

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1273

By: Alvord of the Senate

and

Townley of the House

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11 [Department of Environmental Quality - revolving
12 fund - Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health
13 Assessment Study - coordination - appropriation -
14 codification - effective date -

emergency]

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

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

23 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
24 fund for the Department of Environmental Quality to be designated

1 the "Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study
2 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
3 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received
4 by the Department from appropriations, apportionments, donations,
5 and federal grants received for the purpose of completing the study
6 created pursuant to subsection B of this section. All monies
7 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may
8 be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose provided
9 for in this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
10 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
11 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
12 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

13 B. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1-3-101 of Title 27A
14 of the Oklahoma Statutes as it relates to waters emanating from a
15 sensitive sole source aquifer, the Department shall establish and
16 perform a Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment
17 Study. The Department shall coordinate with the Center for
18 Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research at Baylor University for the
19 purpose of defining the study scope and conducting the work
20 necessary to complete data collection and the development of the
21 Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study. The
22 Department may coordinate with other relevant state and federal
23 agencies to effectuate the provisions of this section.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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