

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1278

By: Caldwell (Chad) of the
House

and

Rosino of the Senate

11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12 An Act relating to the State Department of Health;
13 creating the Barbara Weber Amyotrophic Lateral
14 Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program; placing the program at
15 a certain agency; providing purpose; requiring
16 certain reports; establishing the Barbara Weber
17 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program
18 Revolving Fund; establishing fund nature; authorizing
19 certain budgeting and expenditure of funds for
20 certain purposes; providing for codification;
21 providing an effective date; and declaring an
22 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 1-580 of Title 63, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

1 There is hereby created in the Oklahoma State Treasury a
2 revolving fund for the State Department of Health to be designated
3 the "Barbara Weber Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program
4 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
5 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received
6 by the State Department of Health from appropriations, donations,
7 grants, or other sources of funding specifically designated for
8 deposit to the Barbara Weber Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
9 Grant Program Revolving Fund. All monies accruing to the credit of
10 said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended
11 by the State Department of Health for the purpose of the Barbara
12 Weber Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Grant Program.
13 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by
14 the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with
15 the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
16 approval and payment.

17 SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated to the State Department
18 of Health from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the
19 General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year
20 ending June 30, 2026, the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)
21 to be deposited into the Barbara Weber Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
22 Grant Program Revolving Fund.

23 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.
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SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 02/26/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.