

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1479

By: Sullivan (Leonard)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to labor; declaring public policy concerning the right to work; defining term; providing for codification; 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 470 of Title 40, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is hereby declared to be the public policy of this state, in order to maximize individual freedom of choice in the pursuit of employment and to encourage an employment climate conducive to economic growth, that the right to work shall not be subject to undue restraint or coercion. The right to work shall not be infringed or restricted in any way based on membership in, affiliation with, or financial support of a labor organization or on refusal to join, affiliate with, or financially or otherwise support a labor organization.

As used in this section, the term "labor organization" means any organization of any kind, or agency or employee representation committee or union, which exists for the purpose, in whole or in

part, of dealing with employers concerning wages, rates of pay, hours of work, or other conditions of employment.

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.

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