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1 foundations, and private enterprises of special importance to the
2 Oklahoma economy.

3 ~~B. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Center for the~~
4 ~~Advancement of Science and Technology, the Oklahoma Health Research~~
5 ~~Committee to be appointed by the Governor which shall consist of~~
6 ~~nine (9) members, no more than five nor less than three of whom~~
7 ~~shall be physicians licensed pursuant to the laws of this state.~~
8 ~~For the initial Committee, three members shall be appointed for a~~
9 ~~term of two (2) years; three members shall be appointed for a term~~
10 ~~of four (4) years; and three members shall be appointed for a term~~
11 ~~of six (6) years. Thereafter members shall be appointed for a term~~
12 ~~of six (6) years. At all times the Committee shall be composed of~~
13 ~~at least:~~

14 ~~1. One member from the clergy or who has an advanced degree in~~
15 ~~philosophy from an accredited institution of higher learning;~~

16 ~~2. Five members who shall be basic health research scientists~~
17 ~~each having an established record of basic health science research~~
18 ~~accomplishment and a demonstrated interest in public service to~~
19 ~~represent the following areas: Epidemiology, public health or~~
20 ~~biometrics or psychology; biochemistry, anatomy or nutrition;~~
21 ~~microbiology, immunology or molecular biology; genetics, pathology,~~
22 ~~or pharmacology; biology or physiology; and~~

23 ~~3. Three members who shall be clinical research scientists~~
24 ~~having an established record of clinical biomedical science research~~

1 ~~accomplishment and a demonstrated interest in public service to~~
2 ~~represent the clinical research disciplines.~~

3 ~~The Health Research Committee as constituted prior to the~~
4 ~~effective date of this act shall be re-created within the Oklahoma~~
5 ~~Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. Members of~~
6 ~~the Committee, formerly within the Oklahoma Department of Commerce,~~
7 ~~serving terms upon the effective date of this act shall continue to~~
8 ~~serve such terms.~~

9 ~~Upon expiration of any term of office of the Health Research~~
10 ~~Committee, in making appointments to the Committee appropriate~~
11 ~~consideration shall be given to representation upon the Committee by~~
12 ~~race, gender and geographical area.~~

13 ~~C. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled for the~~
14 ~~unexpired term within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs.~~

15 ~~D. No more than three members of the Committee shall have the~~
16 ~~same primary affiliation with an institution of higher learning or a~~
17 ~~nonprofit research institution.~~

18 ~~E. A basic health research scientist or clinical research~~
19 ~~scientist shall not be eligible to become a member of the Committee~~
20 ~~unless said scientist is the inventor of one or more products which~~
21 ~~have earned more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in~~
22 ~~royalties or other profit within the fifteen (15) years immediately~~
23 ~~preceding appointment or is the principal investigator for research~~
24 ~~grants awarded by national health research organizations for at~~

1 ~~least five (5) years during the fifteen (15) years immediately~~
2 ~~preceding appointment. Contractual commitments which have been made~~
3 ~~for a product or products shall qualify in meeting the royalty or~~
4 ~~profit requirement. Tentative commitments for future funding from~~
5 ~~national health research organizations shall satisfy the research~~
6 ~~grant requirement. Research grants awarded by the National Science~~
7 ~~Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart~~
8 ~~Association, the Lung Association, the American Cancer Society, the~~
9 ~~Arthritis Foundation, the March of Dimes, and such other~~
10 ~~organizations that hold a peer-reviewed national competition for the~~
11 ~~distribution of research funds that the Committee deems acceptable~~
12 ~~from time to time shall satisfy the research grant requirement.~~
13 ~~Research grants which only may be awarded to investigators in this~~
14 ~~state shall not be used to satisfy the research grant time of~~
15 ~~support requirement. Service contracts or other grants which do not~~
16 ~~require submission of a research project or which are not funded~~
17 ~~competitively on the basis of scientific merit of the research~~
18 ~~project shall not satisfy the research grant time of support~~
19 ~~requirement.~~

20 ~~F. Members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for expenses~~
21 ~~incurred in the performance of their duties as provided by the board~~
22 ~~of directors of the Center.~~

23 ~~G. The Committee shall elect from its membership a chair to~~
24 ~~serve a two year term and such other officers from its membership as~~

1 ~~deemed necessary for the performance of the duties of the Committee.~~
2 ~~The Committee shall hold regular meetings not less than once a~~
3 ~~quarter and such additional meetings as called by the chair as may~~
4 ~~be required for the proper discharge of the duties of the Committee.~~
5 ~~Any action by the Committee shall require the affirmative vote of a~~
6 ~~majority of its members present. Five members shall constitute a~~
7 ~~quorum.~~

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
10 March 26, 2024 - DO PASS
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