

SHORT TITLE: Schools; defining youth apprenticeship programs;
codification; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 500

By: Hooper

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; defining youth apprenticeship programs; requiring youth apprenticeship programs to be administered by State Board of Vocational and Technical Education; 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. 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.

SECTION 2. 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 to operate until June 30, 1994. 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 3. 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 4. This act shall become effective April 1, 1993.

SECTION 5. 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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