

An Act relating to career and technology education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-103, which relates to powers and duties of the State Board of Career and Technology Education; authorizing the Board to adopt policies and rules for the operation of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and the technology center schools and colleges; authorizing the Board to request or perform certain audits of technology center school districts; authorizing the Board to require certain persons in technology center school districts to make certain reports with sanctions for noncompliance; authorizing the Board to prescribe certain forms; authorizing the Board to provide for a uniform system of student and personnel accounting, records, and reports; authorizing the Board to provide for the health and safety of students and school personnel; requiring the Board to perform all duties necessary to the administration of the technology center school system and certain other duties; authorizing the Board to review preliminary plans for new construction and major alteration of certain technology center school district buildings; providing certain exception; prohibiting the letting of certain bids until certain actions are taken by the Department; limiting the time for review; requiring the Department to provide certain advice; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 14-108), which relates to technology center school districts; limiting length of district board member term of office; authorizing certain districts to elect board members by electors of each board district; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 213, which relates to the duty of the State Auditor and Inspector; directing the State Auditor and Inspector to perform certain audits on technology center school districts upon certain request; requiring certain school districts to allow technology center schools to provide certain awareness program to tenth-grade students prior to certain time; requiring the State Auditor and Inspector to establish procedures for conducting annual audits of technology center school districts; requiring audits to be conducted by independent auditor; specifying audit review areas; requiring the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education to conduct certain random audits each year; specifying details to be reported; mandating corrective action plans; requiring provision of audit reports, corrective action plans and progress reports to the Board; requiring the Department to provide certain assistance; prohibiting technology center school district administrators and board members from benefiting from certain projects and directing the Board to adopt rules; requiring certain state funds be allocated by a certain methodology to the technology center school districts; requiring the Board to demonstrate intent to substantially increase funding for certain programs in public comprehensive high schools; requiring the Department to conduct a study of technology center finances; stating purpose; specifying certain issues to be studied; requiring report by certain date; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.