

1 endowed chairs, professorships, lectureships and positions for
2 artists in residence as provided in Section 3952 of this title at
3 the various institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher
4 Education. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are
5 authorized to enter into agreements with the Authority to provide
6 security for any obligations issued for such purpose.

7 B. The Authority is hereby authorized to issue and sell
8 obligations in such amounts as shall be needed from time to time for
9 the purposes of obtaining funds for the state's matching
10 contribution for endowed chairs, professorships, lectureships and
11 positions for artists in residence; provided, however, that the
12 total principal amount of such obligations shall not exceed in the
13 aggregate ~~One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00)~~ Two
14 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) outstanding at any
15 one time for the purpose of funding endowed chairs. At least fifty
16 percent (50%) of the endowed chair, professorship or lectureship
17 positions funded as provided for in this subsection shall be for
18 positions that involve research and development. No obligations
19 shall be issued for any endowment account for which matching monies
20 specified in subsection E of Section 3952 of this title have not
21 been received.

22 C. It is the intent of the Legislature that payments for the
23 purpose of retiring the obligations created pursuant to this section
24 be made by the State Regents from the lump-sum appropriation made

1 pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIII-A of the Oklahoma
2 Constitution. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature to
3 appropriate to the State Regents sufficient monies to allow the
4 State Regents to make payments for the purpose of retiring the
5 obligations created pursuant to this section.

6 D. The Authority may issue obligations in one or more series
7 and in conjunction with other issues of the Authority.

8 E. The obligations authorized under this section may be sold at
9 either competitive or negotiated sale, as determined by the
10 Authority, and in such form and at such prices as may be authorized
11 by the Authority. The Authority may enter into agreements with such
12 credit enhancers and liquidity providers as may be determined
13 necessary to efficiently market the obligations. The obligations
14 may mature and have such provisions for redemption as shall be
15 determined by the Authority, but in no event shall the final
16 maturity of such obligations occur later than twenty (20) years from
17 the first principal maturity date of any given series.

18 F. The authority is authorized to issue bonds, notes, and other
19 obligations for the purpose of refinancing or restructuring the
20 outstanding obligations authorized under this section.

21 G. Any interest earnings on funds or accounts created for
22 purposes of this section may be utilized as partial payment of the
23 annual debt service or for purposes directed by the Authority.

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1 H. The obligations issued under this section, the transfer
2 thereof and the interest earned on such obligations, including any
3 profit derived from the sale thereof, shall not be subject to
4 taxation of any kind by the State of Oklahoma, or by any county,
5 municipality or political subdivision therein.

6 I. The Authority may direct the investment of all monies in any
7 funds or accounts created in connection with the offering of the
8 obligations authorized under this section. This shall not include
9 monies in the Oklahoma State Regents Endowment Trust Fund. The
10 State Regents may place additional restrictions on the investment of
11 such monies if necessary to enhance the marketability of the
12 obligations.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
20 02/26/2020 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.