

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1273

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to the Department of Environmental
7 Quality; creating the Blue River-Little Blue Creek
8 Stream Health Assessment Study Revolving Fund;
9 establishing fund source and purpose; establishing
10 Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment
11 Study; requiring coordination with certain entity for
12 certain purposes; providing for coordination with
13 certain state and federal agencies; providing for
14 codification; providing an effective date; and
15 declaring an emergency.

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

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

20 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
21 fund for the Department of Environmental Quality to be designated
22 the "Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study
23 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
24 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.

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