

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1109

By: West (Kevin) and **Echols** of
the House

and

Bullard of the Senate

10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land
12 Office; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3904, which
13 relates to school land funds; directing distribution
14 to state colleges and junior colleges; requiring
15 equal distribution among specified institutions;
16 providing an effective date; and declaring an
17 emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3904, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 3904. A. The income, interest, rentals and proceeds of
22 the sale of Section Thirteen in this state, and any indemnity lands
23 in lieu of Section Thirteen which were granted to the state for the
24 use and benefit of the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State

1 University, the Normal Schools, the University Preparatory School,
2 and Langston University, shall be divided and distributed as
3 follows:

4 To the University of Oklahoma and the Northern Oklahoma College,
5 one-third (1/3); the University of Oklahoma to receive nine-tenths
6 (9/10) of said one-third (1/3) and the Northern Oklahoma College to
7 receive one-tenth (1/10) of said one-third (1/3); to the Oklahoma
8 State University and Langston University, one-third (1/3); the
9 Oklahoma State University to receive nine-tenths (9/10) of said one-
10 third (1/3), and Langston University to receive one-tenth (1/10) of
11 said one-third (1/3); to the University of Central Oklahoma, East
12 Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern
13 Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University,
14 Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Panhandle State
15 University, University of Sciences and Arts of Oklahoma, and Cameron
16 University, the Normal Schools, colleges and junior colleges that
17 are state educational institutions as defined in Section 3102 of
18 this title, one-third (1/3), the same to be equally divided among
19 said state colleges and junior colleges, provided, that in the event
20 of the establishment of additional similar state colleges or junior
21 colleges, such additional state colleges and junior colleges shall
22 share equally with the other state colleges and junior colleges in
23 the division and distribution of the one-third (1/3) last above
24 mentioned. In the event of the sale of Section Thirteen, or any

1 portion thereof, the proceeds of said sale shall be divided and
2 distributed among said institutions in the same manner, proportion
3 and amount as hereinbefore indicated for the division and
4 distribution of the interest, income, rentals or proceeds thereof of
5 said land; provided, that the said lands so reserved, or the
6 proceeds of the sale thereof or of any indemnity land granted in
7 lieu of Section Thirteen, shall be safely kept or invested and
8 preserved by the state as a trust, which shall never be diminished,
9 but may be added to, and the income, interest and rentals thereof,
10 shall be used exclusively for the benefit of said educational
11 institutions. Such additional institutions shall remain under the
12 exclusive control of the state, and no part of the proceeds arising
13 from the sale or disposal of any land granted for educational
14 purposes, or the income or rentals thereof, shall be used for the
15 support of any religious or sectarian school, college or university,
16 and no portion of the funds arising from the sale of Section
17 Thirteen or any indemnity land, shall ever be diverted either
18 temporarily or permanently from the purpose for which said lands
19 were granted to the state.

20 B. The state educational institutions eligible for
21 participation in the Section Thirteen Fund and the new college fund
22 may expend monies in such funds from time to time as needs arise for
23 the construction and purchase of buildings, for the purchase of
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1 equipment, and for other capital additions. The provisions of this
2 section shall be cumulative to existing laws.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

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

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/20/2019 - DO PASS,
10 As Amended and Coauthored.

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