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| 2 | 1st Extraordinary Session of the 56th Legislature (2017) |
| 3 | SENATE BILL 49x By: Brecheen |
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| 6 | AS INTRODUCED |
| 7 | An Act relating to tax credits and tax rebates; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 2357.4, as last |
| 8 | amended by Section 1, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2016, 2357.22, as last amended by Section 12, Chapter 328, |
| 9 | O.S.L. 2014, 2357.32A, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 44, O.S.L. 2017, 2357.41, 2357.45, 2357.206, |
| 10 | as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 288, O.S.L. 2017, 2357.302, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter |
| 11 | 153, O.S.L. 2017, 2357.303, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 153, O.S.L. 2017, 2357.304, as |
| 12 | last amended by Section 3, Chapter 153, O.S.L. 2017, Section 1, Chapter 421, O.S.L. 2014, 2370.1, as last |
| 13 | amended by Section 1, Chapter 110, O.S.L. 2016, 3624, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 121, O.S.L. 2017 (68 |
| 14 | O.S. Supp. 2017, Sections 2357.4, 2357.22, 2357.32A, 2357.206, 2357.302, 2357.303, 2357.304, 2357.403, |
| 15 | 2370.1 and 3624), which relate to the business credit for investment or increase in full-time employees, |
| 16 | credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor fuel vehicle property or qualified electric |
| 17 | motor vehicle property, tax credits for electricity generated by zero-emission facilities, tax credit for |
| 18 | qualified rehabilitation expenditures, tax credit for donation to independent biomedical or cancer research |
| 19 | institute, the Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act, tax credit for tuition reimbursement |
| 20 | for qualified employer, tax credit for qualified employer in aerospace sector, tax credit for |
| 21 | qualified employee, tax credit for affordable housing, tax credit for guaranty fee, the Oklahoma |
| 22 | Film Enhancement Rebate Program; reducing credit amount for certain tax years; reducing credit rate |
| 23 | for certain tax years; modifying credit formula for certain tax years; reducing cap on credit amount for |
| 24 | certain tax years; reducing rebate rate for certain |

1 2 fiscal years; and reducing rebate cap for certain fiscal years.

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

5 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.4, as 6 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2016 (68 O.S. Supp. 7 2017, Section 2357.4), is amended to read as follows:

8 Section 2357.4. A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9 F of Section 3658 of this title and in subsections J and K of this 10 section, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1987, there 11 shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of 12 this title for:

Investment in qualified depreciable property placed in 13 1. service during those years for use in a manufacturing operation, as 14 15 defined in Section 1352 of this title, which has received a 16 manufacturer exemption permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 1359.2 of this title or a qualified aircraft maintenance or 17 manufacturing facility as defined in Section 1357 of this title in 18 this state or a qualified web search portal as defined in Section 19 1357 of this title; or 20

2. A net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent
 employees in a manufacturing operation, as defined in Section 1352
 of this title, which has received a manufacturer exemption permit
 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1359.2 of this title or a

qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility defined in Section 1357 of this title in this state or in a qualified web search portal as defined in Section 1357 of this title including employees engaged in support services.

B. Except as otherwise provided in subsection F of Section 3658
of this title and in subsections J and K of this section, for
taxable years beginning after December 31, 1998, there shall be
allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this
title for:

Investment in qualified depreciable property with a total
 cost equal to or greater than Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00)
 within three (3) years from the date of initial qualifying
 expenditure and placed in service in this state during those years
 for use in the manufacture of products described by any Industry
 Number contained in Division D of Part I of the Standard Industrial
 Classification (SIC) Manual, latest revision; or

2. A net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent 17 employees in this state engaged in the manufacture of any goods 18 identified by any Industry Number contained in Division D of Part I 19 of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, latest 20 revision, if the total cost of qualified depreciable property placed 21 in service by the business entity within the state equals or exceeds 22 Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) within three (3) years from 23 the date of initial qualifying expenditure. 24

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C. The business entity may claim the credit authorized by subsection B of this section for expenditures incurred or for a net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees after the business entity provides proof satisfactory to the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the conditions imposed pursuant to paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section have been satisfied.

7 If a business entity fails to expend the amount required by D. paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section within 8 9 the time required, the business entity may not claim the credit 10 authorized by subsection B of this section but shall be allowed to 11 claim a credit pursuant to subsection A of this section if the 12 requirements of subsection A of this section are met with respect to the investment in qualified depreciable property or net increase in 13 the number of full-time-equivalent employees. 14

The credit provided for in subsection A of this section, if 15 Ε. based upon investment in qualified depreciable property, shall not 16 17 be allowed unless the investment in qualified depreciable property is at least Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). The credit 18 provided for in subsection A or B of this section shall not be 19 allowed if the applicable investment is the direct cause of a 20 decrease in the number of full-time-equivalent employees. Qualified 21 property shall be limited to machinery, fixtures, equipment, 22 buildings or substantial improvements thereto, placed in service in 23 this state during the taxable year. The taxable years for which the 24

1 credit may be allowed if based upon investment in qualified 2 depreciable property shall be measured from the year in which the qualified property is placed in service. If the credit provided for 3 in subsection A or B of this section is calculated on the basis of 4 5 the cost of the qualified property, the credit shall be allowed in each of the four (4) subsequent years. If the qualified property on 6 which a credit has previously been allowed is acquired from a 7 related party, the date such property is placed in service by the 8 9 transferor shall be considered to be the date such property is 10 placed in service by the transferee, for purposes of determining the aggregate number of years for which credit may be allowed. 11

The credit provided for in subsection A or B of this 12 F. section, if based upon an increase in the number of full-time-13 equivalent employees, shall be allowed in each of the four (4) 14 subsequent years only if the level of new employees is maintained in 15 the subsequent year. In calculating the credit by the number of new 16 employees, only those employees whose paid wages or salary were at 17 least Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) during each year the credit 18 is claimed shall be included in the calculation. Provided, that the 19 first year a credit is claimed for a new employee, such employee may 20 be included in the calculation notwithstanding paid wages of less 21 than Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) if the employee was hired in 22 the last three quarters of the tax year, has wages or salary which 23 will result in annual paid wages in excess of Seven Thousand Dollars 24

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1 (\$7,000.00) and the taxpayer submits an affidavit stating that the employee's position will be retained in the following tax year and 2 will result in the payment of wages in excess of Seven Thousand 3 Dollars (\$7,000.00). The number of new employees shall be 4 5 determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Oklahoma income tax withholding for the final 6 quarter of the taxable year with the corresponding period of the 7 prior taxable year, as substantiated by such reports as may be 8 9 required by the Tax Commission.

10 G. The Except as otherwise provided in subsection N of this
11 section, the credit allowed by subsection A of this section shall be
12 the greater amount of either:

One percent (1%) of the cost of the qualified property in
 the year the property is placed in service; or

2. Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each new employee. 15 No credit shall be allowed in any taxable year for a net increase in 16 17 the number of full-time-equivalent employees if such increase is a result of an investment in qualified depreciable property for which 18 an income tax credit has been allowed as authorized by this section. 19 The Except as otherwise provided in subsection N of this 20 Η. section, the credit allowed by subsection B of this section shall be 21

22 the greater amount of either:

Two percent (2%) of the cost of the qualified property in
 the year the property is placed in service; or

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2. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each new employee.
 No credit shall be allowed in any taxable year for a net
 increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees if such
 increase is a result of an investment in qualified depreciable
 property for which an income tax credit has been allowed as
 authorized by this section.

7 I. Except as provided by subsection G of Section 3658 of this 8 title, any credits allowed but not used in any taxable year may be 9 carried over in order as follows:

10 1. To each of the four (4) years following the year of 11 qualification;

12 2. To the extent not used in those years in order to each of13 the fifteen (15) years following the initial five-year period;

14 3. If a C corporation that otherwise qualified for the credits 15 under subsection A of this section subsequently changes its 16 operating status to that of a pass-through entity which is being 17 treated as the same entity for federal tax purposes, the credits 18 will continue to be available as if the pass-through entity had 19 originally qualified for the credits subject to the limitations of 20 this section;

4. To the extent not used in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this
subsection, such credits from qualified depreciable property placed
in service on or after January 1, 2000, may be utilized in any
subsequent tax years after the initial twenty-year period; and

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5. Provided, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and ending on or before December 31, 2018, the amount of credits available as an offset in a taxable year shall be limited to the percentage calculated by the Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection L of this section.

J. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this 6 7 section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for 8 9 which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions 10 of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012. 11 Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this section may be 12 claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions 13 of this section; provided, credits accrued during the period from 14 July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, shall be limited to a period of 15 two (2) taxable years. The credit shall be limited in each taxable 16 year to fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of the accrued 17 credit. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 18 2010, through June 30, 2012, may not be claimed for any period prior 19 to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. No credits which 20 accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, may 21 be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable year prior to 22 the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. 23

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K. Beginning January 1, 2017, except with respect to tax
 credits allowed from investment or job creation occurring prior to
 January 1, 2017, the credits authorized by this section shall not be
 allowed for investment or job creation in electric power generation
 by means of wind as described by the North American Industry
 Classification System, No. 221119.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and 7 L. ending on or before December 31, 2018, the total amount of credits 8 9 authorized by this section used to offset tax shall be adjusted 10 annually to limit the annual amount of credits to Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00). The Tax Commission shall annually 11 12 calculate and publish a percentage by which the credits authorized by this section shall be reduced so the total amount of credits used 13 to offset tax does not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars 14 (\$25,000,000.00) per year. The formula to be used for the 15 percentage adjustment shall be Twenty-five Million Dollars 16 (\$25,000,000.00) divided by the credits used to offset tax in the 17 second preceding year. 18

M. Pursuant to subsection L of this section, in the event the total tax credits authorized by this section exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) in any calendar year, the Tax Commission shall permit any excess over Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) but shall factor such excess into the percentage adjustment formula for subsequent years.

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1 N. The credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this 2 section shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) for any 3 taxable year which begins on or after January 1, 2018, and ends on or before December 31, 2019. The provisions of this subsection 4 5 shall not be applicable to tax credits carried forward from any tax year which began prior to January 1, 2018. 6 SECTION 2. 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.22, as 7 AMENDATORY last amended by Section 12, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 8 9 2017, Section 2357.22), is amended to read as follows: 10 Section 2357.22. A. For tax years beginning before January 1, 2020, there shall be allowed a one-time credit against the income 11 tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title for investments in 12 qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property placed in 13 service after December 31, 1990. 14 As used in this section, "qualified clean-burning motor 15 в. vehicle fuel property" means: 16 Equipment installed to modify a motor vehicle which is 17 1. propelled by gasoline or diesel fuel so that the vehicle may be 18 propelled by a hydrogen fuel cell, compressed natural gas, liquefied 19 natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas; provided, equipment 20 installed on a vehicle propelled by a hydrogen fuel cell shall only 21 be eligible for tax year 2010. The equipment covered by this 22 paragraph must: 23

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- a. be new, not previously used to modify or retrofit any
 vehicle propelled by gasoline or diesel fuel and be
 installed by an alternative fuels equipment technician
 who is certified in accordance with the Alternative
 Fuels Technician Certification Act,
- b. meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards set
 forth in 49 CFR 571, or
- 8 c. for any commercial motor vehicle (CMV), follow the 9 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations or Oklahoma 10 Intrastate Motor Carrier Regulations;

11 2. A motor vehicle originally equipped so that the vehicle may 12 be propelled by a hydrogen fuel cell, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas but only to the 13 extent of the portion of the basis of such motor vehicle which is 14 attributable to the storage of such fuel, the delivery to the engine 15 of such motor vehicle of such fuel, and the exhaust of gases from 16 17 combustion of such fuel. A motor vehicle originally equipped so that the vehicle may be propelled by a hydrogen fuel cell shall only 18 be eligible for tax year 2010; 19

Property, not including a building and its structural
 components, which is:

a. directly related to the delivery of compressed natural
 gas, liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas,
 or hydrogen, for commercial purposes or for a fee or

charge, into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by such fuel including compression equipment and storage tanks for such fuel at the point where such fuel is so delivered but only if such property is not used to deliver such fuel into any other type of storage tank or receptacle and such fuel is not used for any purpose other than to propel a motor vehicle, or

9 b. a metered-for-fee, public access recharging system for motor vehicles propelled in whole or in part by 10 11 electricity. The property covered by this paragraph 12 must be new, and must not have been previously installed or used to refuel vehicles powered by 13 compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas or 14

liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen or electricity. Any property covered by this paragraph which is related to the 16 delivery of hydrogen into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle shall 17 only be eligible for tax year 2010; or 18

4. Property which is directly related to the compression and 19 delivery of natural gas from a private home or residence, for 20 noncommercial purposes, into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle 21 propelled by compressed natural gas. The property covered by this 22 paragraph must be new and must not have been previously installed or 23 used to refuel vehicles powered by natural gas. 24

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C. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" means a motor
 vehicle originally designed by the manufacturer to operate lawfully
 and principally on streets and highways.

D. The Except as provided for in subsection J of this section,
the credit provided for in subsection A of this section shall be as
follows:

7 1. After the effective date of this act, for the qualified
8 clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property defined in paragraph 1 or
9 2 of subsection B of this section, forty-five percent (45%) of the
10 cost of the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property;

11 2. For qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property 12 defined in paragraph 3 of subsection B of this section, a per-13 location credit of seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of the 14 qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property; and

3. For qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property
defined in paragraph 4 of subsection B of this section, a perlocation credit of the lesser of fifty percent (50%) of the cost of
the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property or Two
Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

E. In cases where no credit has been claimed pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section by any prior owner and in which a motor vehicle is purchased by a taxpayer with qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property installed by the manufacturer of such motor vehicle and the taxpayer is unable or

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elects not to determine the exact basis which is attributable to such property, the taxpayer may claim a credit in an amount not exceeding the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the cost of the motor vehicle or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

5 F. If the tax credit allowed pursuant to subsection A of this 6 section exceeds the amount of income taxes due or if there are no 7 state income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer, the amount of 8 the credit not used as an offset against the income taxes of a 9 taxable year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent 10 income tax liability for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

G. A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half (1/2) of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.

H. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is herein empowered to promulgate rules by which the purpose of this section shall be administered, including the power to establish and enforce penalties for violations thereof.

I. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2352 of this title, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Tax Commission shall calculate an amount that equals five percent (5%) of the cost of qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property as provided for in paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section for tax year 2012. For each subsequent

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1 fiscal year thereafter, the Tax Commission shall perform the same 2 computation with respect to the second tax year preceding the 3 beginning of each subsequent fiscal year. The Tax Commission shall then transfer an amount equal to the amount calculated in this 4 5 subsection from the revenue derived pursuant to the provisions of subsections A, B and E of Section 2355 of this title to the 6 7 Compressed Natural Gas Conversion Safety and Regulation Fund created in Section 13 of this act. 8

J. The credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this
section shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) for any
taxable year which begins on or after January 1, 2018, and ends on
or before December 31, 2019. The provisions of this subsection
shall not be applicable to tax credits carried forward from any tax
year which began prior to January 1, 2018.

68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.32A, as 15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY last amended by Section 1, Chapter 44, O.S.L. 2017 (68 O.S. Supp. 16 17 2017, Section 2357.32A), is amended to read as follows: Section 2357.32A. A. Except as otherwise provided in 18 subsection H of this section, for tax years beginning on or after 19 January 1, 2003, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax 20 imposed by Section 2355 of this title to a taxpayer for the 21 taxpayer's production and sale to an unrelated person of electricity 22 generated by zero-emission facilities located in this state. 23 As used in this section: 24

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1 1. "Electricity generated by zero-emission facilities" means electricity that is exclusively produced by any facility located in 2 this state with a rated production capacity of one megawatt (1 mw) 3 or greater, constructed for the generation of electricity and placed 4 5 in operation after June 4, 2001, and with respect to electricity generated by wind for any facility placed in operation not later 6 than July 1, 2017, which utilizes eligible renewable resources as 7 its fuel source. The construction and operation of such facilities 8 9 shall result in no pollution or emissions that are or may be harmful 10 to the environment, pursuant to a determination by the Department of 11 Environmental Quality; and

- 12 2. "Eligible renewable resources" means resources derived from:
 - 13 a. wind,
 - 14 b. moving water,
 - 15 c. sun, or
 - 16 d. geothermal energy.

For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1, 17 в. 2003, and before January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit for the 18 electricity generated on or after January 1, 2003, but prior to 19 January 1, 2004, shall be seventy-five one-hundredths of one cent 20 (\$0.0075) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-21 emission facilities. For electricity generated on or after January 22 1, 2004, but prior to January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit 23 shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent (\$0.0050) per kilowatt-24

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1 hour for electricity generated by zero-emission facilities. For electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to 2 January 1, 2012, the amount of the credit shall be twenty-five one-3 hundredths of one cent (\$0.0025) per kilowatt-hour of electricity 4 5 generated by zero-emission facilities. For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2021, 6 or with respect to electricity generated by wind for any facility 7 placed in operation not later than July 1, 2017, the amount of the 8 9 credit for the electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007, 10 but not including electricity generated on or after January 1, 2018, 11 and before January 1, 2020, shall be fifty one-hundredths of one 12 cent (\$0.0050) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities. For facilities placed in operation on or 13 after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2021, or with respect 14 to electricity generated by wind for any facility placed in 15 16 operation not later than July 1, 2017, the amount of the credit for the electricity generated on or after January 1, 2018, and before 17 January 1, 2020, shall be three hundred seventy-five one-thousandths 18 of one cent (\$0.00375) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity 19 generated by zero-emission facilities. 20

C. Credits may be claimed with respect to electricity generated on or after January 1, 2003, during a ten-year period following the date that the facility is placed in operation on or after June 4, 2001.

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D. 1. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, if the credit allowed pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of income taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer, the amount of the credit allowed but not used in any tax year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent income tax liability for a period not exceeding ten (10) years.

2. For credits generated, but not used, on or after January 1, 7 2014, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall refund, at the taxpayer's 8 9 election, directly to the taxpayer eighty-five percent (85%) of the 10 face amount of such credits. The direct refund of the credits 11 pursuant to this paragraph shall be available to all taxpayers, 12 including, without limitation, pass-through entities and taxpayers subject to Section 2355 of this title, but shall not be available to 13 any entities falling within the provisions of subsection E of this 14 section. The amount of any direct refund of credits actually 15 received at the eighty-five percent (85%) level by the taxpayer 16 pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to the tax imposed 17 by Section 2355 of this title. If the pass-through entity does not 18 file a claim for a direct refund, the pass-through entity shall 19 allocate the credit to one or more of the shareholders, partners or 20 members of the pass-through entity; provided, the total of all 21 credits refunded or allocated shall not exceed the amount of the 22 credit or refund to which the pass-through entity is entitled. 23 For the purposes of this paragraph, "pass-through entity" means a 24

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1 corporation that for the applicable tax year is treated as an S
2 corporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,
3 general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability
4 partnership, trust or limited liability company that for the
5 applicable tax year is not taxed as a corporation for federal income
6 tax purposes.

Any nontaxable entities, including agencies of the State of 7 Ε. Oklahoma or political subdivisions thereof, shall be eligible to 8 9 establish a transferable tax credit in the amount provided in 10 subsection B of this section. Such tax credit shall be a property 11 right available to a state agency or political subdivision of this 12 state to transfer or sell to a taxable entity, whether individual or corporate, who shall have an actual or anticipated income tax 13 liability under Section 2355 of this title. These tax credit 14 15 provisions are authorized as an incentive to the State of Oklahoma, its agencies and political subdivisions to encourage the expenditure 16 of funds in the development, construction and utilization of 17 electricity from zero-emission facilities as defined in subsection A 18 of this section. 19

F. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, the amount of the credit allowed, but not used, shall be freely transferable at any time during the ten (10) years following the year of qualification. Any person to whom or to which a tax credit is transferred shall have only such rights to claim and use the credit

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1 under the terms that would have applied to the entity by whom or by which the tax credit was transferred. The provisions of this 2 3 subsection shall not limit the ability of a tax credit transferee to reduce the tax liability of the transferee, regardless of the actual 4 5 tax liability of the tax credit transferor, for the relevant taxable period. The transferor initially allowed the credit and any 6 7 subsequent transferees shall jointly file a copy of any written transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty 8 9 (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the 10 name, address and taxpayer identification number or social security 11 number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of the credit 12 being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the transferor, and the tax year or years for which the credit may be 13 The Tax Commission may promulgate rules to permit 14 claimed. verification of the validity and timeliness of the tax credit 15 claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not 16 promulgate any rules that unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of 17 such tax credit. The tax credit allowed by this section, upon the 18 election of the taxpayer, may be claimed as a payment of tax, a 19 prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax for purposes of 20 Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title. 21

G. For electricity generation produced and sold in a calendar year, the tax credit allowed by the provisions of this section, upon election of the taxpayer, shall be treated and may be claimed as a 1 payment of tax, a prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax 2 for purposes of Section 2355 of this title on or after July 1 of the 3 following calendar year.

No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this 4 Η. 5 section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for 6 which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions 7 of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011. 8 9 Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be 10 claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other 11 act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions 12 of this section. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, may not be claimed for any 13 period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. 14 No credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 15 30, 2011, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable 16 year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. 17

18 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.41, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 2357.41. A. Except as otherwise provided by subsection 21 I of this section, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2000, 22 there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Sections 23 2355 and 2370 of this title or that portion of the tax imposed by 24 Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes that would

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otherwise have been apportioned to the General Revenue Fund for qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred in connection with any certified historic hotel or historic newspaper plant building located in an increment or incentive district created pursuant to the Local Development Act or for qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred after January 1, 2006, in connection with any certified historic structure.

The Except as otherwise provided for in subsection J, the 8 в. 9 amount of the credit shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the 10 federal rehabilitation credit provided for in Section 47 of Title 26 11 of the United States Code. The credit authorized by this section 12 may be claimed at any time after the relevant local governmental 13 body responsible for doing so issues a certificate of occupancy or other document that is a precondition for the applicable use of the 14 15 building or structure that is the basis upon which the credit authorized by this section is claimed. 16

C. All requirements with respect to qualification for the
credit authorized by Section 47 of Title 26 of the United States
Code shall be applicable to the credit authorized by this section.

D. If the credit allowed pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of income taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer, the amount of the credit allowed but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward as a credit

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against subsequent income tax liability for a period not exceeding
 ten (10) years following the qualified expenditures.

E. All rehabilitation work to which the credit may be applied shall be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office which will in turn forward the information to the National Park Service for certification in accordance with 36 C.F.R., Part 67. A certified historic structure may be rehabilitated for any lawful use or uses, including without limitation mixed uses and still retain eligibility for the credit provided for in this section.

10 F. The amount of the credit allowed for any credit claimed for 11 a certified historic hotel or historic newspaper plant building or 12 any certified historic structure, but not used, shall be freely transferable, in whole or in part, to subsequent transferees at any 13 time during the five (5) years following the year of qualification. 14 Any person to whom or to which a tax credit is transferred shall 15 have only such rights to claim and use the credit under the terms 16 that would have applied to the entity by whom or by which the tax 17 credit was transferred. The provisions of this subsection shall not 18 limit the ability of a tax credit transferee to reduce the tax 19 liability of the transferee regardless of the actual tax liability 20 of the tax credit transferor for the relevant taxable period. 21 The transferor of the credit and the transferee shall jointly file a 22 copy of the written credit transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax 23 Commission within thirty (30) days of the transfer. Such filing of 24

1 the written credit transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax 2 Commission shall perfect such transfer. The written agreement shall 3 contain the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of credit being transferred, the 4 5 year the credit was originally allowed to the transferor, the tax year or years for which the credit may be claimed, and a 6 representation by the transferor that the transferor has neither 7 claimed for its own behalf nor conveyed such credits to any other 8 9 transferee. The Tax Commission shall develop a standard form for 10 use by subsequent transferees of the credit demonstrating 11 eligibility for the transferee to reduce its applicable tax 12 liabilities resulting from ownership of the credit. The Tax Commission shall develop a system to record and track the transfers 13 of the credit and certify the ownership of the credit and may 14 promulgate rules to permit verification of the validity and 15 timeliness of a tax credit claimed upon a tax return pursuant to 16 this subsection but shall not promulgate any rules which unduly 17 restrict or hinder the transfers of such tax credit. 18

G. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this section, on or after January 1, 2009, if a credit allowed pursuant to this section which has been transferred is subsequently reduced as the result of an adjustment by the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Commission, or any other applicable government agency, only the transferor originally allowed the credit and not any subsequent transferee of

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the credit, shall be held liable to repay any amount of disallowed
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H. As used in this section:

"Certified historic hotel or historic newspaper plant
 building" means a hotel or newspaper plant building that is listed
 on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty (30)
 months of taking the credit pursuant to this section.

2. "Certified historic structure" means a building that is 8 9 listed on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty 10 (30) months of taking the credit pursuant to this section or a 11 building located in Oklahoma which is certified by the State 12 Historic Preservation Office as contributing to the historic significance of a certified historic district listed on the National 13 Register of Historic Places, or a local district that has been 14 15 certified by the State Historic Preservation Office as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and 16

17 3. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" means capital 18 expenditures that qualify for the federal rehabilitation credit 19 provided in Section 47 of Title 26 of the United States Code and 20 that were paid after December 31, 2000. Qualified rehabilitation 21 expenditures do not include capital expenditures for nonhistoric 22 additions except an addition that is required by state or federal 23 regulations that relate to safety or accessibility. In addition,

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qualified rehabilitation expenditures do not include expenditures
 related to the cost of acquisition of the property.

I. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this 3 section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, 4 5 expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions 6 7 of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012, the credit authorized by this section may be 8 9 claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions 10 11 of this section. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, may not be claimed for any 12 period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. 13 No credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 14 30, 2012, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable 15 year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. 16

J. The credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this
section shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) for any
taxable year which begins on or after January 1, 2018, and ends
before January 1, 2020. The provisions of this subsection shall not
be applicable to tax credits carried forward from any tax year which
began prior to January 1, 2018.

23 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.45, is 24 amended to read as follows:

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Section 2357.45. A. 1. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2004, there shall be allowed against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title, a credit for any taxpayer who makes a donation 4 to an independent biomedical research institute and for tax years 5 beginning after December 31, 2010, a credit for any taxpayer who 6 makes a donation to a cancer research institute.

7 2. The credit authorized by paragraph 1 of this subsection8 shall be limited as follows:

9 a. for calendar year 2007 and all subsequent years, but 10 not including tax years beginning on or after January 11 1, 2018, and ending before January 1, 2020, the credit 12 percentage, not to exceed fifty percent (50%), shall be adjusted annually so that the total estimate of the 13 credits does not exceed Two Million Dollars 14 (\$2,000,000.00) annually. The formula to be used for 15 the percentage adjusted shall be fifty percent (50%) 16 times One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) divided by 17 the credits claimed in the preceding year for each 18 donation to an independent biomedical research 19 institute and fifty percent (50%) times One Million 20 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) divided by the credits claimed 21 in the preceding year for each donation to a cancer 22 research institute, 23

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| 1 | b. | for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 |
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| 2 | | and ending before January 1, 2020, the credit |
| 3 | | percentage, not to exceed thirty-seven and five tenths |
| 4 | | percent (37.5%), shall be adjusted annually so that |
| 5 | | the total estimate of the credits does not exceed One |
| 6 | | Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) |
| 7 | | annually. The formula to be used for the percentage |
| 8 | | adjusted shall be thirty-seven and five tenths percent |
| 9 | | (37.5%) times One Million Dollars Seven Hundred Fifty |
| 10 | | Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) divided by the credits |
| 11 | | claimed in the preceding year for each donation to an |
| 12 | | independent biomedical research institute and thirty- |
| 13 | | seven and five tenths percent (37.5%) times Seven |
| 14 | | Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) divided |
| 15 | | by the credits claimed in the preceding year for each |
| 16 | | donation to a cancer research institute, |
| 17 | <u>C.</u> | in no event shall a taxpayer claim more than one |
| 18 | | credit for a donation to any independent biomedical |
| 19 | | research institute and one credit for a donation to a |
| 20 | | cancer research institute in each taxable year nor |
| 21 | | shall the credit exceed One Thousand Dollars |
| 22 | | (\$1,000.00) for each taxpayer for each type of |
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- 1d.for tax year 2011, no more than Fifty Thousand Dollars2(\$50,000.00) in total tax credits for donations to a3cancer research institute shall be allowed,
 - <u>e.</u> in no event shall more than fifty percent (50%) of the Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in total tax credits authorized by this section, for any calendar year after the effective date of this act, be allocated for credits for donations to a cancer research institute, and
- 12 f. in the event the total tax credits authorized by this section exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in 13 any calendar year for either a cancer research 14 15 institute or an independent biomedical research institute, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall permit 16 any excess over One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) 17 but shall factor such excess into the percentage 18 adjustment formula for subsequent years for that type 19 of donation. However, any such adjustment to the 20 formula for donations to an independent biomedical 21 research institute shall not affect the formula for 22 donations to a cancer research institute, and any such 23 adjustment to the formula for donations to a cancer 24

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1 research institute shall not affect the formula for 2 donations to an independent biomedical research 3 institute.

3. For purposes of this section, "independent biomedical
research institute" means an organization which is exempt from
taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the
Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3) whose primary
focus is conducting peer-reviewed basic biomedical research. The
organization shall:

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a. have a board of directors,

b. be able to accept grants in its own name,
c. be an identifiable institute that has its own
employees and administrative staff, and
receive at least Fifteen Million Dollars
(\$15,000,000.00) in National Institute of Health
funding each year.

4. For purposes of this section, "cancer research institute" 17 means an organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to the 18 Internal Revenue Code and whose primary focus is raising the 19 standard of cancer clinical care in Oklahoma through peer-reviewed 20 cancer research and education or a not-for-profit supporting 21 organization, as that term is defined by the Internal Revenue Code, 22 affiliated with a tax-exempt organization whose primary focus is 23 raising the standard of cancer clinical care in Oklahoma through 24

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peer-reviewed cancer research and education. The tax-exempt organization whose primary focus is raising the standard of cancer clinical care in Oklahoma through peer-reviewed cancer research and education shall:

- a. either be an independent research institute or a
 program that is part of a state university which is a
 member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher
 Education, and
- 9 b. receive at least Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00)
 10 in National Cancer Institute funding each year.

B. In no event shall the amount of the credit exceed the amountof any tax liability of the taxpayer.

C. Any credits allowed but not used in any tax year may be carried over, in order, to each of the four (4) years following the year of qualification.

D. The Tax Commission shall have the authority to prescribe forms for purposes of claiming the credit authorized by this section.

19 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.206, as 20 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 288, O.S.L. 2017 (68 O.S. Supp. 21 2017, Section 2357.206), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 2357.206. A. This act shall be known and may be cited 23 as the "Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act".

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1 B. 1. Except as provided in subsection subsections F and M of this section, after August 26, 2011, there shall be allowed a credit 2 for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible 3 scholarship-granting organization. The credit shall be equal to 4 5 fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of contributions made during a taxable year, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for 6 single individuals, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for married 7 individuals filing jointly, or One Hundred Thousand Dollars 8 9 (\$100,000.00) for any taxpayer which is a legal business entity 10 including limited and general partnerships, corporations, subchapter 11 S corporations and limited liability companies; provided, if total credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the caps 12 13 established pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section, the credit shall be equal to the taxpayer's proportionate share of 14 the cap for the taxable year, as determined pursuant to subsection H 15 of this section. 16

2. For any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible 17 scholarship-granting organization and makes a written commitment to 18 contribute the same amount for an additional year, the credit for 19 the first year and the additional year shall be equal to seventy-20 five percent (75%) of the total amount of the contribution made 21 during a taxable year, not to exceed the amounts established in 22 paragraph 1 of this subsection for the taxable year in which the 23 credit provided in this subsection is claimed. The taxpayer shall 24

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provide evidence of the written commitment to the Oklahoma Tax
 Commission at the time of filing the refund claim.

3 3. The credits authorized pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be allocable to the partners, shareholders, members 4 5 or other equity owners of a taxpayer that is authorized to be treated as a partnership for purposes of federal income tax 6 7 reporting for the taxable year for which the tax credits authorized by this subsection are claimed on the applicable return, together 8 9 with required schedules, forms or reports of the partners, 10 shareholders, members or other equity owners of the taxpayer. Tax 11 credits which are allocated to such equity owners shall only be 12 limited in amount for the income tax return of a natural person or persons based upon the limitation of the total credit amount to the 13 entity from which the tax credits have been allocated and shall not 14 be limited to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for single 15 individuals or limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for 16 married persons filing a joint return. 17

4. On or before December 31, 2017, and once every four (4) years thereafter, such scholarship-granting organization and educational improvement granting organization shall submit to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, an audited financial statement for the organization along with information detailing the benefits, successes or failures of the program.

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1 C. 1. Except as provided in subsection subsections F and M of this section, after August 26, 2011, there shall be allowed a credit 2 for any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible educational 3 improvement grant organization. The credit shall be equal to fifty 4 5 percent (50%) of the total amount of contributions made during a taxable year, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for 6 single individuals, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for married 7 individuals filing jointly, or One Hundred Thousand Dollars 8 9 (\$100,000.00) for any taxpayer which is a legal business entity 10 including limited and general partnerships, corporations, subchapter 11 S corporations and limited liability companies; provided, if total 12 credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap established pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection D of this section, 13 the credit shall be equal to the taxpayer's proportionate share of 14 the cap for the taxable year, as determined pursuant to subsection H 15 of this section. 16

2. For any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible 17 educational improvement grant organization and makes a written 18 commitment to contribute the same amount for an additional year, the 19 credit for the first year and the additional year shall be equal to 20 seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount of the contribution 21 made during a taxable year, not to exceed the amounts established in 22 paragraph 1 of this subsection for the taxable year in which the 23 credit provided in this subsection is claimed; provided, if total 24

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credits claimed pursuant to this paragraph exceed the cap
established pursuant to paragraph 3 of this subsection, the credit
shall be equal to the taxpayer's proportionate share of the cap for
the taxable year, as determined pursuant to subsection H of this
section. The taxpayer shall provide evidence of the written
commitment to the Oklahoma Tax Commission at the time of filing the
refund claim.

3. The credits authorized pursuant to the provisions of this 8 9 subsection shall be allocable to the partners, shareholders, members 10 or other equity owners of a taxpayer that is authorized to be 11 treated as a partnership for purposes of federal income tax 12 reporting for the taxable year for which the tax credits authorized by this subsection are claimed on the applicable return, together 13 with required schedules, forms or reports of the partners, 14 shareholders, members or other equity owners of the taxpayer. Tax 15 credits which are allocated to such equity owners shall only be 16 limited in amount for the income tax return of a natural person or 17 persons based upon the limitation of the total credit amount to the 18 entity from which the tax credits have been allocated and shall not 19 be limited to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for single 20 individuals or limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for 21 married persons filing a joint return. 22

D. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection H of this section, for tax years 2017 and thereafter:

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The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection B of
 this section for all taxpayers shall not exceed Three Million Five
 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) annually;

2. The total credits authorized pursuant to subsection C of
this section for all taxpayers shall not exceed One Million Five
Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) annually; and

7 3. The cap on total credits provided for in this subsection
8 shall be allocated by the Tax Commission as provided in subsection H
9 of this section.

10 Ε. For credits claimed for eligible contributions made during 11 tax year 2014 and thereafter, a credit shall not be allowed by the 12 Oklahoma Tax Commission for contributions made to a scholarshipgranting organization or an educational improvement grant 13 organization if that organization's percentage of funds actually 14 awarded is less than ninety percent (90%). For purposes of this 15 section, the "percentage of funds actually awarded" shall be 16 determined by dividing the total amount of funds actually awarded as 17 educational scholarships or educational improvement grants over the 18 most recent twenty-four (24) months by the total amount available to 19 award as educational scholarships or educational improvement grants 20 over the most recent twenty-four (24) months. 21

F. Any tax credits which are earned by a taxpayer pursuant to this section during the time period beginning on the effective date of this act through December 31, 2012, may not be claimed for any

period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2013. No
credits which accrue during the time period beginning on the
effective date of this act through December 31, 2012, may be used to
file an amended tax return for any taxable year prior to the taxable
year beginning January 1, 2013.

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G. As used in this section:

"Eligible student" means a child of school age who is 7 1. lawfully present in the United States and who is a member of a 8 9 household in which the total annual income during the preceding tax 10 year does not exceed an amount equal to three hundred percent (300%) 11 of the income standard used to qualify for a free or reduced school 12 lunch or who, during the immediately preceding school year, attended or, by virtue of the location of such student's place of residence, 13 was eligible to attend a public school in this state which has been 14 identified for school improvement as determined by the State Board 15 of Education pursuant to the requirements of the No Child Left 16 Behind Act of 2001, P.L. No. 107-110. Once a student has received 17 an educational scholarship, as defined in paragraph 3 of this 18 subsection, the student and any siblings who are members of the same 19 household shall remain eligible until they graduate from high school 20 or reach twenty-one (21) years of age, whichever occurs first; 21

22 2. "Eligible special needs student" means a child who has been
23 provided services under an Individual Family Service Plan through
24 the SoonerStart program and during transition was evaluated and

determined to be eligible for school district services, a child of school age who has attended public school in our state with an individualized education program pursuant to the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.A., Section 1400 et seq. or a child who has been diagnosed by a clinical professional as having a significant disability that will affect learning and who has been approved by the board of a scholarship-granting organization;

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3. "Educational scholarships" means:

9 a. scholarships to an eligible student of up to Five 10 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or eighty percent (80%) 11 of the statewide annual average per-pupil expenditure 12 as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, whichever is 13 greater, to cover all or part of the tuition, fees and 14 transportation costs of a qualified school which is 15 accredited by the State Board of Education or an 16 accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant 17 to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, 18 b. scholarships to an eligible student of up to Five 19 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or eighty percent (80%) 20 of the statewide annual average per-pupil expenditure 21 as determined by the National Center for Education 22 Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, whichever is 23 greater, to cover the educational costs of a qualified 24

school which does not charge tuition, which enrolls special populations of students and which is accredited by the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

7 с. scholarships to an eligible special needs student of up to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to 8 9 cover all or part of the tuition, fees and 10 transportation costs of a qualified school for 11 eligible special needs students which is accredited by 12 the State Board of Education or an accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant to Section 13 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; 14

15 4. "Low-income eligible student" means an eligible student or 16 eligible special needs student who qualifies for a free or reduced-17 price lunch;

18 5. "Qualified school" means an early childhood, elementary or
19 secondary private school in this state, including schools which
20 provide special educational programs for three-year-olds or
21 prekindergarten educational programs for four-year-olds, which:
22 a. is accredited by the State Board of Education or an
23 accrediting association approved by the Board pursuant
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| 2laws and codes,3c. has a stated policy against discrimination in4admissions on the basis of race, color, national5origin or disability, and6d. ensures academic accountability to parents and7guardians of students through regular progress8reports;96. "Qualified school for eligible special needs students" means10an early childhood, elementary or secondary private school in a11county in this state, including schools which provide special12educational programs for three-year-olds;13educational programs for four-year-olds;147. "Scholarship-granting organization" means an organization15which:16a. is a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation pursuant to17the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 2618U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3),19b. distributes periodic scholarship payments as checks20made out to an eligible student's or eligible special21needs student's parent or guardian and mailed to the22qualified school where the student is enrolled,23c. spends no more than ten percent (10%) of its annual24revenue on expenditures other than educational | 1 | b. | is in compliance with all applicable health and safety |
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| c. spends no more than ten percent (10%) of its annual | 21 | | needs student's parent or guardian and mailed to the |
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| 24 revenue on expenditures other than educational | 23 | с. | spends no more than ten percent (10%) of its annual |
| | 24 | | revenue on expenditures other than educational |

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scholarships as defined in paragraph 3 of this subsection,

- d. spends each year a portion of its expenditures on educational scholarships for low-income eligible students, as defined in paragraph 4 of this subsection, in an amount equal to or greater than the percentage of low-income eligible students in the state,
- 9 e. ensures that scholarships are portable during the
 10 school year and can be used at any qualified school
 11 that accepts the eligible student or at any qualified
 12 school for special needs students that accepts the
 13 eligible special needs student,
- 14 f. registers with the Oklahoma Tax Commission as a15 scholarship-granting organization, and
- 16 g. has policies in place to:
- (1) carry out criminal background checks on all
 employees and board members to ensure that no
 individual is involved with the organization who
 might reasonably pose a risk to the appropriate
 use of contributed funds, and
- (2) maintain full and accurate records with respect
 to the receipt of contributions and expenditures
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1and any other documentation required by the Tax2Commission to demonstrate financial3accountability;

8. "Annual revenue" means the total amount or value of
contributions received by an organization from taxpayers awarded
credits during the organization's fiscal year and all amounts earned
from interest or investments;

9. "Public school" means public schools as defined in Section
9 1-106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10 10. "Eligible school" means any public school that is not 11 located within a ten-mile radius of a qualified school in this 12 state, or any public school that is located within a ten-mile radius 13 of a qualified school in this state but offers grade-level 14 instruction different from the qualified school or any public school 15 located within a public school district with fewer than four 16 thousand five hundred (4,500) students;

17 11. "Early childhood education program" means a special educational program for eligible special needs students who are three (3) years of age or a prekindergarten educational program provided to children who are at least four (4) years of age but not more than five (5) years of age on or before September 1;

12. "Innovative educational program" means an advanced academic or academic improvement program that is not part of the regular coursework of a public school but that enhances the curriculum or 1 academic program of the school or provides early childhood education
2 programs to students;

3 13. "Educational improvement grant" means a grant to an 4 eligible public school to implement an innovative educational 5 program for students, including the ability for multiple public 6 schools to make an application and be awarded a grant to jointly 7 provide an innovative educational program; and

8 14. "Educational improvement grant organization" means an9 organization which:

a. is a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation pursuant to
 the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26
 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and

b. contributes at least ninety percent (90%) of its 13 annual receipts as grants to eligible schools for 14 15 innovative educational programs. For purposes of this subparagraph, an educational improvement grant 16 organization contributes its annual cash receipts when 17 it expends or otherwise irrevocably encumbers those 18 funds for expenditure during the then current fiscal 19 year of the organization or during the next succeeding 20 fiscal year of the organization. 21

H. Total credits authorized by this section shall be allocatedas follows:

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1 1. By January 10 of the year immediately following each calendar year, a scholarship-granting organization or an educational 2 improvement grant organization which accepts contributions pursuant 3 to this section shall provide electronically to the Tax Commission 4 5 information on each contribution accepted during such taxable year. At least once each taxable year, the scholarship-granting 6 organization or the educational improvement grant organization shall 7 notify each contributor that Oklahoma law provides for a total, 8 9 statewide cap on the amount of income tax credits allowed annually; If the Tax Commission determines the total combined 10 2. a. 11 credits claimed for contributions made to scholarship-12 granting organizations during the most recently completed calendar year by all taxpayers are in excess 13 of the statewide caps provided in paragraph 1 of 14 subsection D of this section, the Tax Commission shall 15 first allocate any amount of credits not claimed for 16 contributions made to educational improvement-granting 17 organizations, then shall determine the percentage of 18 the contribution which establishes the proportionate 19 share of the credit which may be claimed by any 20 taxpayer so that the total maximum credits authorized 21 by this section are not exceeded. 22

b. If the Tax Commission determines the total combined
 credits claimed for contributions made to educational

1 improvement grant organizations during the most 2 recently completed calendar year by all taxpayers are 3 in excess of the statewide caps provided in paragraph 2 of subsection D of this section, the Tax Commission 4 5 shall first allocate any amount of credits not claimed for contributions made to scholarship-granting 6 organizations, then shall determine the percentage of 7 the contribution which establishes the proportionate 8 9 share of the credit which may be claimed by any 10 taxpayer so that the maximum credits authorized by this section are not exceeded. 11

c. Beginning for tax year 2016, credits earned, but not
allowed due to the application of statewide caps
provided in subsection D of this section will be
considered suspended and authorized to be used in the
next immediate tax year and applied to the next year's
statewide cap; and

3. The Tax Commission shall publish the percentage of the contribution which may be claimed as a credit by contributors for the most recently completed calendar year on the Tax Commission website no later than February 15 of each calendar year for contributions made the previous year. Each scholarship-granting organization or educational improvement grant organization shall notify contributors of that amount annually.

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I. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to
 reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0).

J. Any credits allowed but not used in any tax year may be carried over, in order, to each of the three (3) years following the year of qualification.

K. 1. In order to qualify under this section, an educational
improvement grant organization shall submit an application with
information to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on a form prescribed by
the Tax Commission that:

10 enables the Tax Commission to confirm that the a. 11 organization is a nonprofit entity exempt from 12 taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and 13 b. describes the proposed innovative educational program 14 15 or programs supported by the organization. The Tax Commission shall review and approve or disapprove 16 2.

17 the application, in consultation with the State Department of 18 Education.

19 3. In order to maintain eligibility under this section, an 20 educational improvement grant organization shall annually report the 21 following information to the Tax Commission by September 1 of each 22 year:

a. the name of the innovative educational program orprograms and the total amount of the grant or grants

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- 1 made to those programs during the immediately 2 preceding school year,
- b. a description of how each grant was utilized during
 the immediately preceding school year and a
 description of any demonstrated or expected innovative
 educational improvements,
- 7 c. the names of the public school and school districts 8 where innovative educational programs that received 9 grants during the immediately preceding school year 10 were implemented,
- d. where the organization collects information on a
 county-by-county basis, and
- e. the total number and total amount of grants made
 during the immediately preceding school year for
 innovative educational programs at public school by
 each county in which the organization made grants.

4. The information required under paragraph 3 of this
subsection shall be submitted on a form provided by the Tax
Commission. No later than May 1 of each year, the Tax Commission
shall annually distribute sample forms together with the forms on
which the reports are required to be made to each approved
organization.

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5. The Tax Commission shall not require any other information
 be provided by an organization, except as expressly authorized in
 this section.

In consultation with the State Department of Education, the 4 L. 5 Tax Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this act. The rules shall include procedures for the registration of a 6 7 scholarship-granting organization or an educational improvement grant organization for purposes of determining if the organization 8 9 meets the requirements of this act or for the revocation of the 10 registration of an organization, if applicable, and for notice as required in subsection H of this section. 11

M. The credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this
section shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) for any
taxable year which begins on or after January 1, 2018, and ends
before January 1, 2020. The provisions of this subsection shall not
be applicable to tax credits carried forward from any tax year which
began prior to January 1, 2018.

18 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.302, as 19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 153, O.S.L. 2017 (68 O.S. Supp. 20 2017, Section 2357.302), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.302. A. Except as provided in subsection
<u>subsections</u> F <u>and G</u> of this section, for taxable years beginning
after December 31, 2008, and ending before January 1, 2026, a
qualified employer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed

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1 pursuant to Section 2355 of this title for tuition reimbursed to a
2 qualified employee.

B. The credit authorized by subsection A of this section may be claimed only if the qualified employee has been awarded an undergraduate or graduate degree within one (1) year of commencing employment with the qualified employer.

7 C. The credit authorized by subsection A of this section shall 8 be in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the tuition reimbursed to 9 a qualified employee for the first through fourth years of 10 employment. In no event shall this credit exceed fifty percent 11 (50%) of the average annual amount paid by a qualified employee for 12 enrollment and instruction in a qualified program at a public 13 institution in Oklahoma.

D. The credit authorized by subsection A of this section shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of the qualified employer to less than zero (0).

E. No credit authorized by this section shall be claimed afterthe fourth year of employment.

F. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011.
Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be

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claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other
 act occurring on or after July 1, 2011, according to the provisions
 of this section.

The credit authorized by subsection A of this section shall, 4 G. 5 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and ending before January 1, 2020, be in the amount of thirty-seven and five 6 7 tenths percent (37.5%) of the tuition reimbursed to a qualified employee for the first through fourth years of employment. In no 8 9 event shall this credit exceed thirty-seven and five tenths percent 10 (37.5%) of the average annual amount paid by a qualified employee for enrollment and instruction in a qualified program at a public 11 12 institution in Oklahoma.

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 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY
 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.303, as

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 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 153, O.S.L. 2017 (68 O.S. Supp.

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 2017, Section 2357.303), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.303. A. Except as provided in subsection <u>subsections</u> F <u>and G</u> of this section, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and ending before January 1, 2026, a qualified employer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed pursuant to Section 2355 of this title for compensation paid to a qualified employee.

B. The credit authorized by subsection A of this section shallbe in the amount of:

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Ten percent (10%) of the compensation paid for the first
 through fifth years of employment in the aerospace sector if the
 qualified employee graduated from an institution located in this
 state; or

5 2. Five percent (5%) of the compensation paid for the first 6 through fifth years of employment in the aerospace sector if the 7 qualified employee graduated from an institution located outside 8 this state.

9 C. The credit authorized by this section shall not exceed 10 Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) for each qualified 11 employee annually.

D. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of the qualified employer to less than zero (0).

E. No credit authorized pursuant to this section shall beclaimed after the fifth year of employment.

F. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011. Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other

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act occurring on or after July 1, 2011, according to the provisions
 of this section.

| 3 | G. For the taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, |
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| 4 | and ending before January 1, 2020, the credit authorized by |
| 5 | subsection A of this section shall be in the amount of: |
| 6 | 1. Seven and five tenths percent (7.5%) of the compensation |
| 7 | paid for the first through fifth years of employment in the |
| 8 | aerospace sector if the qualified employee graduated from an |
| 9 | institution located in this state; or |
| 10 | 2. Three and seventy-five hundredths percent (3.75%) of the |
| 11 | compensation paid for the first through fifth years of employment in |
| 12 | the aerospace sector if the qualified employee graduated from an |
| 13 | institution located outside this state. |
| 14 | SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.304, as |
| 15 | last amended by Section 3, Chapter 153, O.S.L. 2017 (68 O.S. Supp. |
| 16 | 2017, Section 2357.304), is amended to read as follows: |
| 17 | Section 2357.304. A. Except as provided in subsection |
| 18 | subsections D and E of this section, for taxable years beginning |
| 19 | after December 31, 2008, and ending before January 1, 2026, a |
| 20 | qualified employee shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed |
| 21 | pursuant to Section 2355 of this title of up to Five Thousand |
| 22 | Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year for a period of time not to exceed five |
| 23 | (5) years. |
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B. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to
 reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0).

C. Any credit claimed, but not used, may be carried over, in order, to each of the five (5) subsequent taxable years.

5 D. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, 6 expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for 7 which the credit would otherwise be allowable. The provisions of 8 9 this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011. 10 Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be 11 claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2011, according to the provisions 12 13 of this section.

E. The credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this
section shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) for any
taxable year which begins on or after January 1, 2018, and ends
before January 1, 2020. The provisions of this subsection shall not
be applicable to tax credits carried forward from any tax year which
began prior to January 1, 2018.

20 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 421, O.S.L. 21 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 2357.403), is amended to read as 22 follows:

23 Section 2357.403. A. This act shall be known and may be cited 24 as the "Oklahoma Affordable Housing Act".

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B. As used in this section:

"Allocation year" means the year for which the Oklahoma 2 1. 3 Housing Finance Agency allocates credits pursuant to this section; 2. "Eligibility statement" means a statement authorized and 4 5 issued by the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency certifying that a given project qualifies for the Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax 6 Credit authorized by this section. The Oklahoma Housing Finance 7 Agency, under Title 330, Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, Chapter 8 9 36, Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program Rules, shall promulgate 10 rules establishing criteria upon which the eligibility statements 11 will be issued. The eligibility statement shall specify the amount 12 of Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits allocated to a qualified project. The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency shall only authorize 13 the tax credits created by this section to qualified projects which 14 are placed in service after July 1, 2015, but which shall not be 15 used to reduce tax liability accruing prior to January 1, 2016; 16 3. "Federal low-income housing tax credit" means the federal tax 17 credit as provided in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 18

19 1986, as amended;

20 4. "Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credit" means the tax credit21 created by this section;

5. "Qualified project" means a qualified low-income building as that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which is located in this state in a county with a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000)
 according to the latest Federal Decennial Census; and

6. "Taxpayer" means a person, firm or corporation subject to the tax imposed by Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes or an insurance company subject to the tax imposed by Section 624 or 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes or other financial 7 institution subject to the tax imposed by Section 2370 of Title 68 8 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

9 C. For Except as otherwise provided for in subsection L 10 qualified projects placed in service after July 1, 2015, the amount 11 of state tax credits created by this section which are allocated to a 12 project shall be equal to that of the federal low-income housing tax 13 credits for a qualified project. The total Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits allocated to all qualified projects for an 14 allocation year shall not exceed Four Million Dollars 15 (\$4,000,000.00). For purposes of this section, the "credit period" 16 shall mean the period of ten (10) taxable years and "placed in 17 service" shall have the same meaning as is applicable under the 18 federal credit program. 19

D. A taxpayer owning an interest in an investment in a qualified
project shall be allowed Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits
under this section for tax years beginning on or after January 1,
2016, if the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency issues an eligibility
statement for such project, which tax credit shall be allocated

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1 among some or all of the partners, members or shareholders of the 2 taxpayer owning such interest in any manner agreed to by such 3 partners, members or shareholders. Such taxpayer may assign its 4 interest in the investment.

5 E. An insurance company claiming a credit against state premium 6 tax or retaliatory tax or any other tax imposed by Section 624 or 628 7 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not be required to pay 8 any additional retaliatory tax under Section 628 of Title 36 of the 9 Oklahoma Statutes as a result of claiming the credit. The credit 10 may fully offset any retaliatory tax imposed by Section 628 of Title 11 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to
reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (\$0.00).
G. Any credit claimed but not used in a taxable year may be
carried forward to each of the five (5) subsequent taxable years.

H. The owner of a qualified project eligible for the credit authorized by this section shall submit, at the time of filing the tax return with the Oklahoma Tax Commission, an eligibility statement from the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency. In the case of failure to attach the eligibility statement, no credit under this section shall be allowed with respect to such project for that year until required documents are provided to the Tax Commission.

I. If under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
 amended, a portion of any federal low-income housing credits taken on

a qualified project is required to be recaptured during the first ten
(10) years after a project is placed in service, the taxpayer
claiming Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits with respect to such
project shall also be required to recapture a portion of such
credits. The amount of Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits
subject to recapture shall be proportionally equal to the amount of
federal low-income housing credits subject to recapture.

J. The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency or the Oklahoma Tax
Commission may require the filing of additional documentation
necessary to determine the accuracy of a tax credit claimed.

11 K. The Oklahoma Affordable Housing Act shall undergo a review 12 every five (5) years by a committee of nine (9) persons, to be 13 appointed three persons each by the Governor, President Pro Tempore of 14 the Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of 15 Representatives.

L. The credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this
section shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) for any
taxable year which begins on or after January 1, 2018, and ends
before January 2020. The provisions of this subsection shall not be
applicable to tax credits carried forward from any tax year which
began prior to January 1, 2018.

22 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2370.1, as 23 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 110, O.S.L. 2016 (68 O.S. Supp. 24 2017, Section 2370.1), is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 2370.1. A. There Except as provided for in subsection 2 G, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by 3 Section 2370 of this title for any state banking association, national banking association and credit union organized under the 4 5 laws of this state for the amount of the quaranty fee paid by the banking association or credit union to the United States Small 6 Business Administration pursuant to the "7(a)" loan guaranty 7 8 program.

9 B. The credit authorized by this section may be claimed for
10 guaranty fees paid on or after January 1, 2000, and before January
11 1, 2019.

C. No credit may be claimed pursuant to this section if, pursuant to the agreement between the banking association or credit union and the entity to which proceeds are made available, the banking association or credit union adds the amount of the SBA 7(a) loan guaranty fee to the amount financed by the borrower or in any other way recovers the guaranty fee amount from the borrower.

D. The credit authorized by this section may be claimed and if not fully used in the initial year for which the credit is claimed may be carried over, in order, to each of the five (5) succeeding taxable years. The credit authorized by this section may not be used to reduce the tax liability of the credit claimant below zero (0).

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E. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall prepare a report regarding
 the amount of tax credits claimed as authorized by this section.
 The report shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of
 Representatives and to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate not
 later than March 31 of each year.

F. Pursuant to Section 46A of Title 62 of the Oklahoma
Statutes, there shall be a measurable goal of retaining and/or
creating two thousand jobs per year in Oklahoma for the credit
against the tax imposed by Section 2370 of this title.

10 <u>G. The credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this</u> 11 <u>section shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) for any</u> 12 <u>taxable year which begins on or after January 1, 2018, and ends</u> 13 <u>before January 1, 2020. The provisions of this subsection shall not</u> 14 <u>be applicable to tax credits carried forward from any tax year which</u> 15 <u>began prior to January 1, 2018.</u>

16 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 3624, as 17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 121, O.S.L. 2017 (68 O.S. Supp. 2017, 18 Section 3624), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3624. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Film
Enhancement Rebate Program. A rebate in the amount of up to
seventeen percent (17%) of documented expenditures made in Oklahoma
directly attributable to the production of a film, television
production, or television commercial, as defined in Section 3623 of
this title, in this state, may be paid to the production company

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1 responsible for the production. Provided, for documented expenditures made after July 1, 2009, but not including expenditures 2 3 made after June 30, 2018, and before July 1, 2020, the rebate amount shall be thirty-five percent (35%), except as provided in subsection 4 5 B of this section. For documented expenditures made after December 31, 2017, and before January 1, 2020, the rebate amount shall be 6 twenty-six and twenty-five hundredths percent (26.25%), except as 7 provided in subsection B of this section. 8

B. The amount of rebate paid to the production company as
provided for in subsection A of this section shall be increased by
an additional two percent (2%) of documented expenditures if a
production company spends at least Twenty Thousand Dollars
(\$20,000.00) for the use of music created by an Oklahoma resident
that is recorded in Oklahoma or for the cost of recording songs or
music in Oklahoma for use in the production.

16 C. The rebate program shall be administered by the Office of 17 the Oklahoma Film and Music Commission and the Oklahoma Tax 18 Commission, as provided in the Compete with Canada Film Act.

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D. To be eligible for a rebate payment:

The production company responsible for a film, television
 production, or television commercial, as defined in Section 3623 of
 this title, made in this state shall submit documentation to the
 Office of the Oklahoma Film and Music Commission of the amount of
 wages paid for employment in this state to residents of this state

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1 directly relating to the production and the amount of other
2 production costs incurred in this state directly relating to the
3 production;

4 2. The production company has filed or will file any Oklahoma5 tax return or tax document which may be required by law;

6 3. Except major studio productions, the production company 7 shall provide the name of the completion guarantor and a copy of the 8 bond guaranteeing the completion of the project or if a film has not 9 secured a completion bond, the production company shall provide 10 evidence that all Oklahoma crew and local vendors have been paid and 11 there are no liens against the production company pending in the 12 state;

The minimum budget for the film shall be Fifty Thousand
 Dollars (\$50,000.00) of which not less than Twenty-five Thousand
 Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be expended in this state;

16 5. The production company shall provide evidence of financing 17 for production prior to the commencement of principal photography; 18 and

The production company shall provide evidence of a
 certificate of general liability insurance with a minimum coverage
 of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and a workers' compensation
 policy pursuant to state law, which shall include coverage of
 employer's liability.

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1 E. A production company shall not be eligible to receive both a 2 rebate payment pursuant to the provisions of this act and an 3 exemption from sales taxes pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 21 of Section 1357 of this title. If a production company has 4 5 received such an exemption from sales taxes and submits a claim for rebate pursuant to the provisions of the Compete with Canada Film 6 7 Act, the company shall be required to fully repay the amount of the exemption to the Tax Commission. A claim for a rebate shall include 8 9 documentation from the Tax Commission that repayment has been made 10 as required herein or shall include an affidavit from the production company that the company has not received an exemption from sales 11 12 taxes pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 21 of Section 1357 of 13 this title.

The Office shall approve or disapprove all claims for rebate 14 F. and shall notify the Tax Commission. The Tax Commission shall, upon 15 notification of approval from the Office of the Film and Music 16 17 Commission, issue payment for all approved claims from funds in the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program Revolving Fund created in 18 Section 3625 of this title. Provided, no claims for rebate for 19 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2009, shall be paid prior to 20 July 1, 2010. The amount of payments in any single fiscal year 21 shall, not including fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020, not 22 exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00). The amount of payments 23 in fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020 shall not exceed Three 24

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| 1 | Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for each fiscal year. If the amount |
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| 2 | of approved claims exceeds the amount specified in this subsection |
| 3 | in a fiscal year, payments shall be made in the order in which the |
| 4 | claims are approved by the Office. If an approved claim is not paid |
| 5 | in whole or in part, the unpaid claim or unpaid portion may be paid |
| 6 | in the following fiscal year subject to the limitations specified in |
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