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2 BILL NO. 135

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6 An Act relating to aeronautics technology; amending
7 Sections 1, 2, and 3, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 2024 (3
8 O.S. Supp. 2024, Sections 501, 502, and 503), which
9 relate to the Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing
10 Development Grant Program; modifying short title;
11 expanding purpose of certain grant program; modifying
12 name of certain revolving fund; updating statutory
13 references; providing an effective date; and
14 declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 125, O.S.L.
17 2024 (3 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 501), is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 501. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
20 "Oklahoma Aircraft and Rocket Engine Testing Development Grant
21 Program".

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 125, O.S.L.
23 2024 (3 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 502), is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 Section 502. A. There is hereby created, within the Oklahoma
26 Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics, the Oklahoma Aircraft and

1 Rocket Engine Testing Development Grant Program to offer financial
2 assistance by grant to private or public entities for the purpose of
3 expanding the aircraft or rocket engine testing capabilities of this
4 state and developing aircraft or rocket engine testing
5 infrastructure. Grant funding shall be administered based on the
6 potential for a specific project to enhance the aviation, ~~and~~
7 aerospace, and space propulsion industry of this state. A grant
8 under this program shall be a one-time award.

9 B. Public, private, and nonprofit entities within this state
10 that have sufficient financial and management capacity to complete
11 the requested project are eligible for funding under this program.
12 Applicants shall provide the following information:

13 1. Airline or industry support as evidenced by a letter or
14 other communication directly from the entity stating its support for
15 the project;

16 2. The ability to provide a minimum of forty percent (40%)
17 matching funds for the project; and

18 3. A proposal summary that shall include any background
19 information or history with aircraft or rocket engine testing and
20 development, project description, timeline for completion of
21 project, and estimated budget for the entire project.

22 C. A grant agreement shall be made between any awardee and the
23 Department. The grant agreement shall provide for the conditions of
24 disbursement, shall include a provision requiring the repayment of

1 awarded funds if the terms are not met, and shall include a
2 requirement for awardees to provide ongoing quarterly reports
3 detailing activity related to the project.

4 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 125, O.S.L.
5 2024 (3 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 503), is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 Section 503. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
8 revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and
9 Aeronautics to be designated the "Oklahoma Aircraft and Rocket
10 Engine Testing Development Grant Program Revolving Fund". The fund
11 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,
12 and shall consist of all monies received by the Department from all
13 monies received by any public or private donations, contributions,
14 and gifts received for the benefit of the fund, and any amounts
15 appropriated by the Legislature, provided for the purpose of funding
16 grants as provided in ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Aircraft and Rocket
17 Engine Testing Development Grant Program. All monies accruing to
18 the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted
19 and expended by the Department for the purpose provided for in ~~this~~
20 ~~act~~ the Oklahoma Aircraft and Rocket Engine Testing Development
21 Grant Program. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
22 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
23 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
24 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 17th day of February, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives