

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2409

By: Adkins and Pope (Clay)  
of the House

and

Wright of the Senate

( revenue and taxation - credit against income tax -  
codification - 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 2357.25 of Title 68, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Eligible employer" means a corporation, partnership or  
proprietorship doing business in this state; and

2. "Eligible employee" means an employee who:

a. is a resident of this state,

b. is a new full-time-equivalent employee,

c. has graduated or received a degree from a four-year  
public or private college or university in this state  
within one (1) year previous to the date of  
employment, and

d. has worked at least one (1) full year for the eligible  
employer.

B. For tax years beginning after December 31, 1995, there shall  
be allowed to an eligible employer a credit against the tax imposed

by Section 2355 of this title for employing or hiring an eligible employee. The credit shall be in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each eligible employee. The credit shall be a one-time credit for each new eligible employee of the eligible employer. Under no circumstances shall the eligible employer be allowed to claim more than one credit per eligible employee. The credit shall be allowed only in the taxable year following the completion of the first full year of employment of the new employee. The eligible employee shall be employed a minimum of one (1) consecutive year by the eligible employer in order to retain the tax credit. If the eligible employee is not employed for the required time period and the credit has been claimed, then the credit shall be recaptured.

C. The credit shall not be granted unless the eligible employer certifies to the Oklahoma Tax Commission that each employee for which a credit is claimed qualifies pursuant to the provisions of this section.

D. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall develop and issue appropriate forms and instructions to enable eligible employers to claim the tax credit. The Tax Commission shall promulgate rules to facilitate the implementation of this section.

SECTION 2. 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 6th day of March, 1996.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1996.

President

of the Senate