

An Act relating to schools; authorizing the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to establish an Institute for Issue Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution; stating intent that Institute be a part of the Seretean Wellness Center at Oklahoma State University; establishing scope of services and activities provided by the Institute; authorizing the Institute to deliver issue management and alternative dispute resolution services and activities to certain entities; stating types of services and related activities; incorporating the operation and activities of the Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program into the Institute; providing for the continuation of services and transfer of certain assets, certification, and funding; stating intent relating to the authority of the Institute to provide certain services, obtain authority and funding, provide educational training, develop policies and procedures, have an advisory council; collaborate with certain entities, operate as a public sector provider of certain services, and to seek additional funding; prohibiting the Institute from displacing or duplicating certain programs or services; providing certain definitions; amending 2 O.S. 2001, Section 2-30, which relates to the Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program; adding responsibility of the Institute for Issue Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution to oversee the Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.