

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1556

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8 An Act relating to higher education; creating the
9 University Campus Security Revolving Fund; specifying
10 source of fund; directing the Oklahoma State Regents
11 for Higher Education to award grants; creating the
12 University Campus Security Grant Program;
13 establishing permitted use of grants; directing that
14 grant dollars shall supplement existing funds;
15 directing Regents to determine criteria and process
16 for application; directing that applications be
17 considered on statewide basis; directing Regents to
18 promulgate rules; providing for codification;
19 providing an effective date; and declaring an
20 emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3260 of Title 70, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
fund for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to be
designated the "University Campus Security Revolving Fund". The
fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year

1 limitations, and shall consist of monies appropriated by the
2 Legislature for the purpose of supporting the University Campus
3 Security Grant Program created in subsection B of this section. All
4 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated
5 and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State Regents for
6 Higher Education for the purpose of running the University Campus
7 Security Grant Program described in subsections B through E of this
8 section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
9 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed by the Oklahoma
10 State Regents for Higher Education with the Director of the Office
11 of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

12 B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
13 develop and establish a University Campus Security Grant Program.
14 The purpose of the program shall be to enhance campus security at
15 Oklahoma institutions of higher education in order to promote a
16 safer and more secure environment for students, faculty, and staff.

17 C. Contingent upon the amount of funds available in the
18 University Campus Security Revolving Fund, the University Campus
19 Security Grant Program shall provide financial assistance to
20 eligible universities for the improvement of campus security. Grant
21 funds may be expended by institutions of higher education for the
22 purpose of providing physical security enhancements for campuses,
23 including, but not limited to, cameras, gates, lighting, locks,
24 doors, windows, security geofencing, and ballistic storm shelters.

1 D. Grant dollars shall supplement and not supplant existing
2 campus security funding.

3 E. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
4 determine criteria and establish a process for the submission of
5 grant applications. The applications shall be considered on a
6 statewide competitive basis. The Regents shall promulgate rules for
7 the implementation of the grants issued pursuant to this section.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

9 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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