1 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 760 By: Kirt and Hall of the Senate 2 and 3 Boatman of the House 4 5 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Capital Investment 6 Board; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Sections 5085.5, 5085.6, 5085.8, 5085.10, 5085.11, 5085.12, 5085.14, 7 5085.15, and 5085.16, which relate to the Oklahoma Capital Formation Act; modifying definition; 8 modifying reference; dissolving Board upon certain 9 date; transferring certain contracts and management of certain investments to the Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development Board; updating 10 statutory reference; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date. 11 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5085.5, is SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 14 amended to read as follows: 15 Section 5085.5. For purposes of this act the Oklahoma Capital 16 Formation Act: 17 "Board" means the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board Science 18 and Technology Research and Development Board of the Oklahoma Center 19 20 for the Advancement of Science and Technology; 2. "Director" means any person who is a member of the Board; 21 "Equity capital" means capital invested in common or 22 preferred stock, royalty rights, limited partnership interests, and 23

- 1 any other securities or rights that evidence ownership in private 2 businesses;
 - 4. "Investor group" means any individual, corporation, partnership, or other lawfully organized entity;
 - 5. "Near-equity capital" means capital invested in unsecured, undersecured, subordinated, or convertible loans or debt securities;
 - 6. "Persons" means individuals, corporations, partnerships, or other lawfully organized entities;
 - 7. "Put option" means a right or privilege to sell an amount of a particular security or class of securities during a time period ending on the expiration date of the option; and
 - 8. "Tax credits" means tax credits available against liabilities imposed by Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes or Section 624 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes and issued or transferred pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Capital Formation Act.
 - a. The tax credits issued or transferred pursuant to the Oklahoma Capital Formation Act, upon election by the purchaser at utilization, will be treated as a payment or prepayment in lieu of tax imposed under Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
 - b. Tax credits utilized pursuant to subparagraph a of this paragraph shall be treated and may be claimed as a payment of tax or estimated tax for the purposes of

and as defined in Sections 2375, 2385.9, and 2385.13 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Such tax credits are further subject to the system developed in conjunction with the Oklahoma Tax Commission as required by subsection C of Section 5085.7 of this title for registration and verification of the tax credits. Taxpayers may rely upon the provisions of the registration and verification system developed pursuant to Section 5085.7 of this title.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5085.6, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5085.6. A. The Until the effective date of this act,

the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board shall consist of five (5)

Directors who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Directors shall be selected based upon outstanding knowledge and leadership and shall possess experience in the management of investments similar in nature and in value to those of the Board. Directors shall serve for a term of office of five (5) years. Provided, the initial Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board shall consist of the trustees of the trust certified as the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of this act Section 5085.2 of this title and the Directors of the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board who were appointed pursuant to the provisions of Section

- 5061.6 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Positions on the Board of Directors held by trustees of such trust shall not be filled as the terms of office for said the trustees expire. Positions on the Board of Directors held by Directors of the Oklahoma Capital

 Investment Board shall be filled by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate as the terms of office for said the Directors expire and in a manner to allow one member to rotate off of the Board each year.
 - B. Annually, the Directors shall select a chairman to preside at their meetings. The Directors shall have the authority to manage the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board in accordance with the requirements of this act the Oklahoma Capital Formation Act and its trust indenture.
 - C. The meetings of the Directors shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Any information submitted to or compiled by the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board with respect to the marketing plans, financial statements, trade secrets, research concepts, methods or products, or any other proprietary information of persons, firms, associations, partnerships, agencies, corporations, or other entities shall be confidential, except to the extent that the person or entity that provided such information or that is the subject of such information

- consents to disclosure. Executive sessions may be held to discuss such materials if deemed necessary by the Directors.
- A conflict of interest shall be deemed to exist in any 3 contractual relationship in which a Director of the Board, officer, 4 5 agent or employee or any for-profit firm or corporation in which such Director, officer, agent, or employee or any member of his or 6 her immediate family is an officer, partner, or principal stockholder, shall directly or indirectly buy or sell goods or 9 services to, or otherwise contract with the Board. Upon a showing thereof, such Director, officer, agent, or employee shall be subject 10 to removal and such contract shall be deemed unenforceable as 11 against the Board unless the records of the Board shall reflect that 12 such Director, officer, agent, or employee fully and publicly 13 disclosed all such interest or interests, and unless such 14 contractual relationship shall have been secured by competitive 15 bidding following a public invitation to bid. If a Director, 16 officer, agent, or employee holds such an interest, he or she shall 17 refrain from any further official involvement in regard to such 18 contract or agreement, from voting on any matter pertaining to such 19 contract or agreement, and from communicating with other Board 20 members, officers, agents, or employees concerning said the contract 21 or agreement. 22
 - E. Bonds issued by the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board shall be subject to oversight pursuant to the Oklahoma Bond Oversight and

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- 1 Reform Act, Section 695.1 et seq. of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- F. Upon the effective date of this act, the Oklahoma Capital 3 Investment Board shall be dissolved. Any contracts or agreements executed by the Board or by any subsidiary or affiliate of the Board and any investment of funds required by the provisions of a contract executed by the Board or by any subsidiary or affiliate of the Board shall be transferred to and managed by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology.
- SECTION 3. 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5085.8, is 10 AMENDATORY amended to read as follows: 11

Section 5085.8. A. Except as otherwise provided by subsections F and G of this section, the Oklahoma Capital Investment Science and Technology Research and Development Board shall have the power to solicit proposals from qualified investor groups for investment of capital in accordance with the requirements of the Oklahoma Capital Formation Act. The Board shall establish criteria for selection of persons, firms, corporations, or other entities deemed qualified to generate capital for investment in a manner which will result in a significant potential to create jobs and to diversify and stabilize the economy of the State of Oklahoma this state. Such criteria shall include the applicant's level of experience, quality of management, investment philosophy and process, historical investment performance, probability of success in fund raising, the amount and

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- timing of fees to be paid, and such other investment criteria as may be commonly used in professional portfolio management as the Board may deem appropriate.
- Except as otherwise provided by subsections F and G of this 5 section, the Board shall have the power to extend a quarantee in the form of a put option or such other method as selected by the Board. 6 Guarantees may extend to principal plus interest over the term of 7 the guarantee at a rate set by Board resolution from time to time. 9 Guarantees in whatever form negotiated by the Board may be made for any period of time, but no term shall expire prior to January 1, 10 The Board may charge a reasonable fee for costs and the fair 11 compensation of risk associated with its guarantee. The guarantees 12 extended by the Board shall in no way be an obligation of the state 13 and may be restricted to specific funds or assets of the Board; 14 provided, however, proceeds from the sale of any tax credits shall 15 be sufficient to meet contractual quarantee obligations of the 16 Board. The Board shall have the right to contract freely to protect 17 the interests of the State of Oklahoma this state. The Board shall 18 ensure that at least Two Dollars (\$2.00) will be invested in 19 Oklahoma businesses or projects for every One Dollar (\$1.00) of 20 principal quaranteed by the Board. 21
 - C. If the Board purchases any security pursuant to an agreement with an investor group, the Board shall acquire such securities and may invest, manage, transfer, or dispose of such securities in

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- 1 accordance with policies for management of assets adopted by the 2 Board.
- Except as otherwise provided by subsections F and G of this 3 section, the Board shall have the power to make any contract, 4 5 execute any document, perform any act, or enter into any financial or other transaction necessary in order to carry out its mission. The Board may employ such persons as may be required for the performance of any function authorized or required by the Oklahoma 9 Capital Formation Act or necessary for the accomplishment of any 10 such function. Such persons shall be selected based upon outstanding knowledge and leadership in the field for which the 11 12 person performs services for the Board. In selecting such persons, the Board shall hire persons who meet standards applicable to 13 persons responsible for investment of equity and near-equity 14 securities. 15
 - E. In carrying out the mission of the Board as authorized in the Oklahoma Capital Formation Act, neither the Board nor its officers, directors, or employees shall be considered to be broker-dealers, agents, investment advisors, or investment adviser representatives under Title 71 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The tax credits issued or transferred pursuant to the Oklahoma Capital Formation Act and Section 2357.7 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not be considered to be securities under Title 71 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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- F. On and after the effective date of this act June 8, 2012, except for the investment of funds required by provisions in a contract executed by the Board or by any subsidiary or affiliate of the Board prior to the effective date of this act June 8, 2012, or executed by an entity that was not a subsidiary or affiliate of the Board at the time such contract was executed but which became a subsidiary or affiliate of the Board subsequent to the execution of such contract, but prior to the effective date of this act June 8, 2012, neither the Board nor any entity which is a subsidiary or affiliate of the Board nor any entity which is controlled either directly or indirectly by the Board or which acts under the authority of or pursuant to the direction of the Board shall:
- 1. Enter into any contract authorizing or requiring the investment of any funds obtained by the Board, or commitment binding the Board to make any investment of any funds obtained by the Board, or the investment of any funds obtained by a subsidiary, affiliate, or any entity under the direct or indirect control of the Board, in any corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, private equity or hedge fund, or other lawfully recognized business entity; or
- 2. Modify any agreement executed prior to the effective date of this act June 8, 2012, by the Board or executed by any subsidiary or affiliate of the Board or executed by any entity that was not a subsidiary or affiliate of the Board at the time such contract was

- 1 executed, but which subsequently became a subsidiary or affiliate, in any manner that would have the effect of increasing the amount of 2 any contractual commitment to make an investment of funds in a 3 general or limited partnership, corporation, limited liability 4 5 company, private equity or hedge fund, or any other lawfully recognized entity.
 - G. On and after the effective date of this act June 8, 2012, except for the use of funds required by provisions in a contract executed by the Board or by any subsidiary or affiliate of the Board prior to the effective date of this act June 8, 2012, or executed by an entity that was not a subsidiary or affiliate of the Board at the time such contract was executed but which became a subsidiary or affiliate of the Board subsequent to the execution of such contract, but prior to the effective date of this act June 8, 2012, neither the Board nor any entity which is a subsidiary or affiliate of the Board nor any entity which is controlled either directly or indirectly by the Board or which acts under the authority of or pursuant to the direction of the Board shall:
 - 1. Enter into any contract for the purpose of guaranteeing, in whole or in part, the repayment of obligations owed by a business entity, other than a subsidiary of the Board, in connection with a loan of money from a bank, financial institution or any other entity; or

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- 1 2. Modify any contract described by paragraph 1 of this subsection executed prior to the effective date of this act June 8, 2 2012, by the Board or executed by any subsidiary or affiliate of the 3 Board or executed by any entity that was not a subsidiary or 4 5 affiliate of the Board at the time such contract was executed, but which subsequently became a subsidiary or affiliate, in a manner 6 that would increase any existing obligation of the Board or its 7
- subsidiary or affiliate or extend the term of any such contract. 9 SECTION 4.

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Section 5085.10. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the

Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development Board or

expend funds to administer and operate the programs of the Oklahoma

Section 5085.11. A. There is hereby created in the State

be designated the "Oklahoma Capital Formation Revolving Fund".

fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year

as authorized by the Oklahoma Capital Investment Science and

Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to

any entity designated by the Board, shall have the authority to

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- limitations, and shall consist of appropriated funds. All monies accruing to the credit of said the fund are hereby appropriated and, 23

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- 1 Technology Research and Development Board, shall be expended by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to perform the duties imposed upon 2 the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board by law. Expenditures of 3 appropriated funds from said the fund shall be made upon warrants 5 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise 6 Services for approval and payment. 7
 - B. On the effective date of this act July 1, 1991, any unencumbered funds remaining in the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board Revolving Fund shall be transferred to the credit of the Oklahoma Capital Formation Revolving Fund. Any unexpended funds remaining in the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board Revolving Fund after November 15, 1991, shall be transferred to the credit of the Oklahoma Capital Formation Revolving Fund.
- 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5085.12, is SECTION 6. 15 AMENDATORY amended to read as follows: 16

Section 5085.12. Nothing contained herein is or shall be 17 construed as a restriction or limitation upon any powers which the 18 Oklahoma Capital Investment Science and Technology Research and 19 Development Board might otherwise have under any other law of this 20 state heretofore or hereafter enacted and the provisions of this act 21 the Oklahoma Capital Formation Act are cumulative to such powers. 22 The provisions hereof do and shall be construed to provide a 23 complete, additional, and alternative method for the doing of the

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- 1 things authorized and shall be regarded as supplemental and
- 2 | additional to powers conferred by any other laws.
- 3 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5085.14, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 Section 5085.14. A. The Oklahoma Capital Investment Science
- 6 and Technology Research and Development Board may adopt rules,
- 7 policies, procedures, and regulatory and administrative measures
- 8 | necessary to administer the programs of the Board or convenient for
- 9 | the organization and internal management of Board responsibilities.
- B. The level, timing, or degree of success of the Oklahoma
- 11 | Capital Investment Board in mobilizing or ensuring investment in
- 12 Oklahoma businesses or projects, accomplishing other economic
- development objectives, or achieving any other statutory duty shall
- 14 | not compromise, diminish, invalidate, or affect the enforceability
- 15 of any guarantee of the Board.
- 16 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5085.15, is
- 17 | amended to read as follows:
- 18 Section 5085.15. Within thirty (30) days after the Oklahoma
- 19 | Capital Investment Science and Technology Research and Development
- 20 | Board or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Board has made payment
- 21 of any remaining expense or obligation created by the Board or by
- 22 | the subsidiary or affiliate, pursuant to the terms of any promissory
- 23 | note, loan agreement, guaranty agreement, investment agreement, or
- 24 other contract or agreement, any remaining monies paid to either the

Board or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Board pursuant to the terms of an agreement or contract entered into prior to the effective date of this act June 8, 2012, shall be paid by the Board or by its subsidiary or affiliate to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5085.16, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5085.16. None of the provisions of this act the Oklahoma Capital Formation Act shall alter, amend, modify, affect, diminish, or impair the enforceability of, or any obligation or liability of the Oklahoma Capital Investment Science and Technology Research and Development Board or any entity which is a subsidiary or affiliate of the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board or any entity which is controlled either directly or indirectly by the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board under any contract, agreement, guarantee, or instrument entered into or delivered by such party with any business entity or bank, financial institution, or any other entity existing as of the effective date of this act June 8, 2012, including, without limitation, any guarantee extended by the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board and any assignment of any thirdparty commitments to purchase, and proceeds released from the sale of, tax credits, all of which shall remain in full force and effect. SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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