

1 (1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION)  
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
3 BILL NO. 1018

By: Wallace, Martinez, and Hill  
of the House

and

Thompson (Roger) and Hall  
of the Senate

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

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

1        There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Center for the  
2 Advancement of Science and Technology from monies not otherwise  
3 appropriated from the Statewide Recovery Fund of the State Treasury  
4 created in Enrolled House Bill No. 3349 of the 2nd Session of the  
5 58th Oklahoma Legislature, the sum of Five Million Dollars  
6 (\$5,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to a  
7 nonprofit located in Northeast Oklahoma that focuses on helping  
8 small business development to be used for adding additional physical  
9 space and increasing program capacity allowing for increased  
10 participation by business start-ups. Such funds shall be utilized  
11 in a manner consistent with the recommendations adopted by the Joint  
12 Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding on May 19, 2023.

13        SECTION 2.        NEW LAW        A new section of law not to be  
14 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

15        There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Center for the  
16 Advancement of Science and Technology from monies not otherwise  
17 appropriated from the Statewide Recovery Fund of the State Treasury  
18 created in Enrolled House Bill No. 3349 of the 2nd Session of the  
19 58th Oklahoma Legislature, the sum of One Million Dollars  
20 (\$1,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to leverage  
21 other funds used by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of  
22 Science and Technology to provide technical assistance, training,  
23 counseling, and other business assistance for entrepreneurs in  
24 counties with a population of less than six hundred sixty-nine

1 thousand two hundred seventy-nine (669,279) according to the 2020  
2 Federal Decennial Census. Such funds shall be utilized in a manner  
3 consistent with the recommendations adopted by the Joint Committee  
4 on Pandemic Relief Funding on May 19, 2023.

5 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
6 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

7 There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Center for the  
8 Advancement of Science and Technology from monies not otherwise  
9 appropriated from the Statewide Recovery Fund of the State Treasury  
10 created in Enrolled House Bill No. 3349 of the 2nd Session of the  
11 58th Oklahoma Legislature, the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
12 (\$500,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to a nonprofit  
13 located in Central Oklahoma that focuses on helping small business  
14 development to be used for operational needs. Such funds shall be  
15 utilized in a manner consistent with the recommendations adopted by  
16 the Joint Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding on May 19, 2023.

17 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
18 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

19 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a Statewide  
20 Recovery Special Account for the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement  
21 of Science and Technology for each appropriation section of this  
22 act. The duration of such accounts shall continue for the period of  
23 time that monies related to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 are  
24 being budgeted, expended, or managed in the state. The ending of

1 such period shall be determined by the State Treasurer and shall  
2 result in the closing of such accounts as a matter of law. Such  
3 accounts shall be continuing accounts as otherwise provided in this  
4 section, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
5 exclusively consist of monies related to the relevant appropriations  
6 made in this act and as otherwise directed by law. All monies  
7 deposited to the credit of such accounts are hereby appropriated and  
8 may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Center for the  
9 Advancement of Science and Technology in accordance with the  
10 provisions of this act. Expenditures from such accounts shall be  
11 made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims  
12 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of  
13 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

14 B. The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and  
15 Technology is authorized to request in writing that the monies  
16 appropriated by the provisions of this act be deposited or  
17 transferred to the accounts created pursuant to subsection A of this  
18 section. No later than seven (7) calendar days from the date of  
19 such request, the Director of the Office of Management and  
20 Enterprise Services shall comply with such request and verify to the  
21 requesting agency that such deposit or transfer has been completed.

22 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
23 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

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1       The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and  
2 Technology may enter into memoranda of understanding with other  
3 agencies of the State of Oklahoma for the auditing, documentation,  
4 evaluation, implementation, oversight, reporting, and management of  
5 funds and associated efforts related to the appropriations made in  
6 this act; provided, that no such memoranda of understanding shall  
7 require or include, as an option or condition, the direct or  
8 practical transfer or relinquishment of control by the agency  
9 appropriated such funds to budget, expend, allocate, and request the  
10 distribution of the funds appropriated by this act.

11       SECTION 6.       NEW LAW       A new section of law not to be  
12 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

13       The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and  
14 Technology may promulgate rules, utilize existing rules, establish  
15 procedures, and utilize existing procedures to implement the  
16 provisions of this act; provided, such rules and procedures do not  
17 conflict with or impede the provisions of this act.

18       SECTION 7.       NEW LAW       A new section of law not to be  
19 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

20       The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and  
21 Technology shall retain no more than two percent (2%) of the funds  
22 appropriated by this act to reimburse:

23       1. Costs incurred by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of  
24 Science and Technology; or

1           2. Costs incurred on the agency's behalf, associated with the  
2 administration of the appropriated funds and programming required by  
3 the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology  
4 under the provisions of this act; provided, that no funds shall be  
5 retained that would be disallowable under the provisions of the  
6 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

7           SECTION 8.           NEW LAW           A new section of law not to be  
8 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

9           A. The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and  
10 Technology shall:

11           1. Submit to the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Pandemic  
12 Relief Funding, or any successor Senate legislative or House of  
13 Representatives legislative committee or joint committee, as  
14 designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives:

16                   a. a written or electronic quarterly report detailing the  
17 budgeting, expenditure, and management of all monies  
18 appropriated in this act, and

19                   b. a copy of all memoranda of understanding and contracts  
20 with third parties entered into by the Oklahoma Center  
21 for the Advancement of Science and Technology to  
22 facilitate, assist, or administer powers and duties  
23 provided to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of  
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1 Science and Technology under the provisions of this  
2 act; and

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

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

15 SECTION 9. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of May, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
5 of Representatives

6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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9 Presiding Officer of the Senate