

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1278

By: Caldwell (Chad) and Ford of
the House

3 and

4 Rosino of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to the State Department of Health;
8 creating the Barbara Weber Amyotrophic Lateral
9 Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program; placing the program at
10 a certain agency; providing purpose; requiring
11 certain reports; establishing the Barbara Weber
12 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program
13 Revolving Fund; establishing fund nature; authorizing
14 certain budgeting and expenditure of funds for
15 certain purposes; providing for codification;
16 providing an effective date; and declaring an
17 emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-580 of Title 63, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Barbara Weber
23 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program".

24 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-580.1 of Title 63, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 There is hereby created the Barbara Weber Amyotrophic Lateral
2 Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program which shall be administered by the
3 State Department of Health. The program shall grant funds to
4 support research for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and for
5 programs that help support Oklahoma residents afflicted with ALS or
6 Oklahoma residents caring for a family member afflicted with ALS.
7 Beginning July 1, 2026, the State Department of Health shall provide
8 an annual report to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House
9 of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
10 Senate, Appropriations and Budget Chair of the Oklahoma House of
11 Representatives, and the Appropriations Chair of the Oklahoma State
12 Senate that includes, but is not limited to, how many grants have
13 been awarded during the previous fiscal year, which entities the
14 grants have been awarded to, and for what purposes the funds are
15 supporting.

16 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-580.2 of Title 63, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 There is hereby created in the Oklahoma State Treasury a
20 revolving fund for the State Department of Health to be designated
21 the "Barbara Weber Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program
22 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
23 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received
24 by the State Department of Health from appropriations, donations,

1 grants, or other sources of funding specifically designated for
2 deposit to the Barbara Weber Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
3 Grant Program Revolving Fund. All monies accruing to the credit of
4 said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended
5 by the State Department of Health for the purpose of the Barbara
6 Weber Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program.
7 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by
8 the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with
9 the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
10 approval and payment.

11 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

12 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

16 Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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21 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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