

An Act relating to labor; amending 40 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-209, 1-218, 2-203, 2-402, 2-613, 2-706, 2-707, 2-802, 3-401, 3-405, 4-508 and 4-608, which relate to the Employment Security Act of 1980; establishing and defining alternative base period; requiring compliance of employers and setting time frame; authorizing use of affidavit; limiting use of wages to establish claim; clarifying definition of employing unit; modifying exclusions from definition of wages; defining, stating requirements for, and providing for approval of, supplemental unemployment benefit plan; providing for status of alternative base period; restricting claim payment on basis of claimant's place of residence; increasing penalties and providing for claimant disqualification for repeated fraud; clarifying types of benefit overpayments and liabilities applicable to each; permitting waiver of interest on benefit overpayments; requiring notice of overpayment and providing for appeal; setting out procedures for collection of benefit overpayment; defining terms; authorizing Oklahoma Employment Security Commission to issue warrant of levy and lien and establishing applicable procedures; providing for manner of service and notice of warrant; authorizing Commission to charge a fee when sheriff used to serve notice; deleting obsolete language; permitting specified information sharing between state agencies; clarifying circumstance under, and stage in process at which, appeal may be filed; clarifying amount to be paid before an appeal is filed; directing establishment of an employee recognition program; authorizing payments; stating nature of recognition awards; authorizing and limiting value thereof; permitting the release of otherwise confidential information to public housing agencies, certain entities operating under the Workforce Investment Act One-Stop delivery system, and the wage record interchange system; creating penalty for repeated violations; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.