

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1920

By: Leist, Widener, Voskuhl  
and Maddux (Elmer) of  
the House

and

Kerr and Long (Ed) of  
the Senate

An Act relating to agriculture; creating the Oklahoma International Trade Development Act; providing for the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council; providing mission; providing for functions; providing for membership qualifications and appointments; providing for vacancies, reimbursement and meetings; providing for meetings; providing powers and duties; 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 3001 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma International Trade Development Act".

B. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Act shall be implemented by the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The mission of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be to develop, promote, and implement marketing strategies and policies that will increase the export of Oklahoma agricultural products including, but not limited to raw materials, value added foods, grains, processed feeds, equipment, live animals, semen, embryos and services. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall continue the high level of integrity of development initiatives traditionally employed by Oklahoma, and combine the joint efforts and expertise available across state agencies, institutions and centers.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3003 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. To fulfill its mission as the originator of the development, promotion, implementation, and monitoring of economic analysis and market planning, the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council will be the central economic policy development, planning, and monitoring board for all agriculture-related products, livestock, goods, services and agricultural market development. The Council shall serve as an expert economic development advisory board to the executive branch, the state Legislature and the judiciary

regarding international export of Oklahoma agricultural products, livestock, goods, services and agricultural market development.

1. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be an economic development advisory board for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for agricultural marketing and investment activities.

2. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall act as policy developer and advisor for the Oklahoma International Trade Development Act to the Department of Agriculture and the Institutions of Higher Learning in their representative capacities for development of agricultural policies and programs for international export sales and markets.

3. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall act as the central policy development board to any newly created Oklahoma agencies, authorities, departments and other entities of state government whose fundamental mission is the economic development of Oklahoma through export of agricultural products, livestock, goods, services and agricultural market development.

4. In its capacity as Oklahoma's central economic policy development, planning, and monitoring board for export of agricultural products, livestock, goods, services and agricultural market development, the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall promote greater collaboration and cooperation between the executive and legislative branches, agribusiness, financial institutions, labor and management, educational institutions and local communities to create increased innovation, creativity, diversity and productivity greater than any one sector can achieve acting alone.

B. 1. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall consist of the following ex officio members or their designee:

- a. the Commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture,
- b. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce,
- c. chairman and vice-chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives,
- d. chairman and vice-chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the State Senate,
- e. the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
- f. the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the State Senate, and
- g. the Chairman of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries;

2. In addition to the members specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection, the Council shall consist of the following:

- a. the Governor shall appoint five members as follows:
  - (1) a representative of the Oklahoma wheat industry, from a list submitted by statewide wheat producer associations,
  - (2) a representative of the Oklahoma cattle industry, from a list submitted by statewide Oklahoma cattlemen's producer associations,
  - (3) a representative of the Oklahoma pork producers submitted by statewide pork producer associations,
  - (4) a representative of the Oklahoma food processing industry, and
  - (5) a representative of a state financial institution with experience in international finance,

- b. the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members as follows:
  - (1) a representative of the Oklahoma grain and seed industry,
  - (2) a representative of the Oklahoma poultry producers,
  - (3) a representative of the Oklahoma cotton producers, and
  - (4) a representative from the pure breed livestock industry,
- c. the Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint four members as follows:
  - (1) a representative from the Oklahoma nursery industry,
  - (2) a representative from the Oklahoma soybean producers,
  - (3) a representative from the Oklahoma peanut producers, and
  - (4) a specialized genetic expert.

C. The initial appointments for each gubernatorial and legislative member shall be for progressive terms of one (1) through four (4) years so that only one term expires each calendar year. Subsequent appointments shall be for four-year terms.

D. All appointees to the board shall be selected for outstanding knowledge and leadership in their fields.

E. No appointed member may serve more than two consecutive full terms of office on the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council.

F. Any vacancy in the appointive membership of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

G. The chairman of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be elected annually from among the private sector members. A vice-chairman shall be elected annually from among all the members.

H. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall meet at least six times annually with time lapse between meetings not to exceed sixty (60) days, and at such other times upon the call of the Governor.

I. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council will be managed by the State Department of Agriculture who is authorized to contract for services either public or private to accomplish the purposes of this act.

J. Nonlegislative members of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel expenses in performing their duties as members of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed as provided in Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

K. In making appointments to the board of directors of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council, appropriate consideration shall be given to representation upon the board by race, gender and geographical area.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3004 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall have the power and duty to:

- 1. Assist, promote, encourage, develop and advance economic prosperity and employment throughout this state by fostering the

expansion of international exports of Oklahoma, agricultural products and livestock;

2. Cooperate and act in conjunction with other organizations, public and private, the objectives of which are the promotion and advancement of export trade activities in the state;

3. Establish a source of funding credit guarantees and insurance to support export development, particularly to small- and medium-sized businesses;

4. Assist with barter agreements between exporters of Oklahoma agricultural, livestock, or manufactured goods and groups in other counties and to facilitate contributions of Oklahoma agricultural and livestock products to areas of the world experiencing food shortages; and

5. Provide financial counseling to potential and existing Oklahoma exporters.

B. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall seek advice from the general public and from professional associations, academic groups and institutions and individuals with knowledge of and interest in areas of economic development and planning regarding international export of Oklahoma agricultural products and livestock, and agricultural market development.

C. All state agencies shall cooperate with the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council in providing information and other assistance as may be requested for the performance of Council duties.

D. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall utilize, seek to enhance and support the continuing economic analysis and information services provided by the public and private higher education institutions of this state.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

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 House of Representatives the 19th day of May, 1994.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 23rd day of May, 1994.

President of the Senate