

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 209

By: Pederson

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An Act relating to economic development; creating the Southeast Asia Trade Office; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to administer creation of Office; stating duties and responsibilities; requiring certain office location; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5008.10 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Southeast Asia Trade Office.

B. The Office shall be an administrative component of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

C. The Office shall:

1. Facilitate economic relationships between Oklahoma-based businesses and business entities with principal business activity which is based or occurs in southeast Asia including, but not

1 limited to, Taiwan, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Brunei, Cambodia,  
2 Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia;

3 2. Promote Oklahoma-based business and establish business-to-  
4 business trading activity within the southeast Asia region;

5 3. Provide information about business trading opportunities in  
6 southeast Asia to Oklahoma-based businesses;

7 4. Facilitate positive relationships between this state and its  
8 political subdivisions with the relevant governments in the  
9 southeast Asia trading region consistent with United States foreign  
10 policy and any applicable trade or travel restrictions;

11 5. Coordinate the activities of the Oklahoma Department of  
12 Commerce with respect to business outreach in southeast Asia;

13 6. Coordinate, organize, support, and fund travel from Oklahoma  
14 to southeast Asia and return as part of an ongoing mission to  
15 establish and maintain relationships between Oklahoma and countries  
16 in the region with the objective of creating trade opportunities for  
17 Oklahoma-based business enterprises;

18 7. Manage actions taking place at the federal level whose  
19 primary objective promotes business-to-business transactions between  
20 entities in southeast Asia and the United States with emphasis on  
21 promoting Oklahoma-based business activity;

22 8. Conduct training programs for Oklahoma-based business owners  
23 to inform them of potential trading opportunities with entities in  
24 southeast Asia;

1           9. Produce promotional and educational materials for  
2 distribution by business organizations, trade associations, or  
3 similar entities consistent with the mission of the Office; and

4           10. Take such other actions or develop such programs consistent  
5 with the mission of developing business-to-business opportunities  
6 between entities in southeast Asia and Oklahoma-based business  
7 enterprises.

8           D. The Southeast Asia Trade Office shall maintain a physical  
9 office in Taipei, Taiwan.

10          E. The Department of Commerce shall promulgate any rules  
11 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

12          SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

13          SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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