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BILL NO. 500

By: Hooper of the Senate

and

Maddox (Jim), Tyler and  
Johnson (Rob) of the House

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 14-103, which relates to powers and duties of the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education; modifying powers and duties of State Board of Vocational and Technical Education; defining youth apprenticeship programs; requiring youth apprenticeship programs to be administered by State Board of Vocational and Technical Education; excluding certain apprenticeship programs from definition of youth apprenticeship programs; creating the Oklahoma Youth Apprenticeship Committee; providing for membership, appointment, reimbursement, powers and duties, and chair of committee; stating purpose of committee; requiring 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. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 14-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-103. The State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Have the supervision of the Department of Vocational and Technical Education of the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, which department shall keep its principal offices at Stillwater, and appoint and fix the compensation and duties of the Director and other personnel of such Department.

2. Have the supervision of the vocational and technical schools and colleges of Oklahoma, except Oklahoma State University of Technical Training at Okmulgee and the Oklahoma State University Technical Institutes at Oklahoma City and Stillwater, which, however, shall be eligible to participate in federal programs administered by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education as hereinafter provided.

3. Cooperate with, and enter into agreements with, and administer programs of, and receive federal funds from, the United States Department of Education and other federal agencies in matters relating to vocational and technical education, youth apprenticeship programs, and manpower training, and be the sole state agency for such purposes. Provided that, programs and funds made available through the Job Training Partnership Act, or its successor programs, shall be excluded.

4. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula, courses of study, and other instructional aids necessary for the adequate instruction of students in the vocational and technical schools and colleges of this state. It is the intent of the Legislature that instructional models for vocational students should include higher standards of academic work with increased emphasis on communication, computation and applied science.

5. Develop a plan to provide adequate vocational offerings accessible to all students having the ability to benefit.

6. Purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, materials, supplies and other property, real or personal, as may be necessary for the operation of the vocational and technical schools of this state, and provide for the maximum utilization of such property through a coordinated and cooperative use thereof.

7. Enter into such agreements and contracts with the State Board of Education, boards of trustees of community junior colleges, boards of education of independent and elementary school districts, boards of education of area school districts for vocational and/or technical schools, private educational or training institutions, public or private industry, and boards of directors of community action programs, as may be necessary or feasible for the furtherance of vocational and technical training within this state.

8. Cooperate and enter into agreements with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

9. Cooperate with the State Department of Education in developing hands-on career exploration activities for students in grades 6 through 10, integrating academic competencies into vocational instruction, and ensuring counseling of all students in order to minimize the number of students graduating from high school without having completed either a vocational-technical program or college preparation.

10. Develop and periodically update a plan to allow teacher training and the purchase and installation of technological equipment necessary to modernize vocational educational programs.

11. Accept and provide for the administration of any land, money, buildings, gifts, funds, donations or other things of value which may be offered or bequeathed to the schools or colleges under the supervision or control of said Board.

12. Enter into cooperative arrangements with one or more other states for the conduct and administration of programs, services and activities.

13. Cooperate whenever possible, to avoid any duplication of training programs with any established training program registered by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-127 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Legislature, recognizing the need for improved methods of helping secondary students make a smooth transition from high school to the workplace, hereby establishes guidelines for youth apprenticeship programs.

B. Youth apprenticeship programs shall be defined as learning programs for young people enrolled in vocational education that combine on-the-job learning with classroom instruction, that offer a bridge between secondary and post high school training and education, and that result in certification of mastery of work skills.

C. Youth apprenticeship programs shall be administered and supervised by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, which shall also establish standards for program operation.

D. Notwithstanding any other section of law, youth apprenticeship programs shall not mean any traditional apprenticeship program registered by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-128 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Youth Apprenticeship Committee. The committee shall be appointed by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act and shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:

1. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education or designee who shall also serve as committee chair;
2. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;
3. The Chancellor of Higher Education or designee;
4. One superintendent of an area vocational and technical school district;
5. One superintendent of an independent school district;
6. One president of a state community or junior college;
7. Two members who represent the interests of labor, including one who represents the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training of the United States Department of Labor;
8. Four members who are currently employed in business or industry; and
9. One member who represents a city chamber of commerce.

B. Seven members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present to transact any business of the committee. The committee is advisory in nature and shall meet as necessary to provide recommendations to the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education related to the administration of and standards for youth apprenticeship programs. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in performing official duties in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-129 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective April 1, 1993.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of April, 1993.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 1993.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives