

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1581

By: Justice of the Senate

and

Watson of the House

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Energy Initiative; amending Sections 3 and 4, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 2012, (17 O.S. Supp. 2013, Sections 802.3 and 802.4), which relate to the Oklahoma Energy Initiative; modifying membership of Board; updating title; deleting certain travel reimbursements; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Energy Initiative operations

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 2012 (17 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 802.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 802.3 A. The Oklahoma Energy Initiative shall be administered and governed by the Oklahoma Energy Initiative Board, made up of representatives of the contributing institutions of the Initiative which initially shall be the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City University, the University of Tulsa, and the Noble Foundation. Additional contributing institutions may be added at the discretion of the Board, as such institutions contribute to the purpose, objectives and research coordinated by the Initiative. Additional contributing institutions may include state, federal, and private agencies, institutions of higher education, nonprofit research institutions, and private entities.

B. The Board shall initially consist of ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) members as follows:

1. One member, who shall serve as the chair of the Board, shall be the Secretary of Energy and Environment or a member otherwise appointed by the Governor;

~~2. One member of the Senate shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;~~

~~3. One member of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;~~

~~4. One member shall be the Vice President of Research from the University of Oklahoma or a member otherwise appointed by the President of the University of Oklahoma;~~

~~5. 3. One member shall be the Vice President of Research from Oklahoma State University or a member otherwise appointed by the President of Oklahoma State University;~~

~~6. 4. One member shall be the Vice President of Research from the University of Tulsa or a member otherwise appointed by the Governor;~~

~~7. 5. One member shall be the Vice President of Research from Oklahoma City University or a member otherwise appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and~~

~~8. 6. One member who shall represent the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~

C. Board members shall serve for a term of four (4) years, which shall begin on January 1 of the first year of the appointment and end on December 31 of the fourth year. There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive terms served. If a vacancy should occur during a member's term, the appointing authority for the vacant position shall appoint a new member to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. Board members shall serve without compensation but may be eligible for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. ~~Legislators appointed to the Board~~

~~shall be eligible to receive reimbursement pursuant to Section 456.3 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

D. The Board shall be responsible for establishing procedures for the Initiative and operations of the Board. The rules may provide for protection from public disclosure of trade secrets and proprietary information of any kind, including, but not limited to, data, processes and technology, as the Board determines necessary.

E. The Board shall undertake activities and commission programs, through the contributing institutions, to achieve the purpose and satisfy the objectives of the Initiative as provided in the Oklahoma Energy Initiative Act. The Board shall have authority to distribute funding for such activities and programs. The Board may employ staff as it deems necessary.

F. The Board shall prepare an annual, written report to summarize the annual progress of the Initiative, including summaries of its programs and their progress and outcomes. The report shall be made available to the public and shall be distributed to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

G. The provisions of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act shall not apply to any project, activity or contract of the Initiative or the Board.

H. No Board member or any person acting on behalf of the Board or Initiative executing any contracts, commitments or agreements issued by or on behalf of the Oklahoma Energy Initiative shall be personally liable for the contracts, commitments, or agreements or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason thereof. No director or any person acting on behalf of the Board or Initiative shall be personally liable for damage or injury resulting from the performance of duties hereunder.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 2012 (17 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 802.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 802.4 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Energy Initiative to be designated

as the "Oklahoma Energy Initiative Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Secretary of Energy and Environment or any other entity authorized to accept or expend funds on behalf of the Oklahoma Energy Initiative from any authorized source. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Energy Initiative for the purpose of satisfying the objectives of the Oklahoma Energy Initiative Act.

B. State appropriations for the Initiative shall be made as otherwise provided by law and shall be directed to the Secretary of Energy, or to an agency otherwise directed by the Governor, which shall directly allocate the appropriations to the Initiative.

C. The Initiative is authorized to accept donations, grants or endowments from any person, corporation or entity to achieve the purpose and satisfy the objectives of the Initiative as provided by this act.

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

Passed the Senate the 29th day of April, 2014.

Anthony Syler
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of April, 2014.

Mike Job
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 30th
day of April, 20 14, at 4:42 o'clock P M.
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May Fisher
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 6th
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