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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1693 creates the Oklahoma Workforce and Economic Development Act. The measure creates a division within the Department of Labor to be called the Oklahoma Office of Workforce Development until July 1, 2026. The Office shall administer federal grant funding allocations from the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and other federal grants and sources of funding related to workforce development.

The Office shall operate solely on federal grant funding and nonappropriated funds. If the Office identifies any sources of federal funding requiring a match from the state, the Office must bring the proposal to the Legislature for approval and budgeting before accepting the grant. The measure directs the Office to develop individual employment plans for recipients of financial assistance as well as participants in employment programs. Additionally, the Office shall be responsible for training individuals in financial literacy, tracking and referring workers in the program, provide reemployment assistance, provide job training and in some instances transportation, and developing child-care programs. The measure also provides for spending caps on each individual component of the Office's responsibilities.

The measure also authorizes the Department of Labor to take certain actions to administer the Office and accompanying federal grants. The Commissioner of Labor is directed to seek interagency cooperation and promulgate the necessary rules and policies to administer the Office.

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