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AS INTRODUCED

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 and appointments; 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 strategic economic policies regarding the international export of Oklahoma agricultural products and livestock, and market development, to maintain the integrity of such development purposes across various state institutions, policies and programs and to be Oklahoma's originator, proponent, coordinator and overseer of state analyses and plans regarding the international export of Oklahoma agricultural products and livestock, and market development.

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. In order to fulfill its mission as the originator, proponent, coordinator and overseer of economic analyses and plans, the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be the central economic development policy planning and oversight board for all economic development activities in Oklahoma regarding international export of Oklahoma agricultural products and livestock, and market development. The Council shall serve as an expert economic development advisory board to the Governor of Oklahoma, all other executive departments, the state legislature and the judiciary regarding international export of Oklahoma agricultural products and livestock, and market development.

1. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be the economic development advisory board for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

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

4. In its capacity as Oklahoma's central economic development policy planning and oversight board regarding international export of Oklahoma agricultural products and livestock, and market development, the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall institutionalize ongoing means of collaboration between the executive and legislative branches, the business, agricultural and financial sectors, labor and management, educational institutions and local communities to create within a developing Oklahoma economy, regarding international export of Oklahoma agricultural products and livestock, and market development, increased innovation, creativity, diversity and productivity which is greater than any one sector can achieve acting alone.

B. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be a board consisting of the following members:

1. The Governor;
2. The Lieutenant Governor;
3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives;
4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
5. The President of Oklahoma State University;
6. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce;
7. The Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the House of Representatives;
8. The Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Senate;
9. The Chairman of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries;

10. A representative of the Oklahoma Wheat Growers' Association, appointed by the Governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the Association for a three-year term. Said representative shall be appointed within thirty (30) days of receipt of said list;

11. A representative of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, appointed by the Governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the Association for a three-year term. Said representative shall be appointed within thirty (30) days of receipt of said list;

12. Six persons from the private sector appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate;

13. Two persons from the private sector appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

14. Two persons from the private sector appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

C. Persons initially appointed to the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council by the Governor shall serve for a term of office as follows:

1. Two members shall serve for a term of office of one (1) year;

2. One member shall serve for a term of office of two (2) years;

3. One member shall serve for a term of office of three (3) years; and

4. Two members shall serve for a term of office of four (4) years.

D. Persons initially appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve for a term of office of one (1) year and four (4) years respectively.

E. Persons initially appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve for a term of office of two (2) years and three (3) years respectively.

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

Except as otherwise provided, appointed members shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

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

G. 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. For gubernatorial appointments, if a vacancy occurs when the Senate is not in session, the Governor may appoint a member who shall exercise full powers until confirmation or rejection of the appointment by the Senate.

H. The Governor shall serve as co-chairman of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council. The other co-chairman shall be elected annually from among the private sector members. A vice-chairman shall be elected annually from among all the members.

I. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and at such other times upon the call of the Governor.

J. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall submit a list of at least three (3) nominees from a national search to the Governor. The Governor is free to appoint any individual to be the chief executive officer of the Council, giving reasonable consideration to the nominees submitted by the Council.

K. Pursuant to rules promulgated by the Oklahoma International Trade Development Act, members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel expenses in performing their duties as members of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council.

L. 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 manufactured goods, services, 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 countries 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 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.

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