

An Act relating to workforce development; enacting the Oklahoma Workforce Investment Act; providing for reference to federal statute; stating purpose of Oklahoma Workforce Investment Act; defining terms; requiring Governor to establish State Workforce Investment Board; providing for membership of Board; prescribing representation requirements; providing for chairperson; requiring State Board to assist Governor in certain matters; prohibiting votes by Board members on certain matters; providing State Board and subgroups of State Board subject to Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and Oklahoma Open Records Act; providing certain information public; prescribing quorum requirement; authorizing creation of subgroups; prescribing requirements related to subgroups; providing for legal representation; authorizing requests for assistance by local workforce investment boards; requiring State Board to respond to waiver requests; requiring Governor to designate local workforce investment areas; prescribing requirements related thereto; requiring consideration of certain matters; requiring approval of certain requests for designation; authorizing approval with respect to units of local government; requiring establishment and certification of local workforce investment boards; requiring establishment of criteria; prescribing criteria; providing for representation; prescribing certain representation requirements; providing for election of chairperson; authorizing appointment of members of local board; authorizing agreements; authorizing Governor to make appointments under certain circumstances; providing for consultation; requiring certification by Governor; requiring submission of waiver requests to certain entities; prescribing procedure in event of certification failure; prohibiting decertification under certain circumstances; prescribing procedures in the event of decertification; providing for functions of local workforce investment boards; requiring budget; providing for distribution of grants; authorizing grant subrecipients and providing procedures related thereto; providing for disbursement of funds; authorizing employment of staff; providing for ability of staff or local board to perform certain services; authorizing grants and donations; providing for oversight; providing for local performance measures; providing for development of statewide employment statistics system; providing for coordination of activities; requiring promotion of certain participation; providing for applicability of Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and Oklahoma Open Records Act; prescribing quorum requirements; prescribing requirements for functions; prescribing provision of certain services; providing exception; authorizing waiver; prescribing requirements for waiver requests; authorizing delivery of certain services; requiring provision of certain services by staff; providing for construction of act; prohibiting votes on certain matters; authorizing requests for legal assistance; requiring reservation of funds for statewide offender employment training program; authorizing modification of allocation; imposing limit on reallocation; amending 25 O.S. 2001, Section 307.1, which relates to certain meetings; authorizing State Workforce Investment Board to conduct teleconferences; amending 40 O.S. 2001, Section 3-109.1, which relates to rate reduction; removing certain qualified employers from rate reduction; adding suspension of rate reduction under certain circumstances; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.