

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 39x

By: Thompson (Roger) and Hall  
of the Senate

3 and

4 Wallace and Martinez of the  
5 House

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7 An Act relating to the Health Care Workforce Training  
8 Commission; making an appropriation; identifying  
9 source; establishing amount; providing purpose;  
10 requiring and limiting the utilization of funds;  
11 creating certain special account; limiting duration  
12 of account; requiring certain determination;  
13 providing and limiting the nature of account and  
14 funds within account; authorizing agency to submit  
15 request for certain deposit or transfer; requiring  
16 certain compliance and verification; authorizing  
17 certain memorandums of understanding; limiting scope;  
18 prohibiting certain memoranda terms; authorizing and  
19 limiting the promulgation of rules and utilization of  
20 procedures; authorizing and limiting the retention of  
21 monies for administration costs; requiring certain  
22 reports and submissions to certain entities;  
23 requiring appearance before certain joint committee;  
24 limiting duration of certain requirements; providing  
determination process; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Health Care  
Workforce Training Commission from any monies not otherwise  
appropriated from the Statewide Recovery Fund of the State Treasury  
created in Enrolled House Bill No. 3349 of the 2nd Session of the  
58th Oklahoma Legislature the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
(\$500,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to establish a

1 grant program with Northwestern Oklahoma State University for the  
2 purpose of recruiting, educating, and stabilizing Oklahoma's health  
3 care workforce. Such funds shall be utilized in a manner consistent  
4 with the recommendations adopted by the Joint Committee on Pandemic  
5 Relief Funding on May 19, 2023.

6 SECTION 2. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
7 Statewide Recovery Special Account for the Health Care Workforce  
8 Training Commission for the appropriated monies provided for in  
9 Section 1 of this act. The duration of such account shall continue  
10 for the period of time that monies related to the American Rescue  
11 Plan Act of 2021 are being budgeted, expended, or managed in the  
12 state. The ending of such period shall be determined by the State  
13 Treasurer and shall result in the closing of such account as a  
14 matter of law. Such account shall be a continuing account as  
15 otherwise provided in this section, not subject to fiscal year  
16 limitations, and shall exclusively consist of monies related to the  
17 relevant appropriation made in this act and as otherwise directed by  
18 law. All monies deposited to the credit of such account are hereby  
19 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Health Care  
20 Workforce Training Commission in accordance with the provisions of  
21 this act. Expenditures from such account shall be made upon  
22 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as  
23 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
24 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

1 B. The Health Care Workforce Training Commission is authorized  
2 to request in writing that the monies appropriated by the provisions  
3 of this act be deposited or transferred to the account created  
4 pursuant to subsection A of this section. No later than seven (7)  
5 calendar days from the date of such request, the Director of the  
6 Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall comply with such  
7 request and verify to the requesting agency that such deposit or  
8 transfer has been completed.

9 SECTION 3. The Health Care Workforce Training Commission may  
10 enter into memorandums of understanding with other agencies of the  
11 State of Oklahoma for the auditing, documentation, evaluation,  
12 implementation, oversight, reporting, and management of funds and  
13 associated efforts related to the appropriation made in this act;  
14 provided, no such memorandum of understanding shall require or  
15 include, as an option or condition, the direct or practical transfer  
16 or relinquishment of control by the agency appropriated such funds  
17 to budget, expend, allocate, and request the distribution of the  
18 funds appropriated by this act.

19 SECTION 4. The Health Care Workforce Training Commission may  
20 promulgate rules, utilize existing rules, establish procedures, and  
21 utilize existing procedures to implement the provisions of this act,  
22 provided such rules and procedures do not conflict with or impede  
23 the provisions of this act.

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1 SECTION 5. The Health Care Workforce Training Commission shall  
2 retain no more than two percent (2%) of the funds appropriated by  
3 Section 1 of this act to reimburse:

4 1. Costs incurred by the Health Care Workforce Training  
5 Commission; or

6 2. Costs incurred on the agency's behalf,  
7 associated with the administration of the appropriated funds and  
8 programming required by the Health Care Workforce Training  
9 Commission under the provisions of this act; provided, no funds  
10 shall be retained that would be disallowable under the provisions of  
11 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

12 SECTION 6. A. The Health Care Workforce Training Commission  
13 shall:

14 1. Submit to the chairs of the Joint Committee on Pandemic  
15 Relief Funding, or any successor of the Oklahoma State Senate or  
16 Oklahoma House of Representatives legislative committee or joint  
17 committee, as designated by the President Pro Tempore of the  
18 Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
19 Representatives:

20 a. a written or electronic quarterly report detailing the  
21 budgeting, expenditure, and management of all monies  
22 appropriated in this act, and

23 b. a copy of all memorandums of understanding and  
24 contracts with third parties entered into by the

1 Health Care Workforce Training Commission to  
2 facilitate, assist, or administer powers and duties  
3 provided to the Health Care Workforce Training  
4 Commission under the provisions of this act; and

5 2. At the Joint Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding's request,  
6 appear before the Joint Committee no later than six (6) months after  
7 the effective date of this act, and as otherwise requested by the  
8 Joint Committee to provide a status update regarding the  
9 implementation of the provisions of this act.

10 B. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall remain  
11 applicable for the period of time that monies appropriated under  
12 this act are being budgeted, expended, or managed in the state. The  
13 ending of such period shall be determined by the State Treasurer,  
14 and shall be reported to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the  
15 Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
16 Representatives.

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

