

FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB621 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Kevin Wallace

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 621

By: Pugh of the Senate

and

Hill of the House

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9 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Workforce
11 Transformation Act; providing short title; defining
12 terms; creating the Oklahoma Workforce Commission;
13 providing purpose; providing for membership;
14 providing for qualification of Commissioners; stating
15 appointment terms; allowing for election of chair and
16 vice chair; requiring certain meeting; allowing
17 certain reimbursement; stating quorum; providing for
18 powers, duties, and responsibilities of the
19 Commission; creating the Workforce Development
20 Revolving Fund; allowing certain investments;
21 prohibiting certain fund utilization; providing for
22 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 900 of Title 40, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
Workforce Transformation Act".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 901 of Title 40, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 As used in this act:

5 1. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Workforce Commission;

6 2. "Person" means any individual, group of individuals, or any
7 partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or employee
8 thereof, or any other legal entity; and

9 3. "Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development"
10 means the State's Workforce Investment Board established under the
11 authority of Executive Order 2005-27 and Section 5003.10d of Title
12 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 902 of Title 40, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 There is hereby created the Oklahoma Workforce Commission. The
17 purpose of the Commission is to coordinate the development of the
18 workforce needed to grow Oklahoma's economy and Oklahomans'
19 prosperity. To accomplish this purpose, the Commission is empowered
20 to the fullest extent permitted by law to coordinate the funding and
21 activities of each element of the state's workforce development
22 programs, systems, and entities, to achieve better alignment,
23 accountability, and results for the state's workforce development
24 efforts, and to act as the principal point of contact regarding

1 workforce development for public officials, businesses, and the
2 public.

3 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 903 of Title 40, unless there is
5 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. The Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall consist of eleven
7 (11) members.

8 1. Three members to be appointed by the Governor from private
9 sector companies that conduct business in the state.

10 2. A person who represents the common education community to be
11 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

12 3. A person who represents the higher education community to be
13 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

14 4. A person who represents an Oklahoma organization that has a
15 national registered apprenticeship program to be appointed by the
16 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

17 5. A person who is a regional board member of OK Works to be
18 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

19 6. A representative of a state medical entity to be appointed
20 by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

21 7. The Commissioner of Labor;

22 8. The Superintendent of the State Career and Technology
23 system; and
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1 9. A representative of the Central Oklahoma Manufacturing
2 Alliance to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
3 Oklahoma State Senate.

4 B. The members of the Commission shall be at least twenty-five
5 (25) years of age.

6 C. For the initial appointments of Commissioners, each
7 appointing authority shall make one appointment for a one-year term,
8 one appointment for a two-year term, and one appointment for a
9 three-year term. Thereafter, the terms of the Commissioners shall
10 be for three (3) years.

11 D. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled for the
12 unexpired term of office in the same manner as the original
13 appointment. The appointed members shall be removed from office by
14 a majority vote of the three appointing authorities in a manner
15 prescribed by law.

16 E. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be elected by a
17 majority vote of the Commissioners. The Chair shall preside over
18 meetings of the Commission and perform duties as may be required by
19 the Commission. The first meeting of the Commission shall be called
20 by the chairperson no later than sixty (60) days after the effective
21 date of this act.

22 F. No member of the Commission shall receive a salary for
23 duties performed as a member of the Commission; however, members are
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1 eligible to receive reimbursement for expenses and travel
2 reimbursement as provided for in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

3 G. Members serving on the Commission shall be eligible to serve
4 on any other state board or commission if such member is otherwise
5 qualified to hold such appointed office, notwithstanding the
6 provisions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 H. A quorum of six members shall be required to conduct
8 official business of the Commission.

9 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 904 of Title 40, unless there is
11 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 The Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall have the following
13 power, duties, and responsibilities:

14 1. To administer the provisions of this act or any duty as
15 directed by statute;

16 2. To establish an office for the Commission within this state;

17 3. To elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson and whatever
18 other officers may be necessary to direct operations of the
19 Commission;

20 4. To employ or contract for personnel and administrative
21 support as shall be deemed necessary to carry out the purpose and
22 provisions of this act, including but not limited to a nonprofit
23 corporation to carry out the Commission's objectives, an Executive
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1 Director or other chief executive officer, and to prescribe their
2 duties and fix their compensation;

3 5. To establish and administer the Workforce Development
4 Revolving Fund;

5 6. To approve or disapprove the budget of the Commission;

6 7. To promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of this act;

7 8. To enter into contracts or agreements for studies,
8 professional services, grant administration and procurement,
9 research projects, supplies, or any other services the Commission
10 deems necessary to carry out its purpose, and to incur those
11 expenses necessary to carry out those purposes;

12 9. To cooperate with any private, local state or national
13 commission, organization, agency, or group and to make contracts and
14 agreements for joint programs beneficial to Oklahoma's workforce
15 development efforts;

16 10. To accept grants from a federal or state governmental
17 entity and deposit such in the Workforce Development Revolving Fund,
18 created in Section 6 of this act;

19 11. To approve or disapprove the investment of any monies in
20 the Workforce Development Revolving Fund; and

21 12. To oversee and direct to the extent permitted by law the
22 activities and administration of the Governor's Council for
23 Workforce and Economic Development, including but not limited to the
24 creation and submission of state plans to the federal government

1 pursuant to the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and
2 Opportunity Act.

3 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 906 of Title 40, unless there is
5 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
7 for the Oklahoma Workforce Commission to be designated the
8 "Workforce Development Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
9 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
10 consist of all monies transferred to the Oklahoma Workforce
11 Commission to further the purposes of this act from public
12 appropriations or grants from a federal or state governmental
13 entity. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
14 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Commission for
15 the purpose of developing the state's workforce, advancing the
16 purposes of the Commission, or any other purpose proposed by the
17 Commission and consented to by the Committee. Expenditures from the
18 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
19 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
20 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
21 payment.

22 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 907 of Title 40, unless there is
24 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. The Commission may invest its funds only in obligations of
2 the United States or any agency thereof, in general obligations of
3 any state, in any interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit
4 of a bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve System, or in
5 obligations fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the
6 United States.

7 B. The Commission shall be prohibited from utilizing any funds
8 for the purpose of influencing governmental action or policy, with
9 the exception of recommending amendments to this act, and for
10 purposes of obtaining state or federal funding for the Commission's
11 activities.

12 SECTION 8. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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