

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3041

By: Stinson of the House

and

Stanley of the Senate

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.

SUBJECT: Stem cell research

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

1. Safely and ethically;
2. Only on embryonic stem cell lines created prior to August 1, 2001, and in accordance with federal law as it existed on November 1, 2007; and
3. Without the use of a human embryo, including a human embryo produced using cloning technology.

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

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

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

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

E. The Department shall submit a report with all information collected pursuant to subsection D of this section to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate no later than December 31 of each year.

F. Provided that there is no stem cell research to report that year, the Department does not need to file a report.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 17th day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

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