

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1928 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Lonnie Sims

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1928

By: Sims

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending  
9 82 O.S. 2021, Sections 1085.91, 1085.92, 1085.93,  
10 1085.94, and 1085.95, which relate to Hazard  
11 Mitigation Financial Assistance; clarifying  
12 legislative intent; clarifying definitions; changing  
13 name of Oklahoma Department of Civil Emergency  
14 Management to Oklahoma Department of Emergency  
15 Management and Homeland Security; establishing a  
16 revolving fund within the State Treasury; specifying  
17 purpose of fund; permitting the use of funds for  
18 hazard mitigation planning and projects; and  
19 providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1085.91, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1085.91 In addition to the financial assistance ~~program~~  
24 programs established under Sections 1085.31 through 1085.49, 1085.51  
through 1085.65, and 1085.71 through 1085.84A of ~~Title 82 of the~~  
~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title pursuant to Section 39 of Article X of  
the Oklahoma Constitution, it is the intention of the Legislature to  
establish a ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation Financial Assistance Program.

1 Financing projects to mitigate ~~flooding~~ is certain hazards are  
2 hereby declared to be a public purpose.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1085.92, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1085.92 As used in the ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation  
6 Financial Assistance Program:

7 1. "~~Flood hazard~~ Hazard mitigation projects" means those  
8 projects designed to correct, alleviate or eliminate a condition or  
9 situation which poses a repetitive threat to life, property, or  
10 public safety from the effects of a ~~flood~~ disaster;

11 2. "Eligible entity" means any city, town, county, or the State  
12 of Oklahoma, and any rural water or sewer district, irrigation  
13 district, public trust, master conservancy district, or other  
14 political subdivision or any combination thereof;

15 3. "Board" means the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; and

16 4. "Department" means the Oklahoma Department of ~~Civil~~  
17 Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

18 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1085.93, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1085.93 A. ~~In addition to other lawful purposes,~~  
21 ~~monies placed in the Statewide Water Development Revolving Fund,~~  
22 ~~exclusive of such amounts of interest derived from investment~~  
23 ~~deposits necessary to maintain the grant account at its maximum~~  
24 ~~amount as provided in Section 1085.40 of this title, may be used by~~

1 ~~the Board for flood hazard mitigation projects pursuant to the Flood~~  
2 ~~Hazard Mitigation Financial Assistance Program.~~

3 ~~B. Within the Water Resources Fund created pursuant to Section~~  
4 ~~1085.33 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes, there is hereby~~  
5 ~~created the "Flood Hazard Mitigation Account". The account shall be~~  
6 ~~set apart as a permanent and perpetual account not subject to fiscal~~  
7 ~~year limitations and shall consist of:~~

8 ~~1. All monies appropriated to the account;~~

9 ~~2. Interest income from deposits made to the Statewide Water~~  
10 ~~Development Revolving Fund for the purpose of flood hazard~~  
11 ~~mitigation;~~

12 ~~3. All income from the investment of monies held in the account~~  
13 ~~consistent with applicable bond resolutions or indentures; and~~

14 ~~4. Any other sums designated for deposit to the account from~~  
15 ~~any source, public or private.~~

16 ~~C. The monies in the account shall be used by the Oklahoma~~  
17 ~~Department of Civil Emergency Management and the Oklahoma Water~~  
18 ~~Resources Board after receipt of recommendations from the State~~  
19 ~~Hazard Mitigation Team, to implement flood hazard mitigation~~  
20 ~~projects, including but not limited to providing grants or loans to~~  
21 ~~eligible entities to:~~

22 ~~1. Acquire land or a conservation easement from a willing~~  
23 ~~seller or grantor in order to mitigate flood hazards; or~~

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1       ~~2. Implement voluntary, incentive-based flood hazard mitigation~~  
2 ~~measures in order to facilitate compliance with state or national~~  
3 ~~regulations.~~

4       There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
5 for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to be designated the "Hazard  
6 Mitigation Financial Assistance Fund". The fund shall be a  
7 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
8 consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
9 from appropriations, dedicated revenues, fees or other sources as  
10 provided by law. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are  
11 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma  
12 Water Resources Board for the purpose of providing grants for hazard  
13 mitigation. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants  
14 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
15 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
16 Services for approval and payment.

17       B. In addition to other lawful purposes, monies placed in the  
18 Fund, exclusive of such amounts of interest derived from investment  
19 deposits necessary to maintain the grant account, may be used by the  
20 Board to implement hazard mitigation planning and projects,  
21 including but not limited to, providing grants or loans to eligible  
22 entities to:

23       1. Develop a federal/state approved local/regional hazard  
24 mitigation planning document;

1        2. Acquire land or a conservation easement from a willing  
2 seller or grantor in order to mitigate hazards; or

3        3. Implement voluntary, incentive-based hazard mitigation  
4 measures in order to facilitate compliance with state or national  
5 regulations.

6        ~~D.~~ C. Monies in, or investment income derived from, the ~~Flood~~  
7 Hazard Mitigation ~~Account~~ Fund which is used to match any grant  
8 funds provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or any  
9 other federal agencies shall be restricted and used consistent with  
10 ~~Federal Emergency Management Agency~~ federal agencies procedures or  
11 guidance or regulations promulgated thereunder for ~~flood~~ hazard  
12 mitigation projects.

13        ~~E.~~ D. Monies in the ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation ~~Account~~ Fund, or  
14 investment income derived therefrom, shall be used by the Oklahoma  
15 Water Resources Board and the Oklahoma Department of ~~Civil~~ Emergency  
16 Management and Homeland Security in carrying out their  
17 responsibilities as provided in a written annual joint operating  
18 agreement which shall include, among other matters, a budget for  
19 administering the Oklahoma ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation Program.

20        ~~F.~~ E. The monies placed in the ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation ~~Account~~  
21 Fund may be invested by the State Treasurer in an adequately  
22 collateralized manner and as prescribed by Section 89.2 of Title 62  
23 of the Oklahoma Statutes or pursuant to investment contracts or  
24 agreements with entities maintaining a rating in the top two

1 categories by a nationally recognized municipal bond rating agency,  
2 all in a manner consistent with ~~the federal Safe Drinking Water Act~~  
3 ~~or regulations~~ promulgated ~~thereunder~~ regulations. The Board may  
4 transfer to the ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation ~~Account~~ Fund income derived  
5 from investment of the fund. Monies invested by the State Treasurer  
6 shall be available to implement ~~flood~~ hazard mitigation projects.

7 G. F. The Board shall cause to be completed an annual audit of  
8 any expenditures from the ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation ~~Account~~ Fund, and  
9 such audit cost shall be included in the budget for administering  
10 the Oklahoma ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation Program.

11 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1085.94, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1085.94 A. In addition to other powers and duties  
14 provided by law, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall have the  
15 power and duty to:

16 1. After receipt from the Oklahoma Department of ~~Civil~~  
17 Emergency Management and Homeland Security, process applications for  
18 grant funds or loans from the ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation ~~Account~~ Fund  
19 and enter into grant or loan agreements for use of such funds;

20 2. Promulgate rules as deemed necessary by the Board to  
21 administer the ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation Financial Assistance Program;

22 3. Utilize the priority listing of applicants compiled by the  
23 Oklahoma Department of ~~Civil~~ Emergency Management and Homeland  
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1 ~~Security after recommendations from the State Hazard Mitigation Team~~  
2 in considering ~~grant~~ applications;

3 4. a. Issue investment certificates, in accordance with the  
4 provisions of Sections 1085.33 and 1085.37 of ~~Title 82~~  
5 ~~of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title and the Oklahoma  
6 Bond Oversight and Reform Act, to provide necessary  
7 funds first to meet the demand for loan funding from  
8 the ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation Financial Assistance  
9 Program; provided, any investment certificate proceeds  
10 not needed for such demand may be used by the Board,  
11 as needed, for funding other financial assistance  
12 programs authorized in ~~Title 82 of the Oklahoma~~  
13 ~~Statutes~~ this title, and

14 b. Enter into loan agreements with and make loans from  
15 the proceeds of investment certificates to eligible  
16 entities for ~~flood~~ hazard mitigation projects upon  
17 terms not inconsistent with the provisions of Section  
18 1085.36 of ~~Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this  
19 title; and

20 5. Enter into agreements with the Oklahoma Department of ~~Civil~~  
21 ~~Emergency Management~~ and Homeland Security or other state or federal  
22 agencies as deemed necessary by the Board to monitor and measure  
23 ~~flood~~ hazard events.



1 B. In addition to other powers and duties provided by law, the  
2 Oklahoma Department of ~~Civil~~ Emergency Management and Homeland  
3 Security shall ~~consider the recommendations, if any, of the State~~  
4 ~~Hazard Mitigation Team~~ prior to:

5 a. ~~promulgation of~~

6 1. Promulgate rules providing for and establishing a priority  
7 listing of grant and loan applicants for flood hazard mitigation  
8 projects subject to the Oklahoma Civil Defense and Emergency  
9 Resources Management Act, and

10 b. ~~determining~~

11 2. Determine eligibility of those entities authorized to  
12 receive funding from the ~~Flood~~ Hazard Mitigation ~~Account~~ Fund.

13 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1085.95, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1085.95 A. Loans and grants under the ~~Flood~~ Hazard  
16 Mitigation Financial Assistance Program may be used in conjunction  
17 with other financial assistance available from the Oklahoma Water  
18 Resources Board.

19 B. If a ~~flood~~ hazard mitigation project includes activities to  
20 be conducted on privately owned real property, the loan or grant  
21 agreement between the Board and the eligible entity that receives  
22 the grant shall contain a provision about any necessary  
23 subagreements with the owners of the property.

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SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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