STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3170 By: Smith (Dale)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 14-103, as last amended by Section 27, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 14-103), which relates to the powers and duties of the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education; modifying powers and duties of the Board; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 14-103, as last amended by Section 27, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 14-103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-103. The State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Have the supervision of the Department of Vocational and Technical Education of the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, which department shall keep its principal offices at Stillwater, and appoint and fix the compensation and duties of the Director and other personnel of such Department.

2. Have the supervision of the vocational and technical schools and colleges of Oklahoma, except Oklahoma State University of Technical Training at Okmulgee and the Oklahoma State University Technical Institutes at Oklahoma City and Stillwater, which, however, shall be eligible to participate in federal programs administered by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education as hereinafter provided.

3. Cooperate with, and enter into agreements with, and administer programs of, and receive federal funds from, the United States Department of Education and other federal agencies in matters relating to vocational and technical education, youth apprenticeship programs, and manpower training, and be the sole state agency for such purposes. Provided that, programs and funds made available through the Job Training Partnership Act, or its successor programs, shall be excluded.

4. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula, courses of study, and other instructional aids necessary for the adequate instruction of students in the vocational and technical schools and colleges of this state. It is the intent of the Legislature that instructional models for vocational students should include higher standards of academic work with increased emphasis on communication, computation and applied science.

5. Develop a plan to provide adequate vocational offerings accessible to all students having the ability to benefit.

6. Purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, materials, supplies and other property, real or personal, as may be necessary for the operation of the vocational and technical schools of this state, and provide for the maximum utilization of such property through a coordinated and cooperative use thereof, including transfer of title to real and personal property to an area vocational and technical school district for a reasonable cash consideration if said property is to be utilized in a vocational-technical program administered by

the area vocational and technical district board of education. Any conveyance of real property for a reasonable consideration shall contain a reversionary clause by which the real property shall revert to the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education if the property ceases to be used in a vocational-technical program administered by the area vocational and technical district board of education.

7. Enter into such agreements and contracts with the State Board of Education, boards of trustees of community junior colleges, boards of education of independent and elementary school districts, boards of education of area school districts for vocational and/or technical schools, private educational or training institutions, public or private industry, and boards of directors of community action programs, as may be necessary or feasible for the furtherance of vocational and technical training within this state.

8. Cooperate and enter into agreements with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

9. Cooperate with the State Department of Education in developing hands-on career exploration activities for students in grades 6 through 10, integrating academic competencies into vocational instruction, and ensuring counseling of all students in order to minimize the number of students graduating from high school without having completed either a vocational-technical program or college preparation.

10. Develop and periodically update a plan to allow teacher training and the purchase and installation of technological equipment necessary to modernize vocational educational programs.

11. Accept and provide for the administration of any land, money, buildings, gifts, funds, donations or other things of value which may be offered or bequeathed to the schools or colleges under the supervision or control of said Board.

12. Enter into cooperative arrangements with one or more other states for the conduct and administration of programs, services and activities.

13. Cooperate whenever possible, to avoid any duplication of training programs with any established training program registered by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor.

14. Provide industry training for private industry in order to help provide properly educated and trained employees for industries in Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

SECTION 3. 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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