

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2115

3 By: Osburn of the House

4 and

5 Thompson of the Senate

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8 [state government - Energy Conservation Assistance
9 Fund - Energy Conservation Assistance Loan Fund -
10 Weatherization Revolving Fund - references to the
11 Oklahoma Department of Commerce - effective date]

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2902, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 2902. A. The Oklahoma Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human
18 Services shall be responsible for the disbursement and
19 implementation of the Energy Conservation Assistance Fund.

20 B. The Department shall involve senior citizen groups, social
21 service agencies and other civic groups in publicizing such program.

22 C. The Department of Human Services, ~~in cooperation with the~~
23 ~~Oklahoma Department of Commerce,~~ shall determine eligibility
24 requirements necessary to qualify a homeowner to obtain such grants.

1 Upon meeting any such eligibility standards, the Department of Human
2 Services shall certify ~~to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce~~ that
3 such homeowner is qualified to receive such grant upon notification
4 of such certification. The ~~Oklahoma Department of Commerce~~ Human
5 Services shall distribute the grant funds. Priorities shall be
6 established for applications according to those indicating the
7 greatest need. Low-income elderly and handicapped applicants shall
8 be given first priority.

9 D. In order to qualify for grant assistance, the property shall
10 meet all of the following requirements:

- 11 1. The property shall be the homestead of the applicant; and
- 12 2. The property for which the grant is issued shall not be
13 income-producing or used in any method other than as the principal
14 residence of the applicant.

15 E. Grants may be issued to finance the following types of
16 weatherization:

- 17 1. Structural repairs necessary to improve efficient heating
18 and cooling of the residence;
- 19 2. Insulation for attics, walls and water heaters;
- 20 3. Replacement of broken glass, inefficient doors and door
21 thresholds;
- 22 4. Storm windows;
- 23 5. Caulking and weather stripping; and

1 6. Other appropriate energy conservation measures as determined
2 by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services.

3 No grants shall be made through this program unless an energy
4 audit has been performed on the applicant's principal residence.

5 No grant shall exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). No
6 grant shall be awarded to any applicant with an annual income in
7 excess of the amount specified in this subsection.

8 Income eligibility shall be determined based on one hundred
9 twenty-five percent (125%) of the poverty guidelines issued by the
10 United States Office of Management and Budget.

11 F. The application for the grant shall be in such form as
12 determined by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services.
13 No grant shall be issued to any person until such person has been
14 certified as eligible by the Department of Human Services. The
15 applicant shall be provided with copies of all documents related to
16 the issuance of the grant. The applicant shall provide documents,
17 as required, concerning the status of property and household income.

18 G. 1. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services
19 contractors shall be nonprofit community action agencies or other
20 nonprofit entities experienced with weatherization programs. The
21 ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services shall monitor
22 contractors for compliance with all Department policies, guidelines
23 and regulations.

1 2. Contractors shall be responsible for completion and
2 inspection of all work undertaken. No payment shall be made to any
3 contractor until after the required documentation is submitted and
4 approved by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services.
5 Payments to contractors shall be made for services rendered and
6 shall be based on the costs previously agreed to in writing.

7 H. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services shall
8 actively monitor and audit the financial and operating records of
9 the contractors involved with the Energy Conservation Assistance
10 Fund to assure appropriate compliance with established regulations,
11 guidelines and standards. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human
12 Services shall also monitor contractors to ensure use of proper
13 materials and workmanship.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2903, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 2903. A. The State of Oklahoma through the Department
17 shall have a lien against the property on which the work is being
18 performed for the amount of the loan plus interest thereon. The
19 Department shall record a notice of lien with the county clerk where
20 the property is located. A delinquent installment of the loan may
21 be foreclosed by the Department and the property concerned shall be
22 sold in the manner provided for foreclosures of mortgages on land.
23 Any real estate sold under any order, judgment or decree of court to
24 satisfy the lien may be redeemed by the owner or his assignee at any

1 time within one (1) year of the date of the sale by paying to the
2 purchaser thereof or his assignee the amount paid with interest from
3 the date of purchase at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year.

4 B. Repayment of each loan shall be determined according to a
5 repayment schedule determined by the Department.

6 C. Repayment of the loan may be deferred until that time when
7 the loan recipient sells the property or ownership is transferred.
8 In such cases where a loan has not been repaid after ten (10) years,
9 another ten-year extension shall be granted if the loan recipient or
10 the surviving spouse is still the owner-occupier of the residence.
11 Such extensions shall be granted until such time when the property
12 is transferred from the loan recipient or the surviving spouse to
13 another party.

14 D. Loan repayments shall be made to the Oklahoma Department of
15 ~~Commerce~~ Human Services and shall be deposited in the Energy
16 Conservation Loan Fund.

17 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5030, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 5030. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury
20 a revolving fund to be designated as the "Weatherization Revolving
21 Fund", which shall consist of all monies appropriated or transferred
22 to the fund. Said revolving fund shall be a continuing fund not
23 subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the
24 administration of the Oklahoma Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services

1 and may be disbursed without legislative appropriation. Warrants
2 for expenditures from said revolving fund shall be drawn by the
3 State Treasurer, based on claims signed by an authorized employee or
4 employees of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services and
5 approved for payment by the Director of the Office of Management and
6 Enterprise Services. It is hereby declared that energy conservation
7 is in the interest of the State of Oklahoma. The purpose of this
8 fund is to provide monies to be used for the purpose of weatherizing
9 households in Oklahoma thereby conserving the oil and natural gas
10 resources of the state.

11 B. On July 1, 1986, any unallotted cash balance in the
12 Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section 1537.1 of this
13 title shall be transferred to the Weatherization Revolving Fund
14 created in this section. All outstanding financial obligations and
15 encumbrances of the Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section
16 1537.1 of this title are hereby transferred to the Oklahoma
17 Department of Commerce. After November 15, 1986, any unexpended
18 balance in the Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section
19 1537.1 of this title shall be transferred to the Weatherization
20 Revolving Fund created in this section.

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.
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Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate