An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2463

By: Hill and Pittman of the House

and

Thompson (Kristen) and Paxton of the Senate

An Act relating to state government; creating the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology Program Modernization Act; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5060.16, which relates to the Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development Act; modifying powers and duties; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Science and Technology

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

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

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology Program Modernization Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5060.16, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5060.16 The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, with the advice and consent of the Committee, ~~shall~~ may:

1. Establish and operate a state program designed to secure and impartially distribute funds credited to the Research Support Revolving Fund to support professional service contracts for health research projects;

2. Ensure that funding to support health research projects is awarded only on the basis of scientific merit;

3. Design the health research program to ensure the optimum performance of the investigator and the maximum efficiency of the project;

4. Evaluate and approve health research projects to be funded from the Research Support Revolving Fund;

5. Establish a procedure for the referral of proposed health research projects to the Committee for review;

6. Establish procedures for review of proposed health research projects by qualified individuals residing outside this state;

7. Suspend or terminate any professional service contract supporting health research projects for failure by an investigator, institution of higher learning, or nonprofit research institution to comply with the procedures, requirements, or bylaws of the Center; and

8. Enter into contracts to ensure the optimum performance of health research investigators and to ensure the maximum efficiency of proposed health research projects.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of March, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 19th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 20th day of April, 2023, at 3:15 o'clock p. M.

By: [signature]

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 26th day of April, 2023, at 1:47 o'clock p. M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 26th day of April, 2023, at 2:41 o'clock P. M.

By: [signature]