.

19       B. The fund shall be capped at Five Million Dollars  
20 (\$5,000,000.00).

21       C. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby  
22 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of  
23 Commerce for the purpose of assisting counties in the attraction,  
24 development, and promotion of the firearms industry, with seventy-

1 five percent (75%) of the awarded funds to be designated for  
2 existing businesses relocating to Oklahoma and twenty-five percent  
3 (25%) of the awarded funds to be designated for existing businesses  
4 located within the state.

5 D. In order to qualify for any funds from the Oklahoma Second  
6 Amendment Support and Promotion Fund, the county making application  
7 shall be engaged with a business that manufactures firearms,  
8 ammunition, firearm accessories, or firearm or ammunition parts,  
9 including the raw materials needed for those parts, or is otherwise  
10 engaged in the direct commerce of firearms or ammunition, including  
11 sales and distribution. The Department of Commerce shall give  
12 initial preference to developers of raw materials.

13 E. Counties may participate in infrastructure projects with  
14 local tax funds or apply to the Department of Commerce for funding  
15 from the Oklahoma Second Amendment Support and Promotion Fund. The  
16 Department of Commerce shall work with the chair of the board of  
17 county commissioners in each applicant county or a county economic  
18 development authority designated by the chair of the board of county  
19 commissioners, to identify potential sites which would benefit from  
20 the fund, including:

- 21 1. Identifying infrastructure needs;
- 22 2. Identifying needed utilities;
- 23 3. Local assistance in the attraction of new businesses; and
- 24 4. The further development of existing businesses.

1 F. For selections of projects in an amount over Five Hundred  
2 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), the Governor, in consultation with  
3 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the  
4 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, shall review and  
5 approve applications for funds from the Oklahoma Second Amendment  
6 Support and Promotion Fund.

7 G. In selecting applicant counties, the Department of Commerce  
8 shall consider the potential impact of the business with which the  
9 applicant county is engaged.

10 H. The Department of Commerce shall develop rules for the  
11 process of reviewing proposed expenditures from the Oklahoma Second  
12 Amendment Support and Promotion Fund and for the determination of  
13 whether or not proposed expenditures meet the criteria identified  
14 within this act.

15 I. The Department of Commerce may use up to two percent (2%) of  
16 funds from the Oklahoma Second Amendment Support and Promotion Fund  
17 for the administration of this act.

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

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