1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)
4	HOUSE BILL 2668 By: Lepak of the House
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10	<u>AS INTRODUCED</u>
11	An Act relating to public finance; amending Section 4, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2012, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 374, O.S.L. 2017 (62 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section
12	695.6a), which relates to the Council of Bond Oversight; amending 62 O.S. 2011, Sections 695.7, as
13 14	last amended by Section 3, Chapter 374, O.S.L. 2017, 695.8, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 275, O.S.L.
14 15	2012, 695.9, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2012, Section 5, Chapter 374, O.S.L. 2017, 695.11, 695.19, 695.23, 695.24 and 695.25 (62 O.S.
16	Supp. 2018, Sections 695.7, 695.8, 695.9 and 695.10A), which relate to the Oklahoma Bond Oversight
17	and Reform Act and the Oklahoma Private Activity Bond Allocation Act; amending Section 1, Chapter 278, O.S.L. 2017 (62 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 34.200-1),
18	which relates to debt affordability study; modifying
19	references to State Bond Advisor; providing references to the Deputy Treasurer for Debt
20	Management; modifying definitions; amending 73 O.S. 2011, Section 156.1, which relates to certain
21	obligations of the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority; modifying reference; providing an
22	effective date; and declaring an emergency.
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2 2012, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 374, O.S.L. 2017 (62 O.S. 3 Supp. 2018, Section 695.6a), is amended to read as follows: 4 Section 695.6a A. The Council of Bond Oversight shall consist 5 of five (5) members as follows: 6 1. One member shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore 7 of the Senate; 2. One member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of 8 9 Representatives; 10 3. Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the 11 advice and consent of the Senate; and 12 4. The State Treasurer or his or her designee shall be a 13 member. 14 в. Three members shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative 15 vote of three members shall be necessary for any action to be taken 16 by the Council. C. Members appointed to the Council shall serve a term of four 17 18 (4) years and may be removed for cause by the appointing authority. 19 Members may be reappointed for additional terms. 20 D. A vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the same manner 21 as the original appointment, to hold office during the unexpired 22 term for which the member was appointed. The Council shall elect 23 one of its members chair and may elect such other officers as it 24 deems necessary. No vacancy in the membership of the Council shall

impair the right of the Council to exercise all duties of the
 Council.

E. The Oklahoma State Bond Advisor State Treasurer, as provided
in Section 695.7 of this title, shall provide support staff <u>hire a</u>
<u>Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management to serve</u> as <u>necessary support</u>
<u>staff and</u> to implement the purposes and functions of the Council.
F. The Attorney General shall provide legal counsel to the
Council.

9 G. No member of the Oklahoma State Legislature shall be10 eligible to serve as a member of the Council.

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 SECTION 2.
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 62 O.S. 2011, Section 695.7, as

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 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 374, O.S.L. 2017 (62 O.S. Supp.

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 2018, Section 695.7), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 695.7 A. The State Treasurer shall engage the services 15 of a person knowledgeable in the current state of the art of 16 national and international standards for the issuance of obligations 17 by governmental entities and experienced in the negotiation of fees 18 for various goods and services requisite to or deemed desirable in 19 the issuance of such obligations as well as the negotiation of other 20 matters essential to provide the best current price and terms of the 21 issuance of such obligations for the benefit of the State of 22 Oklahoma, who shall have the title "Oklahoma State Bond Advisor" 23 "Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management".

When hiring a person to the position of Oklahoma State Bond
 Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management, the State Treasurer
 shall conduct a national search in seeking requests for proposals
 for the position.

B. The Oklahoma State Bond Advisor State Treasurer may employ
the necessary staff to carry out the duties of the Bond Advisor
<u>related to debt management</u> and the duties of the Council of Bond
Oversight, with approval of the State Treasurer.

9 С. 1. Except as provided in Section 695.8 of this title, prior 10 to engaging the services of underwriters, bond or other legal 11 counsel, financial advisors, consultants, a financial institution to 12 serve as trustee, paying agent or in any fiduciary capacity in 13 connection with any program, indenture or general resolution of the 14 State Governmental Entity, or any other experts, except as provided 15 in Section 5062.8 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the State 16 Governmental Entity shall, in conjunction with a State Governmental 17 Entity Financing, request proposals for such services from a 18 plurality of persons engaged in the particular activity for such 19 services and the selection of such persons shall be made on the 20 basis of the response to the request which is the most economical 21 and will provide competent service which furthers the best interest 22 of the State Governmental Entity and the state. In negotiating 23 requests for proposals to engage such services, the State 24 Governmental Entity shall seek the advice and assistance of the

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1 Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management. 2 Under no circumstances shall proprietary inducements be granted. 3 The Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management 4 shall provide assistance and advice to State Governmental Entities 5 with respect to the issuance of obligations by the State 6 Governmental Entities, review, negotiate, and approve or disapprove 7 the fees and expenses for goods and services requisite to or deemed 8 desirable in the issuance of State Governmental Entity obligations 9 and State Governmental Entity Financing and shall represent the 10 interests of the state before rating agencies and credit enhancement 11 providers.

12 2. Any State Governmental Entity or Local Governmental Entity 13 proposing to make a significant modification to the terms of any 14 State Governmental Entity Financing, including modification of 15 collateral by substitution, swap, or other derivative product shall 16 first obtain the written approval of the Oklahoma State Bond Advisor 17 Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management. If the Oklahoma State Bond 18 Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management denies approval, the 19 State Governmental Entity or Local Governmental Entity may request 20 the Council of Bond Oversight to review and approve proposed 21 modifications.

D. The Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt
 Management shall serve as an advisor to the Governor and to the
 Legislature with respect to issuance of indebtedness reviewed by the

Council and shall prepare an annual report to be submitted to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as of January 15 each year. The report shall contain a summary of the issuance of indebtedness by State Governmental Entities during the preceding year.

6 E. The Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt 7 <u>Management</u> or any member of the immediate family of the Oklahoma 8 <u>State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management</u> shall not 9 have any direct or indirect financial or contractual relationship 10 with any firm or corporation or any officer, partner or principal 11 stockholder of any firm or corporation directly involved in public 12 finance.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 695.8, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2012 (62 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 695.8), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 695.8 A. The Council of Bond Oversight shall:

17 1. Make determinations as to whether the purposes for which 18 obligations proposed to be issued by a State Governmental Entity, in 19 conjunction with a State Governmental Entity Financing, are for the 20 furtherance and accomplishment of authorized and proper public 21 functions or purposes of the state or of any county or municipality, 22 as specified in the statutes governing public trusts organized 23 pursuant to Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Review proposed issuance of debt by State Governmental
 Entities for compliance with any applicable provisions of federal,
 state or other laws;

3. Review such other matters as the Council deems relevant to
the Application, including, without limitation, sources of repayment
and security for the obligation. However, the Council shall not
review the merits of the project. The Council shall only determine
that the project has a legal and beneficial purpose which can be
legitimately funded by bond or similar indebtedness, issued by a
State Governmental Entity or Local Governmental Entity;

11 4. a. Except as provided in subparagraph b of this 12 paragraph, review the findings of the Program 13 Development and Credit Review Committee to determine 14 if the Rules Regarding the Administration of the 15 Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund and related 16 regulations and policies as implemented by the 17 Oklahoma Development Finance Authority adequately and 18 sufficiently fulfill the intents and purposes of the 19 Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund Act, provided such 20 provision shall not apply to Credit Enhancement 21 Reserve Fund applications approved by the Bond 22 Oversight Commissions prior to May 30, 1990; and, 23 except as provided in subparagraph b of this 24 paragraph, approve or disapprove any bonds or

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indebtedness being issued by the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority to the extent said bonds or indebtedness are enhanced or supported pursuant to the Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund Act.

5 b. The Council shall not be required to review or approve individual projects or loans under the Small Business 6 7 Credit Enhancement Program created by Section 5063.4b of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or the Oklahoma 8 9 Beginning Agricultural Producer Pool Act, but may 10 approve a package of such projects or loans in 11 Each project or loan shall be individually advance. 12 listed in the package and the dollar amount of the 13 project or loan shall be specifically set out together 14 with the total dollar amount involved in the package. 15 The Council or the Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy 16 Treasurer for Debt Management may, in their 17 discretion, remove any such individual project or loan 18 from the package submitted, for individual action. 19 Should the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority 20 submit an application to the Council for the approval 21 of an obligation or credit enhancement under these two 22 programs, the application shall be deemed approved if 23 not disapproved by the Council within forty-five (45) 24 days of filing such an application or, as to an

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individual project or loan, removed from the submitted package within such forty-five-day period.

- 3 The Council may establish maximum compensation levels с. 4 to be paid to individuals and firms acting in a 5 fiduciary capacity in connection with Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund Program financings. 6 The 7 Council may set such compensation levels for a oneyear period and such compensation will be applicable 8 9 to all individuals and firms participating in the 10 program for that period. Providers of such services 11 selected prior to making application may be employed 12 subject to the established maximum compensation 13 levels. Prior to December 31 of each year, the 14 Council shall review market conditions and set new 15 compensation levels for the program. Provided, such 16 compensation levels may not exceed the compensation 17 levels obtained by the Oklahoma Development Finance 18 Authority through its most recent invitation to bid 19 for the services of individuals and firms acting in a 20 fiduciary capacity in connection with Credit 21 Enhancement Reserve Fund Program financing; and 22 5. Adopt, amend and repeal rules to regulate affairs of the 23 Council and to implement the powers and purposes of the Council.
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B. The Council may establish budgets and State Treasurer in
 order to fulfill its their duties pursuant to the Oklahoma Bond
 Oversight and Reform Act and shall be authorized to charge and
 collect a fee, in accordance with the rules of the Council, derived
 from proceeds of bond issues approved by the Council.

6 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 695.9, as 7 amended by Section 8, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2012 (62 O.S. Supp. 2018, 8 Section 695.9), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 695.9 A. No State Governmental Entity or Local 10 Governmental Entity shall issue any State Governmental Entity 11 Financing obligations unless such obligations have been approved by the Council of Bond Oversight as provided for in Section 695.8 of 12 13 this title; provided, however, that in no event shall the Council's 14 approval be required for the issuance of any obligations pursuant to 15 a remarketing or a change in interest rate or maturity under the 16 terms of indentures or agreements securing obligations heretofore 17 issued prior to July 1, 1987, or pursuant to the provisions of the 18 Oklahoma Bond Oversight and Reform Act.

B. 1. With respect to any State Governmental Entity Financing proposed to be obtained through the issuance of its obligations, any State Governmental Entity or Local Governmental Entity shall file with the Council a written description of the nature, need and purpose of such proposed financing. The Council shall review the description of the proposed financing in order to either approve or disapprove the purpose to be served by the issuance of said State
 Governmental Entity obligations and for compliance with any
 applicable provisions of federal, state or other laws.

4 2. With respect to bonds or indebtedness proposed to be issued 5 by the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority which will be enhanced or supported pursuant to the Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund Act, 6 7 the Council shall review the description of such proposed financing in accordance with paragraph 1 of this subsection and additionally 8 9 shall approve or disapprove the proposed financing on a 10 determination of sufficient compliance with the Rules Regarding the 11 Administration of the Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund as implemented 12 by the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority. Such determinations 13 by the Council shall be based on a written report prepared for and 14 provided to the Council by the Program Development and Credit Review 15 Committee as provided in Section 5062.6a of Title 74 of the Oklahoma 16 Statutes, provided the Council shall not be bound to follow the 17 conclusions reached by the committee in such reports. All orders 18 issued by the Council approving or disapproving bonds or 19 indebtedness enhanced or supported pursuant to the Credit 20 Enhancement Reserve Fund Act shall be final and shall not be subject 21 to any type of appeal.

3. Except as provided in paragraph 4 of this subsection,
approval provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection shall expire
one hundred eighty (180) days after such approval. Provided, if

1 such approval expires, nothing shall prevent the State Governmental 2 Entity from refiling with the Council for approval of such financing 3 and, if granted, any one subsequent approval of such financing shall 4 be valid for a period, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, 5 as determined by the Council.

6 4. Applicants having received approval, as provided for in 7 paragraph 1 of this subsection, may request and the Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management may grant, at the 8 9 Oklahoma State Bond Advisor's his or her discretion, a single one-10 hundred-eighty-day extension. Any request for an extension must be 11 made at least five (5) business days prior to the expiration of the 12 original approval. Applicants failing to request an extension in 13 this manner may refile with the Council as provided for in paragraph 14 3 of this subsection.

15 5. In the event there is a substantial change in the nature or 16 purpose of a proposed financing after approval by the Council, the 17 prior approval shall be void and the State Governmental Entity shall 18 be required to seek approval from the Council in the manner provided 19 in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

C. Local Governmental Entities, within ten (10) days following the date funds become available to the issuer from the sale of any obligation, shall file with the Council a copy of the official statement or notice of sale and any other information concerning the proposed financing required by the Council. D. Upon the request of a Local Governmental Entity, the
Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management may
provide advice and assistance to the Local Governmental Entity with
respect to the issuance of obligations. The Oklahoma State Bond
Advisor State Treasurer may assess reasonable fees for such
services.

7 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 374, O.S.L.
8 2017 (62 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 695.10A), is amended to read as
9 follows:

Section 695.10A A. As used in this section, "public finance service provider" means underwriters, bond or other legal counsel, financial advisors, consultants, and financial institutions who serve as trustee, paying agent or in any fiduciary capacity, who seek to provide services to State Governmental Entities or Local Governmental Entities with regard to the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness.

17 Any public finance service provider shall be required to Β. 18 make a disclosure, upon such form as the State Bond Advisor Deputy 19 Treasurer for Debt Management may prescribe, of any and all direct 20 financial contributions made by the public finance service provider 21 which exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in any calendar year 22 on a cumulative basis to any nonprofit organization, regardless of 23 its exempt status pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue 24 Code of 1986, as amended, the primary purpose of which is to provide

1 services to one or more political subdivisions of the state or the membership of which consists primarily of public school 2 3 administrators, common school districts or common school district 4 boards of education, common school superintendents, career 5 technology districts or career technology district governing boards, municipal government entities, county commissioners or other public 6 7 officials or local government entity having authority to issue debt obligations either directly or which is the beneficiary of a public 8 9 trust organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 176 et. seq. 10 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

11 С. In addition, the public finance service provider shall be 12 required to make disclosure of any and all direct financial 13 contributions which exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on a 14 cumulative basis during any calendar year made to any elected 15 officials or employees of a State Governmental Entity or Local 16 Governmental Entity to which financial services are to be provided 17 in connection with issuance of debt obligations or contributions 18 made to any individuals associated with any of the nonprofit 19 organizations described by subsection B of this section.

D. The disclosure shall be filed annually with the Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management not later than January 15, or the first business day after such date if January 15 is not a date upon which the State Treasurer's office is open for business, and shall include an itemized description of all direct financial contributions made to any and all of the entities described by subsections B and C of this section by the public finance service provider during the immediately preceding calendar year.

5 Е. Any public finance service provider shall submit a copy of the most recent disclosure document on file with the Oklahoma State 6 7 Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management as required pursuant to subsection D of this section prior to the selection of a 8 9 public finance service provider by any county, city, town, common 10 school district, career technology district or other local 11 government entity or any public trust organized pursuant to the 12 provisions of Section 176 et seq. of Title 60 of the Oklahoma 13 Statutes having one or more political subdivisions as its 14 beneficiary or beneficiaries, with respect to the issuance of any 15 obligations described by subsection A of this section. The 16 disclosure document shall be provided to each member of the 17 governing board of the unit of local government to which services 18 will be provided and, if applicable, to each member of the board of 19 trustees of any public trust as described in this subsection to 20 which public finance services will be provided. If the board of 21 trustees of such public trust is comprised of persons who are also 22 members of the governing board of the unit of local government, the 23 disclosure document may be provided to the members of the governing 24 board of the unit of local government and the document will not be

1 required to be provided to any member of the board of trustees of 2 the public trust unless such person is not a member of the governing 3 board of the unit of local government.

4 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 695.11, is 5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 695.11 The provisions of The Oklahoma Central 7 Purchasing Act shall not be applicable to any actions of a State Governmental Entity in regard to the sale and issuance of its 8 9 obligations, including any contracts and undertakings relating 10 thereto; however, such issuance, contracts and undertakings shall be 11 subject to the provisions of this act regarding review or approval 12 of such matters by the Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer 13 for Debt Management.

14SECTION 7.AMENDATORY62 O.S. 2011, Section 695.19, is15amended to read as follows:

16 Section 695.19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a 17 State Governmental Entity, as such term is defined in Section 695.3 18 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title, is authorized to 19 issue refunding bonds for the purpose of refinancing existing bonds 20 or obligations without further authorization from the Legislature 21 provided the issuance of the refunding bonds and any services, fees 22 and expenses related thereto are reviewed and approved by the 23 Oklahoma State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management and

the Council of Bond Oversight pursuant to the provisions of the
 Oklahoma Bond Oversight and Reform Act.

3 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 695.23, is 4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 695.23 As used in the Oklahoma Private Activity Bond 6 Allocation Act:

7 1. "Application for state ceiling allocation" means the written
8 application form provided by the State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer
9 for Debt Management which shall be filed by or on behalf of the
10 issuer in compliance with the requirements of this act;

11 2. "Beginning Agricultural Producer Pool" means the portion of 12 the state ceiling reserved for bonds relating to the Oklahoma 13 Beginning Agricultural Producer Pool Act;

14 3. "Carryforward" shall have the same meaning as in Section 15 146(f) of the Internal Revenue Code;

16 4. "Confirmation" means a written confirmation of allocation 17 issued by the State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt

18 <u>Management</u>;

19 5. "Consolidated Pool" means an aggregation of unallocated sums 20 of the state ceiling derived from pools as set forth in subsection M 21 of Section 695.24 of this title;

22 6. "Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management" means the person
 23 designated by the State Treasurer pursuant to the provisions of
 24 Section 695.6a of this title;

1 <u>7.</u> "Economic Development Pool" means that portion of the state 2 ceiling reserved for projects specifically authorized by the Council 3 of Bond Oversight, as provided for in subsection B of Section 695.24 4 of this title;

5 7. 8. "Exempt facility bonds" means exempt facility bonds as
6 defined in Section 142(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;

8. 9. "Exempt Facility Pool" means the portion of the state
8 ceiling reserved for exempt facility bonds;

9 9. 10. "Final certification" or "final certificate" means a 10 certification or certificate filed with the State Bond Advisor 11 Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management by or on behalf of the issuer 12 specifying the exact amount of indebtedness issued by an issuer, or, 13 in the case of mortgage credit certificates, a copy of the document 14 or election filed with the Internal Revenue Service exchanging bond 15 issuance authority for mortgage credit certificate issuance 16 authority;

17 <u>10.</u> <u>11.</u> "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code 18 of 1986 (26 U.S.C., Section 1 et seq.), as amended;

19 <u>11. 12.</u> "Issued" means any issue of bonds which have been 20 delivered and the purchase price therefor remitted to or for the 21 account of the issuer, or a copy of the document or election filed 22 with the Internal Revenue Service exchanging bond issuance authority 23 for mortgage credit certificate issuance authority;

1 12. 13. "Issuer" or "issuing authority" means any public trust 2 or other entity which is authorized to issue tax-exempt bonds, notes 3 and other like obligations, or has the authority to exchange single-4 family mortgage bond authority for mortgage credit certificate 5 authority, under the Constitution or laws of the state;

13. 14. "Local issuer" means any municipality, county or public
trust having counties or municipalities or combinations thereof as
beneficiary, or a public trust having the state as beneficiary with
jurisdiction limited to one county of the state;

10 <u>14. 15.</u> "Local Issuer Single Family Pool" means the portion of 11 the state ceiling reserved for local issuers of single-family, 12 mortgage revenue bonds and mortgage credit certificates;

13 <u>15. 16.</u> "Metropolitan Area Housing Pool" means the portion of 14 the state ceiling reserved pursuant to subsection I of Section 15 695.24 of this title;

16 <u>16. 17.</u> "Mortgage credit certificate election" means a document 17 or election filed by an issuer with the Internal Revenue Service 18 exchanging single-family mortgage bond issuance authority for 19 mortgage credit certificate issuance authority;

20 <u>17.</u> <u>18.</u> "Mortgage credit certificates" shall have the same 21 meaning as in Section 25(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

22 <u>18. 19.</u> "Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency Pool" means that 23 portion of the state ceiling reserved for single-family bonds,

1 multifamily bonds, and mortgage credit certificates issued by the 2 Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency;

3 19. 20. "Private activity bonds" or "bonds" means any bonds or 4 notes or other evidence of indebtedness, the interest on which is 5 exempt from tax pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, and mortgage 6 credit certificates, except those bonds or certificates specifically 7 excluded from the state ceiling under the terms of federal 8 legislation;

9 20. 21. "Qualified small issue" used in the context of "bond" 10 or "bonds" or the "Qualified Small Issue Pool" shall have the 11 meaning as in Section 144(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;

12 <u>21.</u> <u>22.</u> "Qualified Small Issue Pool" means the portion of the 13 state ceiling reserved for qualified small issue bonds;

14 <u>22.</u> <u>23.</u> "Qualified student loan bonds" shall have the same 15 meaning as in Section 144(b) of the Internal Revenue Code;

16 <u>23.</u> <u>24.</u> "Rural Area Housing Pool" means the portion of the 17 state ceiling reserved pursuant to subsection J of Section 695.24 of 18 this title;

19 24. 25. "State" means the State of Oklahoma;

20 25. "State Bond Advisor" means the Oklahoma State Bond Advisor
21 or his or her designee;

22 26. "State ceiling" means the limit which is prescribed by the
23 Internal Revenue Code in Section 146 and in such other applicable
24 sections of the Internal Revenue Code on the amount of private

1 activity bonds which may be issued collectively by all of the 2 issuers of the state during a calendar year;

3 27. "State issuer" means any public trust having the state as 4 beneficiary or any state agency or other entity with powers to issue 5 private activity bonds, provided that the term shall not include a 6 public trust or any local issuer with the state as beneficiary whose 7 jurisdiction is limited to one county;

8 28. "State Issuer Pool" means the portion of the state ceiling 9 reserved for state issuers of qualified small issuer projects; and 10 29. "Student Loan Pool" means the portion of the state ceiling 11 reserved for qualified student loan bonds.

12 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 695.24, is 13 amended to read as follows:

Section 695.24 A. 1. Fifteen and five-tenths percent (15.5%) of the state ceiling shall be reserved and placed in the Student Loan Pool.

17 2. For the period January 1 through September 1 of each
18 calendar year, the Student Loan Pool shall be allocated to qualified
19 student loan bonds issued by eligible state issuers. Allocations
20 will be available to issuers on a first-come, first-serve basis.

B. Twelve percent (12%) of the state ceiling shall be reserved and placed in a pool designated as the Economic Development Pool. For the period January 1 through September 1 of each calendar year, allocations from this pool may be made only upon the recommendation

1 of the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and following In order to 2 review and approval by the Council of Bond Oversight. 3 approve the recommendation, the Council of Bond Oversight must find 4 that the project seeking an allocation from this pool will result in 5 the creation of manufacturing jobs in this state or will in some other way contribute to an economic development objective of this 6 7 state. For purposes of this subsection, "manufacturing jobs" means jobs created by manufacturing facilities as that term is defined in 8 9 subparagraphs a, b, and c of paragraph 1 of subsection B of Section 10 2902 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

11 C. 1. Twelve percent (12%) of the state ceiling shall be 12 reserved and placed in a pool to be designated the Qualified Small 13 Issue Pool.

14 2. For the period January 1 through September 1 of each 15 calendar year, the Qualified Small Issue Pool shall be allocated to 16 qualified small issue bond projects undertaken by either state or 17 local issuers. Allocations will be available to issuers on a first-18 come, first-serve basis.

D. 1. One percent (1%) of the state ceiling shall be reserved and placed in a pool to be designated the Beginning Agricultural Producer Pool.

22 2. For the period January 1 through September 1 of each23 calendar year, the Beginning Agricultural Producer Pool shall be

allocated pursuant to the criteria established in Section 5063.23 of
 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. 1. Two and five-tenths percent (2.5%) of the state ceiling shall be reserved and placed in a pool to be designated the Exempt Facility Pool.

6 2. For the period January 1 through September 1 of each
7 calendar year, the Exempt Facility Pool shall be allocated to exempt
8 facility bonds issued by either state or local issuers. Allocations
9 will be available to issuers on a first-come, first-serve basis.

10 F. 1. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, fifteen 11 percent (15%) of the state ceiling shall be reserved and placed in a 12 pool to be designated the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency Pool. 13 Provided, however, that the allocation of the state ceiling to the 14 Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency as otherwise authorized pursuant to 15 this subsection shall be increased up to ten percent (10%) of the 16 state ceiling amount for any calendar year subsequent to a 17 certification by the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission 18 that the available housing stock in an area located on or near a 19 military installation at risk for closure or adverse realignment 20 pursuant to federal law is inadequate and an increase in available 21 funds for construction or rehabilitation of such housing would make 22 closure or an adverse realignment of the military installation less 23 likely. The certification by the Oklahoma Strategic Military 24 Planning Commission shall be made and communicated to the State Bond

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1 Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management not later than November 2 15 each year. The Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission 3 shall make a specific recommendation to the State Bond Advisor 4 Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management regarding the percentage 5 increase to be adopted for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency pool 6 for the ensuing year. The State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for 7 Debt Management shall make the final determination regarding the 8 amount of such increase. Any certification made by the Oklahoma 9 Strategic Military Planning Commission shall be valid only for the 10 calendar year immediately following such certification.

11 2. a. For the period January 1 through September 1 of each 12 year, the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency Pool shall 13 be allocated to qualified single family bonds, 14 multifamily bonds, or mortgage credit certificates 15 issued by the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency. 16 Provided, thirty-five percent (35%) of the allocation b. 17 from the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency Pool shall be 18 set aside for at least three (3) months for the 19 origination of single-family loans in counties with 20 populations of three hundred thousand (300,000) or 21 less.

G. 1. Four percent (4%) of the state ceiling shall be reserved and placed in a pool to be designated the State Issuer Pool. For the period commencing January 1 of each calendar year through September 1 of the same year, the State Issuer Pool shall be
 allocated to those qualified small issuer projects undertaken by
 state issuers which have issued in excess of Seventy-five Million
 Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) in qualified small issue bonds.

5 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a state
6 issuer specifically limited in jurisdiction to one county shall be
7 treated as a local issuer for the purposes of allocation.

Seventeen and five-tenths percent (17.5%) of the state 8 н. 9 ceiling shall be reserved and placed in a pool to be designated the 10 Local Issuer Single Family Pool. For the period commencing January 11 1 of each calendar year through September 1 of the same year, the 12 Local Issuer Single Family Pool shall be allocated to single-family 13 projects undertaken by local issuers in counties with populations of 14 three hundred thousand (300,000) or less on a first-come, first-15 serve basis with no single local issuer or project to receive an 16 allocation in excess of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from 17 the Local Issuer Single Family Pool. An issuer which has not 18 received any allocation from the State Issuer Pool and having a 19 single-family project limited in jurisdiction to twenty counties or 20 less, each of which has a population of three hundred thousand 21 (300,000) or less, shall be considered a local issuer for the 22 purposes of this subsection.

I. Twelve and five-tenths percent (12.5%) of the state ceiling shall be reserved and placed in a pool to be designated the 1 Metropolitan Area Housing Pool. Allocations from the Metropolitan 2 Area Housing Pool may only be made to any public trust created to 3 provide single-family housing having a county with a population in 4 excess of three hundred thousand (300,000) as its sole beneficiary 5 and which has issued tax exempt single-family housing revenue bonds 6 in the amount of at least Four Hundred Million Dollars 7 (\$400,000,000.00). Provided, no more than fifty percent (50%) of the amount allocated pursuant to this subsection shall be awarded to 8 9 any single county.

10 J. Eight percent (8%) of the state ceiling shall be 11 reserved and placed in a pool to be designated the Rural Area 12 Housing Pool which shall be allocated to single-family 13 projects undertaken by other local issuers in counties with 14 populations of three hundred thousand (300,000) persons or 15 less on a first-come, first-serve basis with no single local 16 issuer or project to receive an allocation in excess of four 17 percent (4%) of the state ceiling.

18 K. Provided, however, that the percentage otherwise authorized 19 by subsections A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J of this section shall 20 be proportionately reduced by the amount of increase in the 21 percentage authorized to the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency as a 22 result of a recommendation by the Oklahoma Strategic Military 23 Planning Commission pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection F of this 24 section.

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L. The state ceiling for each calendar year shall be allocated
 within the categories set forth in subsections A, B, C, D, E, F, G,
 H, I and J of this section to all private activity bonds, as
 follows:

5 1. Except as provided in Section 695.21 et seq. of this title,
6 the state ceiling shall be allocated in the order in which
7 confirmations are issued;

2. The State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management 8 9 shall issue confirmations in the order in which fully and properly 10 completed applications for state ceiling allocation are received. The State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management shall 11 12 have the limited authority to defer or deny confirmation on 13 applications for state ceiling allocation which appear to be 14 incomplete or premature based upon information submitted or which 15 fail to show demand for funds pursuant to subsections F and G of 16 Section 695.25 of this title; and

3. The State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management
shall have no discretionary control regarding the issuance of
confirmations, except as specifically provided in the Oklahoma
Private Activity Bond Allocation Act.

In the event a confirmation or application is denied, the State
 Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management, within five (5)
 business days following such denial, shall send written notice of

such denial to the applicant together with a brief recital of the
 reason therefor.

M. 1. On September 2 of each calendar year, nonallocated sums remaining in the Economic Development Pool, Qualified Small Issue Pool, the Beginning Agricultural Producer Pool, the Exempt Facility Pool, the Student Loan Pool, the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency Pool, the State Issuer Pool, the Local Issuer Single Family Pool, the Metropolitan Area Housing Pool and the Rural Area Housing Pool shall be consolidated into the Consolidated Pool.

10 2. All local issuers and state issuers shall be entitled to 11 obtain allocations from the Consolidated Pool for any private 12 activity bond or mortgage credit certificate program based on the 13 chronological order of completed applications received after January 14 1 of each calendar year which applications have not received an 15 allocation.

16 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 695.25, is 17 amended to read as follows:

Section 695.25 A. On January 1 of each calendar year or the first business day thereafter, the <u>State Bond Advisor Deputy</u> <u>Treasurer for Debt Management</u> shall determine the maximum total volume of private activity bonds that may be issued pursuant to federal law by the state during that year.

B. On or before February 15 of each calendar year, the State
 Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management shall cause to be

published in The Oklahoma Register, or any successor publication, a notice specifying the amount of the state ceiling for the calendar year.

4 C. Allocations from the pools set forth in Section 695.24 of 5 this title will be processed on the basis of the chronological order of receipt of completed applications for state ceiling allocation 6 7 unless otherwise provided in said section, and on the basis of the information and provisions set forth in subsections D, E, F, G and H 8 9 of this section. Allocations from the Consolidated Pool will be 10 processed on the basis of the system set out in subsection M of 11 Section 695.24 of this title and on the basis of information and 12 provisions set forth in subsections D, E, F, G and H of this 13 section.

D. An issuer which proposes to issue private activity bonds for
a specific project or purpose shall make application for an
allocation of a portion of the state ceiling for the particular
project or purpose by submitting to the State Bond Advisor Deputy
<u>Treasurer for Debt Management</u> an application for state ceiling
allocation together with copies of the following:

A certified copy of the resolution or other action adopted
 by the issuer for the purpose of taking "official action" as
 required by the Treasury Regulations relating to Section 103 of the
 Internal Revenue Code, if the issuer of private activity bonds for

which the allocation is requested requires "official action" under
 applicable Treasury Regulations and the Internal Revenue Code; and

2. A final resolution of the beneficiary of the issuer
evidencing its approval of the issuance of the issuer's obligations,
if the issuer is a municipal or county public trust, or a
certificate signed by the Governor of the state evidencing his
approval of the issuance of the issuer's obligations, to the extent
required under the Internal Revenue Code, if the issuer is a public
trust having the state as its beneficiary.

10 E. The application for state ceiling allocation shall contain11 the following information:

12 1. The name and mailing address of the issuer, the beneficiary 13 and jurisdiction thereof, the name of the presiding officer of the 14 issuer and the respective pool from which an allocation is 15 requested;

16 2. The name and mailing address or other definitive description 17 of the location of the project or bonds and the purpose for which an 18 allocation of the state ceiling is requested, the name and mailing 19 address of both the initial owner or operator of the project, where 20 applicable, and an appropriate person from whom information 21 regarding the project or bonds can be obtained, and the name and 22 address of the person to whom the confirmation should be sent; 23 3. The amount of the state ceiling which the Issuer is 24 requesting;

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4. A statement of bond counsel for the issuer that the proposed
 issue requires, pursuant to Section 103, Section 146 or such other
 applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code, an allocation of a
 portion of the state ceiling; and

5 5. Where applicable, the intention to exchange single-family6 mortgage bond authority for mortgage credit certificates.

7 Applications for single-family mortgage bonds or F. 1. mortgage credit certificate programs shall also include the 8 9 submission of information demonstrating a reasonable expectation to 10 use an allocation of the state ceiling for its intended purpose. 11 This information shall include historical usage of mortgage revenue 12 bond proceeds or mortgage credit certificates in the geographic area 13 subject to an application over the previous twenty-four-month period 14 and the impact of known or possible competing programs that would 15 act to reduce demand. This information may also include demand 16 surveys. Provided, in cases where historical usage cannot be 17 documented, demand surveys shall be included with an application.

18 2. Applications for qualified student loan bonds shall also 19 include the submission of information showing a reasonable 20 expectation to use the state ceiling for its intended purpose. This 21 information shall include historical lending activity over the 22 previous twenty-four-month period as well as a demonstration of need 23 based upon such factors as increased enrollment costs, enrollment 24 increases, or new federal regulations that act to increase demand by

making changes to eligibility requirements to certain federally guaranteed or subsidized student loan programs. This information may also include demand surveys. Provided, in cases where historical usage cannot be documented, demand surveys shall be included with an application.

3. Applications shall also include evidence of a structure to
deliver the financing derived from single-family mortgage bond
proceeds or mortgage credit certificates or from qualified student
loan bond proceeds to ultimate users, particularly the extent of
lender participation in the case of mortgage revenue bonds or
mortgage credit certificate programs.

12 G. 1. Upon receipt of the completed application for state 13 ceiling allocation, copies of the official action and final 14 resolutions or certificates as required by subsection D of this 15 section and the information required by subsections E and F of this 16 section and assuming availability of the sum requested and 17 compliance with the Oklahoma Private Activity Bond Allocation Act, 18 the State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management shall 19 send, within five (5) business days of the receipt thereof, a 20 confirmation of the allocation of the state ceiling for the subject 21 project or purpose to the person designated in the application for 22 state ceiling allocation. Provided, the State Bond Advisor Deputy 23 Treasurer for Debt Management may reject an application or deny a 24 confirmation pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

1 2. The State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management 2 may reject any application which is incomplete or filed with 3 insufficient information. The State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer 4 for Debt Management may reject any application where, in the State 5 Bond Advisor's Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management's judgment, a reasonable likelihood has not been shown that single-family mortgage 6 7 and student loan bond proceeds or mortgage credit certificates will be used for their intended public purposes. In the event an 8 9 application or confirmation is denied, within five (5) business days 10 following such denial, the State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for 11 Debt Management shall send the applicant written notice of the 12 denial of an application or confirmation together with the reason or 13 reasons therefor. In the case of disapprovals of applications or 14 confirmations, an applicant may appeal the disapproval by submitting 15 a new application to the Council of Bond Oversight, along with an 16 explanation addressing the reasons for disapproval cited in the 17 State Bond Advisor's Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management's letter. 18 The Council of Bond Oversight, through affirmative action of the 19 Council, may accept an application rejected by the State Bond 20 Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management, or order the State 21 Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management to issue a 22 confirmation of allocation, subject to provisions of the Oklahoma 23 Private Activity Bond Allocation Act. Applicants may submit only

one new application based on an appeal of any specific application
 previously submitted.

3 3. Only complete applications, as determined by the State Bond
4 Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management, shall be used to
5 establish the chronological order of applications. In the case of a
6 new application submitted based on an appeal, chronological order
7 shall be established at the time the new application is submitted.
8 H. An original confirmation shall cease to be effective to
9 assure allocation of any portion of the state ceiling unless the

10 bonds, notes, other evidences of indebtedness, or the appropriate 11 election filed with the Internal Revenue Service exchanging mortgage 12 bond authority for mortgage credit certificate authority have been 13 issued or filed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the date 14 of such confirmation. No extensions shall be granted. Such 15 issuance shall be evidenced by the mailing, transmittal or delivery 16 of a final certification to the State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer 17 for Debt Management within the time specified by this subsection. 18 Receipt by an issuer of a confirmation as contemplated by this 19 section shall entitle the issuer to rely conclusively upon the 20 accuracy of the State Bond Advisor's Deputy Treasurer for Debt 21 Management's mathematical calculation and the allocation for 22 purposes of closing.

I. The confirmation given in advance of bond issuance or mortgage credit certificate election will assure allocation for only

1 the amount of such bonds or mortgage credit certificate authority as 2 is therein set forth, unless a supplementary application for state 3 ceiling allocation for an increase in amount is filed with and a 4 supplementary confirmation is issued by the State Bond Advisor 5 Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management for such requested allocation prior to such bond issuance or such election, pursuant to the 6 7 Oklahoma Private Activity Bond Allocation Act. The supplementary 8 confirmation shall be effective for the same period as the prior 9 confirmation which it supplements. Provided, however, no 10 supplementary confirmation shall be effective to preempt any 11 intervening confirmation as to allocation of a portion of the state 12 ceiling.

J. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, all confirmation dates for an issue of private activity bonds or mortgage credit certificate programs expire on December 20 of each calendar year. Final certification of issuance shall be delivered to the <u>State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management</u> by 9:00 a.m. on December 20 of each calendar year.

19 K. On or after 9:00 a.m. on December 20 of each calendar year, 20 issuing authorities may apply to the <u>State Bond Advisor Deputy</u> 21 <u>Treasurer for Debt Management</u> to carry forward a portion of the 22 state ceiling for such calendar year allocated to any qualified 23 carryforward project, as said term is used in Section 103(n)(10) and 24 146(f) of the Internal Revenue Code and which shall be evidenced by

1 the issuance of confirmations for all carryforward projects within 2 the limitations of the state ceiling. Provided, issuers or projects 3 with more than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) of 4 carryforward outstanding as of the date of the application for 5 carryforward shall only be eligible for carryforward allocations to the extent other issuers with less than Twenty Million Dollars 6 7 (\$20,000,000.00) of outstanding carryforward authority do not fully commit the state ceiling. Allocations on carryforward projects 8 9 shall be processed on the basis of the chronological receipt of 10 applications. No portion of the state ceiling carried forward for 11 any given year may be carried forward for a period in excess of 12 three (3) calendar years following the calendar year in which the 13 carryforward arose, except as otherwise permitted under federal law.

L. The State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management shall maintain continuous and cumulative records which shall include a list and cumulative dollar total of the private activity bonds for which:

Private activity bonds have been issued or state ceiling
 exchanged for mortgage credit certificate authority and final
 certifications have been received by the State Bond Advisor Deputy
 Treasurer for Debt Management;

22 2. Confirmations of carryforward have been issued; and23

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Confirmations in effect and outstanding for which no private
 activity bonds or mortgage credit certificate elections have been
 issued or filed.

4 The State Bond Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management shall keep continuous and cumulative records and totals for each of the 5 categories specified in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection as 6 7 well as the aggregate total of all categories. The State Bond 8 Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management shall not give further 9 confirmations at such time as the aggregate amount of bonds, other 10 indebtedness, carryforward or mortgage credit certificate elections 11 specified by paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection equals the 12 state ceiling authorized for the applicable year. The State Bond 13 Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management shall not award a 14 confirmation if such award would cause indebtedness, carryforward or 15 elections as specified by paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection 16 to exceed the state ceiling. Confirmation records shall be compiled 17 and furnished to any local issuer and state issuer upon written 18 request and payment of a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) which shall 19 be apportioned to the General Revenue Fund. Upon issuance of a 20 confirmation, the amounts of the proposed bond issue, mortgage 21 credit certificate election and carryforward confirmation shall be 22 included in the continuing, mathematical calculation, until the same 23 shall have been terminated in accordance with this section.

M. The person signing any confirmation for any allocations
 granted pursuant to the Oklahoma Private Activity Bond Allocation
 Act shall certify under penalty of perjury that such allocation was
 not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, gratuity or direct or
 indirect contribution to any political campaign.

N. A state or local issuer, who intentionally overissues
mortgage credit certificates or bonds, shall be prohibited from
making application for an allocation of the state ceiling for any
purpose for a period of three (3) years following discovery of such
over issuance.

11 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 278, O.S.L.
12 2017 (62 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 34.200-1), is amended to read as
13 follows:

Section 34.200-1 A. The State Bond Advisor State Treasurer in cooperation with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall produce a written debt affordability study (study) to be presented to the Legislature and the Governor.

B. The study shall be used to determine Oklahoma's debt
position relative to its benchmark debt ratio of debt service as a
percentage of revenues. The study shall incorporate information
available in other sources, such as the Annual Report of the
Oklahoma State Bond Advisor and the Bonded Indebtedness Report
produced by the State Treasurer, into an analysis of Oklahoma's debt
position.

C. The study shall include the net tax-supported and net
 revenue-supported debt of this state for the most recently concluded
 fiscal year. It shall also include the debt for the most recently
 concluded fiscal year of state agencies and state-beneficiary public
 trusts which are authorized to issue debt.

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D. The study shall include the following:

7 1. Projections of debt service, future debt issuance, and debt 8 to capacity, such as debt service as a percentage of revenues. Each 9 projection shall extend at least five (5) years from the study's 10 fiscal year of publication;

11 2. A discussion of Oklahoma's unfunded pension liabilities and 12 the impact of these liabilities on the state's ability to borrow and 13 cost of debt;

An identification and calculation of relevant metrics including, but not limited to, debt service as a percentage of revenues, total debt as a percentage of state personal income, and total debt per capita;

4. A comparison of debt metrics to a select group of at least
ten other states so that Oklahoma may be able to measure and
contextualize its debt relative to other states;

5. A sensitivity analysis to understand the effects of
uncertain conditions. This sensitivity analysis may include
analysis on the impact of debt ratios of revenues being above or

1 below expectations or interest rates increasing or decreasing from 2 positions at time of publication; and

6. An estimate of available debt capacity the state may issue over the next five (5) years without causing the benchmark debt ratio of debt service as a percentage of revenues to exceed five percent (5%). This estimate is based on the state's net taxsupported debt and the debt of the relevant state units and agencies.

9 E. In preparing any authorization of new debt, the debt-issuing 10 entity, the Legislature, and the Governor shall take the study's 11 recommendations and estimates into consideration. In addition, the 12 study's recommendations and estimates shall be taken into 13 consideration by the Legislature and the Governor during capital 14 planning and budgeting processes.

15 F. The State Bond Advisor State Treasurer and the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall report the results of the 16 17 study to the Legislature by transmitting a copy to the Speaker of 18 the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the State 19 Senate, and to the Governor on or before January 15 of each year. 20 The study's recommendations and estimates shall be advisory G. 21 and not binding.

22 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 73 O.S. 2011, Section 156.1, is 23 amended to read as follows:

Section 156.1 A. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is
 authorized to issue bonds, notes, or other obligations for the
 purpose of refinancing or restructuring its outstanding obligations.

B. The bonds or other obligations issued pursuant to this
section shall not at any time be deemed to constitute a debt of the
state or of any political subdivision thereof or a pledge of the
faith and credit of the state or any such political subdivision.

8 C. Such bonds or other obligations shall contain on the face 9 thereof a statement that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing 10 power of the state or any political subdivision thereof is pledged, 11 or may hereafter be pledged to the payment of the principal of or 12 the interest on such bonds.

13 D. To the extent funds are available from the proceeds of the 14 borrowing authorized by this section, the Oklahoma Capitol 15 Improvement Authority shall provide for the payment of professional 16 fees and associated costs approved by the Oklahoma State Bond 17 Advisor Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management. The Authority is 18 authorized to hire bond counsel, financial consultants, and such 19 other professionals as it may deem necessary to provide for the 20 efficient sale of the obligations and may utilize a portion of the 21 proceeds of any borrowing to create such reserves as may be deemed 22 necessary and to pay costs associated with the issuance and 23 administration of such obligations.

1 An issuance of bonds under this section may be undertaken to Ε. 2 achieve an overall debt service savings, modify restrictive bond 3 document covenants, or reduce payment requirements during periods of 4 fiscal stress. To achieve these objectives, the Authority is 5 authorized to extend the final maturity of its outstanding obligations if necessary, but in no event shall the final maturity 6 7 of an individual bond issue be extended more than ten (10) years 8 without the approval of the Council of Bond Oversight.

9 F. The obligations authorized under this section may be sold at 10 either competitive or negotiated sale, as determined by the 11 Authority, and in such form and at such prices as may be authorized 12 by the Authority. The Authority may issue obligations in one or 13 more series and may set such other terms and conditions as may be 14 necessary, in its judgment to achieve an efficient financing. The 15 Authority may enter into agreements with such credit enhancers and 16 liquidity providers as may be determined necessary to efficiently 17 market the obligations, including the purchase of surety policies or 18 other financial instruments to be utilized in lieu of reserve funds. 19 The obligations may mature and have such provisions for redemption 20 as shall be determined by the Authority, but in no event shall the 21 final maturity of such obligations occur later than thirty (30) 22 years from the delivery date.

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G. Any interest on the funds or accounts created for the
 purposes of this section may be utilized as partial payment of the
 annual debt service or for the purposes directed by the Authority.

H. The obligations issued under this section, the transfer
thereof and the interest earned on such obligations, including any
profit derived from the sale thereof, shall not be subject to
taxation of any kind by the State of Oklahoma, or by any county,
municipality or political subdivision therein.

9 I. The Authority may direct the investment of all monies in any 10 funds or accounts created in connection with the offering of the 11 obligations authorized under this section. Such investments shall 12 be made in a manner consistent with the investment guidelines of the 13 State Treasurer. The Authority may place additional restrictions on 14 the investment of such monies if necessary to enhance the 15 marketability of the obligations.

J. The obligations issued under this section shall be retired by payments made to the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority from the various agencies that entered into leases and other agreements in connection with the original financings. To the extent required by the Authority, such agencies are authorized and directed to enter into new lease agreements with the Authority.

K. The Authority is hereby specifically authorized to purchase
 surety policies or other financial instruments to replace existing
 debt service reserves. Any payment for such policies or other

1 instruments may be made from the cash reserves being replaced or any 2 other legally available source.

3 The Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall make L. 4 payments from the State Transportation Fund to pay obligations 5 incurred pursuant to agreements with the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature 6 7 to maintain the funding level of the State Transportation Fund as required in order for the Department of Transportation to fully pay 8 9 any and all obligations incurred by the Department of Transportation 10 with respect to agreements entered into by the Department of 11 Transportation and the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority. With 12 respect to other state agencies that have entered into agreements 13 with the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority, it is the intent of 14 the Oklahoma Legislature to appropriate sufficient monies to make 15 rental payments for the purposes of retiring the obligations created 16 pursuant to this section.

M. Insofar as they are not in conflict with the provisions of this section, the provisions of Section 151 et seq. of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall apply to bonds issued pursuant to this section, including the provision relating to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 13. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.
 SECTION 14. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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