

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1556

By: Moore of the House

and

Rader of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to higher education; creating the
12 University Campus Security Revolving Fund; specifying
13 source of fund; directing the Oklahoma State Regents
14 for Higher Education to award grants; creating the
15 University Campus Security Grant Program;
16 establishing permitted use of grants; directing that
17 grant dollars shall supplement existing funds;
18 directing Regents to determine criteria and process
19 for application; directing that applications be
20 considered on statewide basis; directing Regents to
21 promulgate rules; providing for codification;
22 providing an effective date; and declaring an
23 emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3260 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
2 fund for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to be
3 designated the "University Campus Security Revolving Fund". The
4 fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
5 limitations, and shall consist of monies appropriated by the
6 Legislature for the purpose of supporting the University Campus
7 Security Grant Program created in subsection B of this section. All
8 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated
9 and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State Regents for
10 Higher Education for the purpose of running the University Campus
11 Security Grant Program described in subsections B through E of this
12 section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
13 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed by the Oklahoma
14 State Regents for Higher Education with the Director of the Office
15 of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

16 B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
17 develop and establish a University Campus Security Grant Program.
18 The purpose of the program shall be to enhance campus security at
19 Oklahoma institutions of higher education in order to promote a
20 safer and more secure environment for students, faculty, and staff.

21 C. Contingent upon the amount of funds available in the
22 University Campus Security Revolving Fund, the University Campus
23 Security Grant Program shall provide financial assistance to
24 eligible universities for the improvement of campus security. Grant

1 funds may be expended by institutions of higher education for the
2 purpose of providing physical security enhancements for campuses,
3 including, but not limited to, cameras, gates, lighting, locks,
4 doors, windows, security geofencing, and ballistic storm shelters.

5 D. Grant dollars shall supplement and not supplant existing
6 campus security funding.

7 E. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
8 determine criteria and establish a process for the submission of
9 grant applications. The applications shall be considered on a
10 statewide competitive basis. The Regents shall promulgate rules for
11 the implementation of the grants issued pursuant to this section.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
19 02/29/2024 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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