

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 207

By: Haney and Hobson of the  
Senate

and

Hamilton and Steidley of  
the House

An Act relating to appropriations; making a reappropriation to the Office of the State Treasurer; redesignating purpose; requiring certain expenditures and amounts by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce; providing for expenditure for certain contract and responsibilities; specifying purposes; requiring certain reports and audits; requiring certain cooperation by contractor; exempting certain contracts from Central Purchasing Act; providing for availability of certain funds to certain agencies; stating purpose; providing guidelines; authorizing matching contributions; exempting certain contracts from Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act; requiring certain expenditure for Head Start programs; stating purposes; providing for contracts with Community Action Agencies; providing for terms of contracts; requiring determination of formulas based on certain information; requiring expenditure for administration of contracts; defining duties; requiring contract with certain entity; defining purpose; exempting certain contracts from Central Purchasing Act; restricting execution of contracts; requiring audits; requiring expenditures for substate multicounty regional planning functions;

requiring certain allocations; authorizing matching requirements; requiring establishment of eligibility criteria; defining purposes; providing for voting membership of certain boards; providing for expenditures for certain contractual responsibilities; specifying purposes; requiring reports, filings and audits; exempting certain contracts from Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act; designating the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as lead state agency for certain purposes; authorizing the establishment and administration of certain programs; providing for certain powers and duties related to such programs; requiring budgets, work plans and audits; providing for expenditures for contracts related to the aging and elderly; setting certain conditions; exempting certain expenditures from the Central Purchasing Act; authorizing solicitation for donations and matching funds; providing for expenditures for certain purposes; requiring development of performance standards; requiring transfer of certain funds; providing for duties and compensation of employees of Oklahoma Department of Commerce; limiting salary of the Executive Director; providing budgetary limits; authorizing receipt and disbursal of certain grants and reimbursements; authorizing certain budgeting of appropriations; providing for duties and compensation of employees of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology; limiting salary of President; providing budgetary limitations; authorizing budgeting of certain appropriations; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION AND REDESIGNATION The amount of Forty-six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$46,350.00) of the amount of Five Million Three Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$5,378,490.00) originally appropriated to the Election Board by Section 36, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 1994, from any monies in the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, not otherwise appropriated, for duties imposed upon the State Election Board by law, is hereby reappropriated and redesignated to the Office of the State Treasurer for the purpose of upgrading internal office control mechanisms and security systems.

SECTION 2. From all appropriations to the Department of Commerce for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the following amounts shall be expended, subject to availability of funds, in the following categories:

ORIGINS

\$219,010.00

Community Action Agencies:

\$5,567,078.00

Action, Inc.

Big Five Community Services, Inc.

Community Action Agency of Oklahoma  
City and Oklahoma/Canadian  
Counties, Inc.

Community Development Support  
Association

Cookson Hills Community Action  
Foundation

Deep Fork Community Action  
Foundation

Delta Community Action Foundation

Great Plains Improvement Foundation

INCA Community Services, Inc.

KiBois Community Action Foundation

Little Dixie Community Action  
Agency

Muskogee County Community Services  
Program

Northeast Oklahoma Community Action  
Agency

Opportunities, Inc.  
 Rural Enterprises Community Action  
 Program  
 Southwest Oklahoma Community Action  
 Group  
 Tulsa Community Action Agency  
 United Community Action Program  
 Wa-Ro-Ma Tri-County Community  
 Action Foundation, Inc.  
 Washington/Nowata Counties  
 Community Action Foundation, Inc.  
 Washita Valley Community Action  
 Council  
 Inventors and Entrepreneurs  
 Assistance Program  
 \$158,033.00  
 Minority Business Development  
 Program Revolving Fund  
 \$219,011.00  
 Rural Enterprise Inc. \$26,282.00  
 Substate Planning Districts:  
 \$415,258.00  
 Association of Central Oklahoma  
 Governments  
 Association of South Central  
 Oklahoma Governments  
 Central Oklahoma Economic  
 Development District  
 Eastern Oklahoma Economic  
 Development District  
 Grand Gateway Economic Development  
 Association  
 Indian Nation Council of  
 Governments  
 Kiamichi Economic Development  
 District of Oklahoma  
 Northern Oklahoma Development  
 Association  
 Oklahoma Economic Development  
 Association  
 Southern Oklahoma Development  
 Association

Southwestern Oklahoma Development  
Authority

Little Dixie Community Action  
Agency for the Statewide Youth

Restitution Program \$30,662.00

Community Development Centers  
Program  
\$131,406.00

Southeastern Oklahoma State  
University for the Statewide  
Small Business Development  
Centers Program  
\$622,030.00

Rural Regional Incubator Program-  
Kiamichi Economic Development  
District of Oklahoma \$48,670.00

Oklahoma Community Institute \$73,005.00

SECTION 3. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall expend the amount allocated in Section 2 of this act, or so much as may be necessary, to accomplish contractual responsibilities with Rural Enterprises, Inc. for the purpose of providing financial and technical assistance for economic development to area businesses. Contractor shall make quarterly financial and performance reports to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as required by contract. Contractor shall cooperate with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to improve industrial technology transfer and assist expansion of existing industry. Contractor shall submit an annual audit as required by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, any contracts authorized under this appropriation shall be exempt from the Central Purchasing Act.

SECTION 4. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall enter into contracts to distribute Seven Hundred Fifty-seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-four Dollars (\$757,164.00) of the amount appropriated to all Community Action Agencies listed in Section 2 of this act for the purpose of general missions of the agencies. Such distribution shall be based on a formula developed from historical data such as poverty population, number of elderly poor and size of geographic service area.

The Department may require the agencies which receive said funds to provide a thirty percent (30%) matching share in cash or in-kind contributions, or both such cash and in-kind contributions.

SECTION 5. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall expend Four Million Eight Hundred Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$4,809,914.00) of the amount appropriated to Community Action Agencies in Section 2 of this act, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of improving Head Start programs and expanding Head Start enrollment. Of said amount:

1. Four Million Five Hundred Forty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$4,544,914.00) shall be distributed through contracts with Community Action Agencies that operate or sponsor federally funded Head Start programs. Contracts shall require eligible Community Action Agencies to expand Head Start services and enrollment, offer family services and develop early intervention strategies for juvenile delinquency prevention. Distribution of funds shall be based on a formula developed from historical data on

poverty population and criteria used by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the distribution of federal funds appropriated for the Head Start Program;

2. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for the purpose of administering Head Start contracts provided herein. Such duties of the Department shall include establishing performance criteria, reviewing programs for effectiveness in accomplishing objectives of the federal Head Start Program, and monitoring compliance with contractual provisions; and

3. One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) of said amount shall be distributed through contract to the Oklahoma Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc., for the purpose of the Head Start Coordination Program and providing assessment, training and technical assistance to Head Start programs.

SECTION 6. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, contracts authorized by Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall be exempt from the Central Purchasing Act, Section 85.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Department shall not execute a contract with a Community Action Agency until the applicant submits, and the Department approves, a budget work program for expenditure of funds. Each contract shall require audits of expenditures, as provided in rules promulgated by the Department of Commerce.

SECTION 7. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall expend the amount allocated in Section 2 of this act, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to perform the substate multicounty regional planning functions and responsibilities imposed upon the Department by law. Existing substate planning districts presently meeting requirements of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be allocated the following amounts:

DISTRICT NUMBERS	AMOUNT
1 - Grand Gateway Economic Development Association (Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers and Washington Counties) \$ 37,000.00	
2 - Eastern Oklahoma Development District (Adair, Cherokee, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sequoyah and Wagoner Counties)	37,290.00
3 - Kiamichi Economic Development District of Oklahoma (Choctaw, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg and Pushmataha Counties)	36,750.00
4 - Southern Oklahoma Development Association (Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Coal, Garvin, Johnston, Love, Marshall, Murray and Pontotoc Counties)	37,000.00
5 - Central Oklahoma Economic Development District (Hughes, Lincoln, Okfuskee, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie and Seminole Counties)	37,083.00
6 - Indian Nations Council of Governments (Creek, Osage and Tulsa Counties)	40,446.00
7 - Northern Oklahoma Development Association (Alfalfa, Blaine, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Major and Noble Counties)	37,083.00
8 - Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (Canadian, Cleveland, Logan and Oklahoma Counties)	42,522.00
9 - Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments (Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jefferson, McClain, Stephens and Tillman Counties)	37,871.00
10 - South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (Beckham, Custer, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Roger Mills and Washita Counties)	36,418.00
11 - Oklahoma Economic Development Association (Beaver, Cimarron, Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Texas, Woods and Woodward Counties)	<u>35,795.00</u>

TOTAL

\$415,258.00

The Department may require the agencies to which the Department grants appropriated funds to provide a thirty percent (30%) matching share in cash or in an in-kind contribution, or both such cash and in-kind contribution.

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall establish eligibility requirements for substate multicounty planning districts to receive grants from appropriations to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The primary purpose of the substate multicounty planning districts shall include but not be limited to the enhancement of planning and technical assistance to local governments in the areas of community development, infrastructure and environmental needs.

At least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership of the board of each substate planning district shall be composed of the elected officials of conservation districts, incorporated towns, cities, or counties within the planning jurisdiction, or the designees of said officials.

SECTION 8. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce may expend the amount allocated in Section 2 of this act, or so much as may be necessary, to accomplish contractual responsibilities with Southeastern Oklahoma State University for its statewide Small Business Development Centers Network, to be used in conjunction with receipted federal funds for the network. The network shall serve as a resource and advisor to the Department in its efforts to provide business counseling, more fully developed managerial skills, technology transfer, business-related educational materials and related services. The contractor shall submit an annual work budget program and quarterly expenditure reports. The contractor shall submit an annual audit as required by the Department of Commerce. Audit costs may be paid from allocated, appropriated funds.

SECTION 9. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce may expend the amount allocated in Section 2 of this act, or so much as may be necessary, to accomplish contractual responsibilities with Little Dixie Community Action Agency, contractor, for the purpose of coordinating and operating a statewide juvenile restitution program and in order to provide state supplement to federal funds received to operate the program. The contractor shall submit an annual budget work program which must receive prior approval of the Department. The contractor shall submit monthly expenditures reports. The Department may disallow expenditures and withhold funds accordingly, if expenditure reports reflect noncompliance with the approved work budget program. The contractor must provide an annual audit, as directed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Audit costs may be paid from allocated, appropriated funds. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, any contracts authorized under this section shall be exempt from the Central Purchasing Act.

SECTION 10. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall serve as the lead state agency in establishing a community development strategy and plan for the state. The Department shall have the authority to establish and administer community development programs such as a certified communities program; the Department has the authority to administer such programs directly or by contract with qualified community development entities.

In establishing such programs, the Department shall determine needs, priorities or funding limits within the limits for such programs imposed by the Legislature. The Department may promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act to clarify such programs.

The Department shall establish and develop or cause to be developed individual program budgets, work plans, and audits of each community development program established and administered.

SECTION 11. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall expend the amount allocated in Section 2 of this act, or so much as may be necessary, to accomplish contractual responsibilities for the creation of the Community Development Centers Program with emphasis on the aging and elderly. The Department may contract with communities or organizations only after:

1. An applicant has submitted an approved application;
2. An applicant has demonstrated through experience and managerial expertise capabilities of constructing or causing construction or renovation of facilities and management of community development facilities;
3. An applicant has demonstrated that it can provide financial management capacity and responsibility to manage a program for community development centers for the aging or elderly;
4. An applicant has demonstrated experience in establishing and managing programs to enhance the quality of life of the aging and elderly;
5. The Department of Commerce has developed, adopted and published additional criteria, ongoing programmatic guidance and definitions through rules;
6. A competitive bidding process has been conducted by the Department.

The Department may solicit donations, apply for federal grants or require matching funds to enhance the budget for the community development centers program. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, funds expended for the program from the Community Development Centers Program Fund shall be exempt from the requirements of the Central Purchasing Act, Section 85.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 12. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall expend the amount allocated in Section 2 of this act, or so much as may be necessary, to establish the Oklahoma Community Institute for Community Development. The purpose of the institute will be to: provide a one-stop resource/referral center for communities needing assistance; develop public policy recommendations that affect Oklahoma communities; and provide training and technical assistance for people who work in communities.

SECTION 13. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall expend the amount allocated in Section 2 of this act, or so much as may be necessary, to accomplish contractual responsibilities with the Kiamichi Economic Development District of Oklahoma for the purpose of establishing a Rural Regional Incubator Program, which shall serve as a model program providing assistance to new small businesses. The services provided by the Rural Regional Incubator Program shall include but not be limited to: business plan and pro forma construction; permit and license assistance; assistance in securing a client base; employee recruitment and training; and advertising and marketing assistance. The Department shall establish in the contract performance standards for this program.

SECTION 14. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Department of Commerce by law shall be set by the Executive Director. The salary of the Executive Director shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$100,460.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	185.0

SECTION 15. All funds appropriated to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, may be used

and expended in conjunction or cooperation with any federal agency or instrumentality pursuant to such terms and conditions as may be necessary to obtain grants or federal aid assistance in accordance with state law. The Department is hereby authorized to collect, receive, and use any and all grants or reimbursements made available to it through any agency or instrumentality of the federal government. Such funds shall be deposited in the State Treasury and disbursed in accordance with agreements between the Department and applicable federal agencies or instrumentalities.

SECTION 16. Funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce in Section 87, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1994, and by Section 2, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1994, may be budgeted and expended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and may be budgeted and expended for the general operating expenses of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce regardless of the purpose for which the funds were budgeted by the agency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

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OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SECTION 17. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology by law shall be set by the President of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. The salary of the President shall not exceed Sixty-two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$62,246.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996. The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	20.0

SECTION 18. Funds appropriated to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology in Section 20, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 1994, and in Section 19, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1994, may be budgeted and expended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and may be budgeted and expended for the general operating expenses of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology regardless of the purpose for which the funds were budgeted by the agency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

SECTION 19. This act shall become effective September 1, 1995.