

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 Section 3, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 1993, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 148, O.S.L. 2000 (25 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 307.1), which relates to certain meetings; authorizing State Workforce Investment Board and certain local boards to conduct teleconferences; amending 25 O.S. 1991, Sections 1301, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 100, O.S.L. 1992 and 1502 (25 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 1301 and 1502), which relate to discrimination in employment; amending definition of employer; extending period for filing a complaint; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.