

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3041

By: Stinson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to stem cell research; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-270.2, which relates to permissible stem cell research and reports to the Governor and Legislature; adding an exception to the filing requirement; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-270.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-270.2 A. For the purposes of the Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act, "human embryo" means a living organism of the species Homo sapiens at the earliest stage of development, including the single-cell stage, that is not located in the body of a woman.

B. Research on human tissue regeneration and human diseases using adult stem cells and stem cells obtained from umbilical cord

1 blood and amniotic fluid may be conducted in this state, provided  
2 that the research is performed:

3 1. Safely and ethically;

4 2. Only on embryonic stem cell lines created prior to August 1,  
5 2001, and in accordance with federal law as it existed on November  
6 1, 2007; and

7 3. Without the use of a human embryo, including a human embryo  
8 produced using cloning technology.

9 C. When research is performed in accordance with the  
10 Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act, a person or  
11 governmental body shall not:

12 1. Restrict public funds designated for the stem cell research;

13 or

14 2. Obstruct or provide disincentives for the stem cell  
15 research.

16 D. The State Department of Health shall establish a reporting  
17 system that collects information regarding all activities carried  
18 out in accordance with this section.

19 E. The Department shall submit a report with all information  
20 collected pursuant to subsection D of this section to the Governor,  
21 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the  
22 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate no later than  
23 December 31 of each year.  
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1        F. Provided that there is no stem cell research to report that  
2 year, the Department does not need to file a report.

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