

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1273

By: Alvord of the Senate

and

Townley, Deck, and
Provenzano of the House

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

SUBJECT: Environmental health study

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

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

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Department of Environmental Quality to be designated the "Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject 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 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose provided

for in this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

B. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1-3-101 of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes as it relates to waters emanating from a sensitive sole source aquifer, the Department shall establish and perform a Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study. The Department shall coordinate with a research university for the purpose of defining the study scope and conducting work necessary to complete data collection and the development of the Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study. The Department shall preference resources and partnerships within this state during evaluation for the performance of conducting this study. The Department may coordinate with other relevant state and federal agencies to effectuate the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Environmental Quality from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Department by law.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

SECTION 4. 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 29th day of May, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 30th day of May, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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