

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1278

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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. There is hereby appropriated to the State Department  
12 of Health from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the  
13 General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year  
14 ending June 30, 2026, the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)  
15 or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed  
16 upon the State Department of Health by law.

17 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

18 SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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