

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 HOUSE BILL 3940

By: Provenzano of the House

5 and

6 **Rader** of the Senate

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10 AS INTRODUCED

11 An Act relating to higher education; creating the
12 DIPG Grant Program Revolving Fund; specifying source
13 of fund; providing for expenditures; providing
14 purpose of fund; directing the Oklahoma State Regents
15 for Higher Education to award grants; establishing
16 permitted use of grants; directing Regents to
17 establish criteria and process for application;
18 directing that grants be considered on statewide
19 basis; directing regents to promulgate rules;
20 providing for codification; and providing an
21 effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3235 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
2 fund for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to be
3 designated the "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Grant
4 Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not
5 subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of monies
6 appropriated by the Legislature and private dollars given to the
7 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for the purpose of
8 supporting the DIPG grant program. All monies accruing to the credit
9 of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended
10 by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for the purpose
11 of running and distributing the DIPG grant program described in
12 subsection B of this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be
13 made on warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed
14 by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with the Director
15 of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
16 payment.

17 B. Contingent upon the amount of funds available in the DIPG
18 Grant Program Revolving Fund, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
19 Education shall award one or more grants annually to private and
20 public universities in Oklahoma. The grants shall be used to
21 research and find a cure for DIPG. The Oklahoma State Regents for
22 Higher Education shall determine the criteria for and establish a
23 process for the submission of grant applications. The applications
24 shall be considered on a statewide competitive basis. The Oklahoma

1 State Regents for Higher Education shall promulgate rules for the
2 implementation of the grants issued pursuant to this section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
6 02/29/2024 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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