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**AS AMENDED**

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

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Department of Environmental Quality to be designated the "Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department from appropriations, apportionments, donations, and federal grants received for the purpose of completing the study created pursuant to subsection B of this section. All monies

1 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may  
2 be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose provided  
3 for in this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon  
4 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as  
5 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
6 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

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

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

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
24 February 28, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED