

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 942

By: Haste of the Senate

3 and

4 Wallace of the House

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6 An Act relating to aeronautics technology; creating  
7 the Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing Development  
8 Grant Program; providing short title; allowing  
9 certain commission to oversee certain grant program;  
10 providing entities eligible to receive grant monies;  
11 providing certain conditions certain entities must  
12 meet to be eligible for grant program; stating  
13 conditions to be eliminated from consideration;  
14 directing certain director to promulgate rules and  
15 procedures of program; creating Oklahoma Aircraft  
16 Engine Testing Development Grant Program Revolving  
17 Fund; making an appropriation; providing for  
18 codification; providing an effective date; and  
19 declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 501 of Title 3, unless there is  
23 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant Program".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 502 of Title 3, unless there is  
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Aeronautics  
2 Commission, the Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant  
3 Program to offer financial assistance by grant to private or public  
4 entities for the purpose of augmenting the aircraft engine testing  
5 capabilities of this state and developing aircraft engine testing  
6 infrastructure. Grant funding shall be administered based on merit  
7 and the potential for a specific project to enhance the aviation and  
8 aerospace industry of this state. A grant under this program shall  
9 be a one-time award.

10       B. Public, private, and nonprofit entities within Oklahoma that  
11 have sufficient financial and management capacity to complete the  
12 requested project are eligible for funding under this program.  
13 Applicants shall provide the following information:

14       1. Airline or industry support as evidenced by a letter or  
15 other communication directly from the entity stating its support for  
16 the project;

17       2. The ability to provide a minimum of forty percent (40%)  
18 matching funds for the project; and

19       3. A proposal summary that shall include any background  
20 information or history with aircraft engine testing and development,  
21 project description, timeline for completion of project, and  
22 estimated budget for the entire project.

23       C. A grant agreement shall be required between the awardee and  
24 the Commission to provide for conditions of disbursement of grant

1 funds including obligation to repay funds if the terms of the  
2 agreement are not met as well as providing ongoing quarterly reports  
3 detailing activity related to the project.

4 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 503 of Title 3, unless there is  
6 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
8 for the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission to be designated the  
9 "Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant Program  
10 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject  
11 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received  
12 by any public or private donations, contributions and gifts received  
13 for the benefit of the fund, and any amounts appropriated by the  
14 Legislature. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are  
15 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma  
16 Aeronautics Commission for the purpose of funding grants as provided  
17 in this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants  
18 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
19 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
20 Services for approval and payment.

21 SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma  
22 Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant Program Revolving Fund  
23 from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue  
24 Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022,

1 the sum of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) or so much  
2 thereof as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the fund.

3 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

4 SECTION 6. 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.

8 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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12 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
13 2023.

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