BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: State Budget: No material impact

Research Analysis

SB 1453 modifies the approved purposes for the use of Opioid Abatement Grants to include uses authorized by opioid-related settlement agreements in which the State is a litigant or participant. The measure includes the board of regents or board of trustees of an institution of higher education within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education in the definition of "political subdivision". The measure provides that to the extent allowed by any settlement or judgment relating to opioid litigation involving pharmaceutical supply chain participants, the Office of the Attorney General may withhold not more than five percent of the funds received by the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Revolving Fund for the staff and administrative support.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure expands the definition of "approved purpose(s)" in 74 O.S. 30.5 to include any approved uses as authorized by opioid-related settlement agreements in which the State of Oklahoma is a litigant or participant. The measure further provides that the Attorney General may withhold not more than 5% of funds received by the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Revolving Fund for staff and administrative support that is statutorily required to administer the fund. These provisions allow for more flexibility to use existing resources within the fund and no material impact to state budget or appropriations is anticipated.

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Other Considerations

None.

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