

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 214

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to funds for health research projects; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Sections 5060.16 and 5060.17, which relate to duties of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology and the award of professional service contract; requiring the Center to maintain and report certain success rate; requiring certain binding commitment before awarding certain professional service contract; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5060.16, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5060.16. The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, with the advice and consent of the Committee, shall:

1. Establish and operate a state program designed to secure and impartially distribute funds credited to the Research Support Revolving Fund to support professional service contracts for health research projects;

1 2. Ensure that funding to support health research projects is
2 awarded only on the basis of scientific merit;

3 3. Design the health research program to ensure the optimum
4 performance of the investigator and the maximum efficiency of the
5 project;

6 4. Evaluate and approve health research projects to be funded
7 from the Research Support Revolving Fund;

8 5. Establish a procedure for the referral of proposed health
9 research projects to the Committee for review;

10 6. Establish procedures for review of proposed health research
11 projects by qualified individuals residing outside this state;

12 7. Suspend or terminate any professional service contract
13 supporting health research projects for failure by an investigator,
14 institution of higher learning, or nonprofit research institution to
15 comply with the procedures, requirements, or bylaws of the Center;
16 and

17 8. Enter into contracts to ensure the optimum performance of
18 health research investigators and to ensure the maximum efficiency
19 of proposed health research projects; and

20 9. Maintain records and report to the Committee a success and
21 failure rate of fund recipients.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5060.17, is
23 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 5060.17. No professional service contract shall be
2 awarded by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and
3 Technology to support a health research project unless:

4 1. The investigators are residents of this state or become
5 residents of this state before the ninetieth day after a
6 professional service contract, pursuant to which they will be
7 functioning as an investigator, has been funded by the Center;

8 2. The institutions that administer the professional service
9 contracts are primarily located in this state and are able to assume
10 financial responsibility for professional service contracts;

11 3. The professional service contract will not be transferred to
12 any other institutions within the state without the approval of the
13 Center and will not be transferred to an institution outside this
14 state at any time; ~~and~~

15 4. The funds will not be expended for patient care except if
16 patient care is an intrinsic part of a funded professional service
17 contract; and

18 5. A binding commitment is obtained from any institution of
19 higher education, nonprofit research foundation, or private
20 enterprise that would receive funds pursuant to an award providing
21 information on an annual basis for the duration of funding and the
22 five (5) subsequent years, which shall include but not be limited to
23 the following:

- a. employment levels for the year preceding the award and each subsequent year,
- b. any additional funds raised as a direct result of the award,
- c. payroll data resulting from the research,
- d. gross sales or revenue as a direct result of the research, and
- e. relevant industry sector information, as determined by the Board.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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