

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 7, 2021

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 1708

6 By: Hill, Dills and Bell of the
7 House

8 and

9 Thompson of the Senate

10 [state government - creating the Oklahoma Tourism
11 Ignition Program until a certain date - directing the
12 Oklahoma Arts Council to administer program -
13 effective date]

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2236A of Title 74, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Tourism Ignition
19 Program until November 1, 2023. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
20 Department shall market the program. The Oklahoma Arts Council
21 shall administer the program and promulgate administrative rules
22 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

23 B. The Council shall accept applications from municipalities
24 within this state to match funds derived from the Department in an

1 amount equal to those funds provided by the municipality, up to Five
2 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), for allowable expenditures. The
3 Council shall be authorized to approve or deny an application.

4 C. Each municipality shall prepare and submit appropriate plans
5 including a budget work program in its application. Expenditures
6 for obligations incurred before the Council approves an application
7 and any changes thereto, and expenditures not in accordance with the
8 municipality's plans and budget work program, shall not be allowable
9 expenditures.

10 D. Allowable expenditures shall be based upon actual
11 expenditures by the municipality less any discount, refund or rebate
12 to the municipality.

13 E. As used in this section, "allowable expenditures" means
14 expenditures by a municipality, submitted to the Council for
15 matching funds, to create a positive economic impact via tourism
16 including, but not limited to, a statue, structure or mural which
17 would result in tourism revenue in a municipal area.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
20 April 7, 2021 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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