

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE BILL 2101

By: Moore

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public finance; enacting the  
8 Whistleblower Liberty Fund Act; prohibiting certain  
9 adverse actions with respect to persons providing  
10 information related to suspected misuse of federal  
11 funds; authorizing recovery of fees from certain  
12 monies; providing for codification; providing for  
13 noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Whistleblower  
18 Liberty Fund Act".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5001 of Title 62, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 No person who provides information regarding alleged misuse of  
23 federal funds, whether the funds are provided to a state agency by  
24 means of a grant, formula grant, apportionment of federal tax  
revenue or other federal revenues or by any other means or method,

1 shall be disciplined, demoted, transferred, terminated or otherwise  
2 penalized as a result of providing information to any person,  
3 government entity or organization if the information was provided in  
4 the good-faith belief that reasonable grounds existed at the time  
5 the information was provided to suspect misuse of the federal funds  
6 or that the use of federal funds was in violation of any provisions  
7 of the United States Constitution.

8 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5002 of Title 62, unless there  
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 Any person who provides information regarding the misuse of the  
12 federal funds as described in Section 1 of this act shall be awarded  
13 a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of funds  
14 determined, by a court of competent jurisdiction, to have been  
15 misused.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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