

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3251

By: Roach, Smith (Dale) and
Tyler of the House

and

Monson of the Senate

An Act relating to state government; providing short title; making legislative findings; enacting the Support Training Results in Valuable Employment (STRIVE) Act; requiring Director of Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Director of Oklahoma Department of Corrections to undertake certain study; requiring information to be obtained from certain entities; requiring report by certain date; requiring specific recommendations; 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 9001 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Support Training Results in Valuable Employment (STRIVE) Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9002 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Legislature finds that some citizens encounter difficulty entering the workforce or maintaining stable employment as a result of a lack of self-discipline, insufficient interpersonal skills, and the inability to recognize the intrinsic value of personal and professional habits that are conducive to sustained employment with an employer, positive working relationships with coworkers and the foundation for success both as an employee and as a prospective employer or entrepreneur. In order to address the problems created by the inability of some people to acquire employment positions that are meaningful for them as employees and as people, the Legislature enacts the Support Training Results in Valuable Employment (STRIVE) Act.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9003 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a Support Training Results in Valuable Employment (STRIVE) program.

B. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall obtain information about STRIVE programs from representatives of nonprofit entities located in other states, federal officials, state officials, local officials or other persons with relevant information about the STRIVE program.

C. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall make a report of their respective findings and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor not later than November 1, 1998. The report, which may be submitted separately or jointly, shall contain a specific recommendation regarding the effectiveness of STRIVE programs in other jurisdictions and specific courses of action for the Legislature, community action agencies, nonprofit entities, local government or other relevant entities to pursue, if applicable, in order to assist citizens of the state with the goal of full employment and the acquisition and retention of skills which are necessary to maintain a productive labor force and for the full development of the potential in the Oklahoma economy.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of May, 1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 12th day of May, 1998.

President of the Senate