ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 907

By: Fisher, Williams (Penny) and Henry of the Senate

and

McCorkell of the House

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending Section 3, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 1993, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 349, O.S.L. 1995 (68 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 3603), which relates to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act; modifying definition; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 1993, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 349, O.S.L. 1995 (68 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 3603), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3603. A. As used in Section 3601 et seq. of this ~~act~~ title:

1. a. "Basic industry" means:

(1) manufacturing, as defined or classified under Division D of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, latest version~~;~~,

(2) administrative and auxiliary services that are assigned a one-digit auxiliary code in the SIC Manual, and are described therein as Central Administrative Offices, which means central

centers that influence the environment in which data processing, customer service, credit accounting, telemarketing, claims processing and other administrative functions are accomplished,

(3) Research, Development and Testing Laboratories,

(4) an activity described by Industry Group Number 873 of Major Group 87, Division I of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, latest revision, Industry Numbers 8731, 8732, 8733 and 8734,

(5) an activity related to research and development as described by Auxiliary Code Number 2 of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, latest revision,

(6) warehouses which serve as distribution centers for retail or wholesale businesses, if seventy-five percent (75%) of the inventory processed through such warehouse is shipped out-of-state,

(7) adjustment and collection services, as defined or classified under Industry Number 7322 of Major Group 73 of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, latest version, if seventy-five percent (75%) of the loans to be serviced were made by out-of-state debtors,

(8) or the following, if an establishment classified therein has or will have within one (1) year sales of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of its total sales, as determined by the Incentive Approval Committee pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section, to out-of-state customers or buyers, to in-state customers or buyers if the product or service is resold by the

purchaser to an out-of-state customer or buyer for ultimate use, or to the federal government:

(a) motor freight transportation and warehousing, as defined or classified under Major Group 42 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(b) transportation by air, as defined or classified under Major Group 45 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(c) arrangement of passenger transportation, as defined or classified under Industry Group 472 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(d) arrangement of transportation of freight or cargo, as defined or classified under Industry Group 473 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(e) insurance carriers, as defined or classified under Major Group 63 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(f) mailing, reproduction, commercial art and photography and stenographic services, as defined or classified under Industry Group 733 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(g) services to dwellings and other buildings, as defined or classified under Industry Group 734 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(h) miscellaneous equipment rental and leasing, as defined or classified under Industry Group 735 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(i) personnel supply services, as defined or classified under Industry Group 736 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(j) computer programming, data processing and other computer-related services, as defined or classified under Industry Group 737 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(k) miscellaneous business services, as defined or classified under Industry Group 738 of the SIC Manual, latest version,

(l) medical and dental laboratories, as defined or classified under Industry Group 807 of the SIC Manual, latest version, and

(m) engineering and management services, as defined or classified under Major Group 87 of the SIC Manual, latest version.

b. An establishment described in subparagraph a of this paragraph shall not be considered to be engaged in a basic industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this act, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is determined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to consist of the following elements or elements substantially equivalent thereto:

(1) not less than fifty percent (50%) of the premium shall be paid by the employer,

(2) coverage for basic hospital care,

(3) coverage for physician care,

(4) coverage for mental health care,

(5) coverage for substance abuse treatment,

(6) coverage for prescription drugs, and

(7) coverage for prenatal care;

2. "New direct job" means full-time-equivalent employment in this state in an establishment which has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this act which did not exist in this state prior to the date of approval by the Department of Commerce of the application of the establishment pursuant to the provisions of Section 3604 of this title;

3. "Estimated direct state benefits" means the tax revenues projected by the Department of Commerce to accrue to the state as a result of new direct jobs;

4. "Estimated direct state costs" means the costs projected by the Department of Commerce to accrue to the state as a result of new direct jobs. Such costs shall include but not be limited to:

a. the costs of education of new state resident children,

b. the costs of public health, public safety and transportation services to be provided to new state residents,

c. the costs of other state services to be provided to new state residents, and

d. the costs of other state services;

5. "Estimated net direct state benefits" means the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state costs;

6. "Net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll; provided, the net benefit rate may be variable and shall not exceed five percent (5%);

7. "Gross payroll" means wages, as defined in Section 2385.1 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, for new direct jobs; and

8. a. "Establishment" means any business or governmental entity, no matter what legal form, including, but not limited to, a sole proprietorship; partnership; corporation or combination of corporations which have

a central parent corporation which makes corporate management decisions such as those involving consolidation, acquisition, merger or expansion; federal agency; political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma; or trust authority; provided, distinct, identifiable subunits of such entities may be determined to be an establishment, for all purposes of this act, by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce subject to the following conditions:

(1) the entity must have a minimum payroll of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,500,000.00) and the subunit must also have or will have a minimum payroll of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,500,000.00),

(2) the subunit is engaged in an activity or service or produces a product which is demonstratively independent and separate from the entity's other activities, services or products and could be conducted or produced in the absence of any other activity, service or production of the entity,

(3) has an accounting system capable of tracking or facilitating an audit of the subunit's payroll, expenses, revenue and production. Limited interunit overlap of administrative and purchasing functions shall not disqualify a subunit from consideration as an establishment by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce,

(4) the entity has not previously had a subunit determined to be an establishment pursuant to this section, and

(5) it is determined by the Department of Commerce that the entity will have a probable net gain in total employment within the incentive period.

b. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce may promulgate rules to further limit the circumstances under which a subunit may be considered an establishment. The Department of Commerce shall promulgate rules to determine whether a subunit of an entity achieves a net gain in total employment. The Department shall establish criteria for determining the period of time within which such gain must be demonstrated and a method for determining net gain in total employment.

B. The Incentive Approval Committee is hereby created and shall consist of the Director of State Finance, the Director of the Department of Commerce and one member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission appointed by the Tax Commission. It shall be the duty of the Committee to determine, upon initial application on a form approved by the Committee, if an establishment is engaged in a basic industry as defined in subdivisions (a) through (m) of division ~~(7)~~ (8) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section or as otherwise provided by subsection C of this section.

C. For an establishment defined as a "basic industry" pursuant to division (4) or division (5) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, the Incentive Approval Committee shall consist of the members provided by subsection B of this section and the President of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology.

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 Senate the 27th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives