

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 25, 2023

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB750

By: Montgomery of the Senate and Martinez and Fetgatter of the House

Title: Revenue and taxation; tax credits; medical research activities; vision research. Effective date.

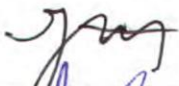

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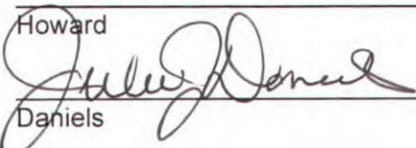
together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. Conferees unable to agree.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:

  
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HOUSE CONFEREES:

General Conference Committee on Appropriations

Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 750 By: Montgomery of the Senate  
3 and  
4 Fetgatter of the House  
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7 [ sales tax - exemptions for manufacturing -  
8 commercial mining of digital assets - effective date ]  
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10 AUTHOR: Remove Representative Fetgatter as principal House author  
11 and substitute with Representative Martinez

12 Add the following House coauthor: Fetgatter

13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause, and  
14 entire bill and insert:

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16 "[ revenue and taxation - tax credits - medical  
17 research activities - effective date ]  
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20 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2357.45, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 2357.45 A. 1. For tax years beginning after December  
24 31, 2004, there shall be allowed against the tax imposed by Section

1 2355 of this title, a credit for any taxpayer who makes a donation  
2 to an independent biomedical research institute and for tax years  
3 beginning after December 31, 2010, a credit for any taxpayer who  
4 makes a donation to a cancer research institute and for tax years  
5 beginning after December 31, 2023, a credit for any taxpayer who  
6 makes a donation to a vision research institute.

7 2. The credit authorized by paragraph 1 of this subsection  
8 shall be limited as follows:

9 a. for calendar year ~~2007~~ 2024 and all subsequent years,  
10 the credit percentage, not to exceed fifty percent  
11 (50%), shall be adjusted annually so that the total  
12 estimate of the credits does not exceed ~~Two~~ Six  
13 Million Dollars ~~(\$2,000,000.00)~~ (\$6,000,000.00)  
14 annually. The formula to be used for the percentage  
15 adjusted shall be fifty percent (50%) times ~~One~~ Two  
16 Million Dollars ~~(\$1,000,000.00)~~ (\$2,000,000.00)  
17 divided by the credits claimed in the preceding year  
18 for each donation to an independent biomedical  
19 research institute and fifty percent (50%) times ~~One~~  
20 Two Million Dollars ~~(\$1,000,000.00)~~ (\$2,000,000.00)  
21 divided by the credits claimed in the preceding year  
22 for each donation to a cancer research institute and  
23 fifty percent (50%) times Two Million Dollars  
24 (\$2,000,000.00) divided by the credits claimed in the

1 preceding year for each donation to a vision research  
2 institute,

3 b. in no event shall a taxpayer claim more than one  
4 credit for a donation to any independent biomedical  
5 research institute and one credit for a donation to a  
6 cancer research institute and one credit for a  
7 donation to a vision research institute in each  
8 taxable year nor shall the credit exceed One Thousand  
9 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for ~~each taxpayer for each type of~~  
10 ~~donation~~ a single individual, Two Thousand Dollars  
11 (\$2,000.00) for married individuals filing jointly, or  
12 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for any taxpayer  
13 that is a legal business entity including limited and  
14 general partnerships, corporations, subchapter S  
15 corporations and limited liability companies. The  
16 dollar amounts for limiting the tax credits as  
17 described by this subparagraph shall be applicable to  
18 each type of taxpayer for each one of such tax credits  
19 and shall not be a limitation on the aggregate total  
20 of all such credits that may be claimed for any single  
21 tax year,

22 c. for tax year 2011, no more than Fifty Thousand Dollars  
23 (\$50,000.00) in total tax credits for donations to a  
24 cancer research institute shall be allowed,

- 1 d. in no event shall more than ~~fifty percent (50%)~~ one-  
2 third (1/3) of the ~~Two~~ Six Million Dollars  
3 ~~(\$2,000,000.00)~~ (\$6,000,000.00) in total tax credits  
4 authorized by this section, for any calendar year  
5 after the effective date of this act, be allocated for  
6 credits for donations to a cancer research institute  
7 or be allocated for credits for donations to a vision  
8 research institute, and
- 9 e. in the event the total tax credits authorized by this  
10 section exceed ~~One~~ Two Million Dollars ~~(\$1,000,000.00)~~  
11 (\$2,000,000.00) in any calendar year for either a  
12 vision research institute or a cancer research  
13 institute or an independent biomedical research  
14 institute, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall permit  
15 any excess over ~~One~~ Two Million Dollars  
16 ~~(\$1,000,000.00)~~ (\$2,000,000.00) but shall factor such  
17 excess into the percentage adjustment formula for  
18 subsequent years for that type of donation. However,  
19 any such adjustment to the formula for donations to an  
20 independent biomedical research institute shall not  
21 affect the formula for donations to a cancer research  
22 institute or a vision research institute, and any such  
23 adjustment to the formula for donations to a cancer  
24 research institute shall not affect the formula for

1 donations to an independent biomedical research  
2 institute or a vision research institute, and any such  
3 adjustment to the formula for donations to a vision  
4 research institute shall not affect the formula for  
5 donations to an independent biomedical research  
6 institute or a cancer research institute.

7 3. For purposes of this section, "independent biomedical  
8 research institute" means an Oklahoma organization which is exempt  
9 from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the  
10 Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3) whose primary  
11 focus is conducting peer-reviewed basic biomedical research. The  
12 organization shall:

- 13 a. have a board of directors,
- 14 b. be able to accept grants in its own name,
- 15 c. be an identifiable institute that has its own  
16 employees and administrative staff, and
- 17 d. receive at least Fifteen Million Dollars  
18 (\$15,000,000.00) in National ~~Institute~~ Institutes of  
19 Health funding each year.

20 4. For purposes of this section, "cancer research institute"  
21 means an organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to the  
22 Internal Revenue Code and whose primary focus is raising the  
23 standard of cancer clinical care in Oklahoma through peer-reviewed  
24 cancer research and education or a not-for-profit supporting

1 organization, as that term is defined by the Internal Revenue Code,  
2 affiliated with a tax-exempt organization whose primary focus is  
3 raising the standard of cancer clinical care in Oklahoma through  
4 peer-reviewed cancer research and education. The tax-exempt  
5 organization whose primary focus is raising the standard of cancer  
6 clinical care in Oklahoma through peer-reviewed cancer research and  
7 education shall:

8 a. either be an independent research institute or a  
9 program that is part of a state university which is a  
10 member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
11 Education, and

12 b. receive at least Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00)  
13 in National Cancer Institute funding each year.

14 5. For purposes of this section, "vision research institute"  
15 means an organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to the  
16 Internal Revenue Code with a focus on raising the standard of  
17 clinical vision care in Oklahoma through peer-reviewed vision  
18 research and education or a not-for-profit supporting organization,  
19 as that term is defined by the Internal Revenue Code, affiliated  
20 with a tax-exempt organization with a focus on raising the standard  
21 of clinical vision care in Oklahoma through peer-reviewed vision  
22 research and education. The tax-exempt organization with a focus on  
23 raising the standard of clinical vision care in Oklahoma through  
24 peer-reviewed vision research and education shall:

- 1        a. either be an independent research institute or an  
2        organization that is affiliated with a state  
3        university which is a member of The Oklahoma State  
4        System of Higher Education,  
5        b. have a board of directors,  
6        c. be able to accept donations in its own name or the  
7        name of its supporting organization,  
8        d. be an identifiable institute that has its own  
9        employees and administrative staff, and  
10       e. be involved in the conduct of research funded by the  
11       National Institutes of Health at a minimum level of  
12       Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) each year.

13       B. In no event shall the amount of the credit exceed the amount  
14 of any tax liability of the taxpayer.

15       C. Any credits allowed but not used in any tax year may be  
16 carried over, in order, to each of the four (4) years following the  
17 year of qualification.

18       D. The Tax Commission shall have the authority to prescribe  
19 forms for purposes of claiming the credit authorized by this  
20 section.

21       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023."  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of  
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1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 750

By: Montgomery of the Senate

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6 [ sales tax - exemptions for manufacturing -  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 1359, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1359. Exemptions - Manufacturing.

14 There are hereby specifically exempted from the tax levied by  
15 Section 1350 et seq. of this title:

16 1. Sales of goods, wares, merchandise, tangible personal  
17 property, machinery and equipment to a manufacturer for use in a  
18 manufacturing operation. Goods, wares, merchandise, property,  
19 machinery and equipment used in a nonmanufacturing activity or  
20 process as set forth in paragraph 14 of Section 1352 of this title  
21 shall not be eligible for the exemption provided for in this  
22 subsection by virtue of the activity or process being performed in  
23 conjunction with or integrated into a manufacturing operation.  
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1 For the purposes of this paragraph, sales made to any person,  
2 firm or entity that has entered into a contractual relationship for  
3 the construction and improvement of manufacturing goods, wares,  
4 merchandise, property, machinery and equipment for use in a  
5 manufacturing operation shall be considered sales made to a  
6 manufacturer which is defined or classified in the North American  
7 Industry Classification System (NAICS) Manual under Industry Group  
8 No. 324110. Such purchase shall be evidenced by a copy of the sales  
9 ticket or invoice to be retained by the vendor indicating that the  
10 purchases are made for and on behalf of such manufacturer and set  
11 out the name of such manufacturer as well as include a copy of the  
12 Manufacturing Exemption Permit of the manufacturer. Any person who  
13 wrongfully or erroneously certifies that purchases are being made on  
14 behalf of such manufacturer or who otherwise violates this paragraph  
15 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall  
16 be fined an amount equal to double the amount of sales tax involved  
17 or incarcerated for not more than sixty (60) days or both;

18 2. Ethyl alcohol when sold and used for the purpose of blending  
19 same with motor fuel on which motor fuel tax is levied by Section  
20 500.4 of this title;

21 3. Sales of containers when sold to a person regularly engaged  
22 in the business of reselling empty or filled containers or when  
23 purchased for the purpose of packaging raw products of farm, garden,  
24 or orchard for resale to the consumer or processor. This exemption

1 shall not apply to the sale of any containers used more than once  
2 and which are ordinarily known as returnable containers, except  
3 returnable soft drink bottles and the cartons, crates, pallets, and  
4 containers used to transport returnable soft drink bottles. Each  
5 and every transfer of title or possession of such returnable  
6 containers in this state to any person who is not regularly engaged  
7 in the business of selling, reselling or otherwise transferring  
8 empty or filled containers shall be taxable under this Code.

9 Additionally, this exemption shall not apply to the sale of labels  
10 or other materials delivered along with items sold but which are not  
11 necessary or absolutely essential to the sale of the sold  
12 merchandise;

13 4. Sales of or transfers of title to or possession of any  
14 containers, after June 30, 1987, used or to be used more than once  
15 and which are ordinarily known as returnable containers and which do  
16 or will contain beverages defined by paragraphs 4 and 14 of Section  
17 506 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or water for human  
18 consumption and the cartons, crates, pallets, and containers used to  
19 transport such returnable containers;

20 5. Sale of tangible personal property when sold by the  
21 manufacturer to a person who transports it to a state other than  
22 Oklahoma for immediate and exclusive use in a state other than  
23 Oklahoma. Provided, no sales at a retail outlet shall qualify for  
24 the exemption under this paragraph;

1       6. Machinery, equipment, fuels and chemicals or other materials  
2 incorporated into and directly used or consumed in the process of  
3 treatment to substantially reduce the volume or harmful properties  
4 of hazardous waste at treatment facilities specifically permitted  
5 pursuant to the Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Act and operated  
6 at the place of waste generation, or facilities approved by the  
7 Department of Environmental Quality for the cleanup of a site of  
8 contamination. The term "hazardous" waste may include low-level  
9 radioactive waste for the purpose of this paragraph;

10       7. Except as otherwise provided by subsection I of Section 3658  
11 of this title pursuant to which the exemption authorized by this  
12 paragraph may not be claimed, sales of tangible personal property to  
13 a qualified manufacturer or distributor to be consumed or  
14 incorporated in a new manufacturing or distribution facility or to  
15 expand an existing manufacturing or distribution facility. For  
16 purposes of this paragraph, sales made to a contractor or  
17 subcontractor that has previously entered into a contractual  
18 relationship with a qualified manufacturer or distributor for  
19 construction or expansion of a manufacturing or distribution  
20 facility shall be considered sales made to a qualified manufacturer  
21 or distributor. For the purposes of this paragraph, "qualified  
22 manufacturer or distributor" means:

23           a. any manufacturing enterprise whose total cost of  
24                construction of a new or expanded facility exceeds the

1 sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) and in  
2 which at least one hundred (100) new full-time-  
3 equivalent employees, as certified by the Oklahoma  
4 Employment Security Commission, are added and  
5 maintained for a period of at least thirty-six (36)  
6 months as a direct result of the new or expanded  
7 facility,

8 b. any manufacturing enterprise whose total cost of  
9 construction of a new or expanded facility exceeds the  
10 sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) and the  
11 combined cost of construction material, machinery,  
12 equipment and other tangible personal property exempt  
13 from sales tax under the provisions of this paragraph  
14 exceeds the sum of Fifty Million Dollars  
15 (\$50,000,000.00) and in which at least seventy-five  
16 (75) new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified  
17 by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, are  
18 added and maintained for a period of at least thirty-  
19 six (36) months as a direct result of the new or  
20 expanded facility,

21 c. any manufacturing enterprise whose total cost of  
22 construction of an expanded facility exceeds the sum  
23 of Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) and  
24 in which the manufacturer has and maintains an average

1 employment level of at least one thousand seven  
2 hundred fifty (1,750) full-time-equivalent employees,  
3 as certified by the Employment Security Commission, or  
4 d. any enterprise primarily engaged in the general  
5 wholesale distribution of groceries defined or  
6 classified in the North American Industry  
7 Classification System (NAICS) Manual under Industry  
8 Groups No. 4244 and 4245 and which has at least  
9 seventy-five percent (75%) of its total sales to in-  
10 state customers or buyers and whose total cost of  
11 construction of a new or expanded facility exceeds the  
12 sum of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) with  
13 such construction commencing on or after July 1, 2005,  
14 and before December 31, 2005, and which at least fifty  
15 new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by  
16 the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, are added  
17 and maintained for a period of at least thirty-six  
18 (36) months as a direct result of the new or expanded  
19 facility.

20 For purposes of this paragraph, the total cost of construction  
21 shall include building and construction material and engineering and  
22 architectural fees or charges directly associated with the  
23 construction of a new or expanded facility. The total cost of  
24 construction shall not include attorney fees. For purposes of

1 subparagraph c of this paragraph, the total cost of construction  
2 shall also include the cost of qualified depreciable property as  
3 defined in Section 2357.4 of this title and labor services performed  
4 in the construction of an expanded facility. For the purpose of  
5 subparagraph d of this paragraph, the total cost of construction  
6 shall also include the cost of all parking, security and dock  
7 structures or facilities necessary to manage, process or secure  
8 vehicles used to receive and/or distribute groceries through such a  
9 facility. The employment requirement of this paragraph can be  
10 satisfied by the employment of a portion of the required number of  
11 new full-time-equivalent employees at a manufacturing or  
12 distribution facility that is related to or supported by the new or  
13 expanded manufacturing or distribution facility as long as both  
14 facilities are owned by one person or business entity. For purposes  
15 of this section, "manufacturing facility" shall mean building and  
16 land improvements used in manufacturing as defined in Section 1352  
17 of this title and shall also mean building and land improvements  
18 used for the purpose of packing, repackaging, labeling or assembling  
19 for distribution to market, products at least seventy percent (70%)  
20 of which are made in ~~Oklahoma~~ this state by the same company but at  
21 an off-site, in-state manufacturing or distribution facility or  
22 facilities. It shall not include a retail outlet unless the retail  
23 outlet is operated in conjunction with and on the same site or  
24 premises as the manufacturing facility. Up to ten percent (10%) of



1 the square feet of a manufacturing or distribution facility building  
2 may be devoted to office space used to provide clerical support for  
3 the manufacturing operation. Such ten percent (10%) may be in a  
4 separate building as long as it is part of the same contiguous tract  
5 of property on which the manufacturing or distribution facility is  
6 located. Only sales of tangible personal property made after June  
7 1, 1988, shall be eligible for the exemption provided by this  
8 paragraph. The exemption authorized pursuant to subparagraph d of  
9 this paragraph shall only become effective when the governing body  
10 of the municipality in which the enterprise is located approves a  
11 resolution expressing the municipality's support for the  
12 construction for such new or expanded facility. Upon approval by  
13 the municipality, the municipality shall forward a copy of such  
14 resolution to the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

15 8. Sales of tangible personal property purchased and used by a  
16 licensed radio or television station in broadcasting. This  
17 exemption shall not apply unless such machinery and equipment is  
18 used directly in the manufacturing process, is necessary for the  
19 proper production of a broadcast signal or is such that the failure  
20 of the machinery or equipment to operate would cause broadcasting to  
21 cease. This exemption begins with the equipment used in producing  
22 live programming or the electronic equipment directly behind the  
23 satellite receiving dish or antenna, and ends with the transmission  
24 of the broadcast signal from the broadcast antenna system. For

1 purposes of this paragraph, "proper production" shall include, but  
2 not be limited to, machinery or equipment required by Federal  
3 Communications Commission rules and regulations;

4 9. Sales of tangible personal property purchased or used by a  
5 licensed cable television operator in cablecasting. This exemption  
6 shall not apply unless such machinery and equipment is used directly  
7 in the manufacturing process, is necessary for the proper production  
8 of a cablecast signal or is such that the failure of the machinery  
9 or equipment to operate would cause cablecasting to cease. This  
10 exemption begins with the equipment used in producing local  
11 programming or the electronic equipment behind the satellite  
12 receiving dish, microwave tower or antenna, and ends with the  
13 transmission of the signal from the cablecast head-end system. For  
14 purposes of this paragraph, "proper production" shall include, but  
15 not be limited to, machinery or equipment required by Federal  
16 Communications Commission rules and regulations;

17 10. Sales of packaging materials for use in packing, shipping  
18 or delivering tangible personal property for sale when sold to a  
19 producer of agricultural products. This exemption shall not apply  
20 to the sale of any packaging material which is ordinarily known as a  
21 returnable container;

22 11. Sales of any pattern used in the process of manufacturing  
23 iron, steel or other metal castings. The exemption provided by this  
24 paragraph shall be applicable irrespective of ownership of the

1 pattern, provided that such pattern is used in the commercial  
2 production of metal castings;

3 12. Deposits or other charges made and which are subsequently  
4 refunded for returnable cartons, crates, pallets, and containers  
5 used to transport cement and cement products;

6 13. Beginning January 1, 1998, machinery, electricity, fuels,  
7 explosives and materials, excluding chemicals, used in the mining of  
8 coal in this state;

9 14. Deposits, rent or other charges made for returnable  
10 cartons, crates, pallets, and containers used to transport mushrooms  
11 or mushroom products from a farm for resale to the consumer or  
12 processor;

13 15. Sales of tangible personal property and services used or  
14 consumed in all phases of the extraction and manufacturing of  
15 crushed stone and sand, including but not limited to site  
16 preparation, dredging, overburden removal, explosive placement and  
17 detonation, onsite material hauling and/or transfer, material  
18 washing, screening and/or crushing, product weighing and site  
19 reclamation; ~~and~~

20 16. Sale, use or consumption of paper stock and other raw  
21 materials which are manufactured into commercial printed material in  
22 this state primarily for use and delivery outside this state. For  
23 the purposes of this section, "commercial printed material" shall  
24 include magazines, catalogs, retail inserts and direct mail; and

1 17. Beginning on the effective date of this act and before  
2 January 1, 2039, sales of machinery and equipment including but not  
3 limited to servers and computers, racks, power distribution units,  
4 cabling, switchgear, transformers, substations, software, network  
5 equipment, and electricity used for commercial mining of digital  
6 assets in a colocation facility.

7 As used in this paragraph:

8 a. "blockchain technology" means shared or distributed  
9 data structures or digital ledgers governed by  
10 consensus protocols and maintained by peer-to-peer  
11 networks that:

12 (1) store digital transactions, and

13 (2) verify and secure transactions cryptographically,

14 b. "colocation facility" means a facility or facilities,  
15 totaling not less than 50,000 square feet, located in  
16 this state and utilized in the commercial mining of  
17 digital assets or in hosting persons engaged in the  
18 commercial mining of digital assets through  
19 utilization of the facility's infrastructure,  
20 including servers and network hardware powered by  
21 internet bandwidth, electricity, and other services  
22 generally required for such mining operations.

23 Provided, no facility shall qualify as a colocation  
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1 facility unless the facility has entered into a load  
2 reduction agreement with its retail electric supplier,

3 c. "commercial mining of digital assets" means the  
4 process through which blockchain technology is used to  
5 mine digital assets at a colocation facility,

6 d. "digital assets" means a type of virtual currency that  
7 utilizes blockchain technology and that:

8 (1) can be digitally traded between users, or

9 (2) can be converted or exchanged for legal tender,

10 e. "load reduction agreement" means an agreement wherein  
11 the customer grants the retail electric supplier the  
12 right, upon demand, to temporarily reduce or curtail  
13 the customer's use of electric power in order to  
14 respond to inclement weather or other adverse  
15 conditions, and

16 f. "mine" or "mining" means the process through which  
17 blockchain transactions are verified and accepted by  
18 adding the transactions to a blockchain ledger, which  
19 involves solving complex and mathematical  
20 cryptographic problems associated with a block  
21 containing transaction data.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.  
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Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives