## 1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION 2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019) HOUSE BILL 1853 4 By: Fetgatter 5 6 AS INTRODUCED 7 An Act relating to public finance; amending 62 O.S. 2011, Section 842, which relates to the Oklahoma 8 Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive 9 Leverage Act; modifying dates for purposes of creation of certain districts and authorization 10 related to payments or tax credits; and providing an effective date. 11 12 1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 14 SECTION 1. 62 O.S. 2011, Section 842, is AMENDATORY 15 amended to read as follows: 16 Section 842. A. An enterprise which locates its facility 17 within an enterprise zone or which expands its existing facility 18 after the designation of an enterprise zone as authorized by law and 19 which is located in an incentive district as authorized pursuant to 20 the provisions of the Local Development Act shall be eligible for 21 the state local enterprise matching payment authorized pursuant to 22 subsection A of Section 844 of this title. 23 B. 1. A local governmental entity which approves a project 24 plan pursuant to the provisions of the Local Development Act within

an enterprise zone or in support of a major tourism destination project which the local governmental entity determines is likely to significantly benefit contiguous or nearby enterprise zone census tracts shall be eligible for the state local government matching payment authorized pursuant to subsection D of Section 844 of this title; provided, no state local government matching payment shall be made for project costs in relation to:

- a. any gambling establishment, or
- b. any development within a project plan that provides for more than ten percent (10%) of the net leasable space of such development to be used for retail purposes.

State local government matching payments shall not be used to supplant local revenue currently being expended within the increment district boundaries.

- 2. In order to be eligible for state local government matching payments for approving a project within an enterprise zone, a local governmental entity shall provide to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as part of the application provided for in subsection J of this section:
  - a. an estimate of incremental revenues likely to be derived from the project, and
  - b. certification that all projects described within the related project plan will generate, in the aggregate,

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a minimum of either One Million Dollars

(\$1,000,000.00) in payroll, exclusive of payroll for

construction, or Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)

in investment.

- 3. In order to be eligible for state local government matching payments in support of a major tourism destination project, a local governmental entity shall provide to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as part of the application provided for in subsection J of this section:
  - a. an estimate of incremental revenues new to the state likely to be derived from the project,
  - b. certification that the major tourism destination meets the applicable criteria described in paragraph 12 of Section 841 of this title, and
  - c. an agreement to provide payment to the Oklahoma

    Department of Commerce to defray the costs of the study required by paragraph 4 of this subsection.
- 4. To determine if a project qualifies as a major tourism destination project pursuant to subparagraph b of paragraph 12 of Section 841 of this title and to assist in other required determinations, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall cause a market and feasibility study to be conducted by an independent consultant with experience in the conduct of such studies. Upon review of the feasibility report, the Oklahoma Department of

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- Commerce shall make its finding as to the reasonable probability
  that the proposed project is a major tourism destination project as
  provided in subparagraph b of paragraph 12 of Section 841 of this
  title.
  - C. For purposes of the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act, an enterprise engaged in a retail activity, where otherwise prohibited by the Oklahoma Enterprise Zone Act for purposes of the benefits and incentives extended pursuant to the Oklahoma Enterprise Zone Act, shall be considered an eligible enterprise for purposes of the state local enterprise matching payment and the income tax credit authorized by the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act.
  - D. The combined maximum amount of state local enterprise matching payments and the amount of income tax credit authorized pursuant to Section 2357.81 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes for an enterprise per fiscal year shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).
  - E. Except as provided in subsection H of this section, for purposes of the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone

    Incentive Leverage Act, the maximum amount of aggregate investment in all qualifying facilities located in any single county which can qualify for a state local enterprise matching payment pursuant to subsection A of Section 844 of this title or for an income tax

- credit as authorized by Section 2357.81 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma

  Statutes shall be computed for each county of the state by

  multiplying Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) times the population of

  the county according to the 1999 estimate provided by the United

  States Bureau of the Census.
  - F. The computation required by subsection E of this section shall be the maximum amount of aggregated investment qualifying for the purposes of all enterprises for the duration of the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act.
  - G. The aggregate investment limit for all facilities located within a county which may qualify for the state local enterprise matching payments pursuant to subsection A of Section 844 of this title or for an income tax credit as authorized by Section 2357.81 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall:
  - 1. Not be less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) for counties with a population of less than one hundred thousand (100,000) persons; and
  - 2. Not be greater than Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) for all other counties of the state.
  - H. The aggregate limit for all state local government matching payments made to any public entity on behalf of any local governmental entity within a single county pursuant to subsection D of Section 844 of this title for the duration of the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act shall be an

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- amount equal to the net benefit rate multiplied by the taxable gross sales derived from the project over the period of apportionment of local sales taxes, as certified by the Secretary of Commerce.
- I. The payments authorized by Section 844 of this title and the income tax credit authorized by Section 2357.81 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be available for business and governmental entities qualifying pursuant to the Local Development Act for investments made within an incentive district or for improvements made within an increment district prior to December 31, 2007, or for which an incentive district or an increment district has been created prior to December 31, 2018 2028, if the investments or improvements are begun not later than December 31, 2019 2029.
- J. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall promulgate rules to establish a procedure for an enterprise or local governmental entity to make application for state local enterprise and state local government matching payments pursuant to this section. Such rules shall reflect the intent that the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act be fiscally neutral to the state.
- SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
  - COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BANKING, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND PENSIONS, dated 02/13/2019 DO PASS.

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