

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1040

By: Riley of the Senate
and
Peters of the House

[poor persons - employment centers -
effective date]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2001, Section 230.70, is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.70. A. The Legislature hereby encourages the establishment of One-stop Career/Employment Centers that link federal, state and local resources and programs and that create collaborative and interorganizational partnerships between state governmental agencies and private and nonprofit entities. Such agencies and private and nonprofit entities shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The Department of Human Services;
2. The State Department of Education;
3. The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education;
4. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce;
5. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission;
6. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority;
7. The State Department of Health;
8. The State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;
9. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections;
10. Office of Personnel Management;
11. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;
12. Community action agencies;

13. Local and municipal groups;
14. Substate planning groups; and
15. Religious and charitable organizations.

B. 1. The purpose of the collaborative and interorganizational partnership shall be to assist persons receiving temporary assistance, persons who are employed in low-wage jobs, underemployed persons, and persons who are unemployed to obtain employment preparation; to explore career, employment and job referral opportunities; to improve skills through education and training; and to obtain information on various services and programs in the state.

2. Employment preparation includes, but is not limited to:

- a. education, training, or retraining for specified time limits,
- b. private and public work experience, and
- c. development of certain career/job training and retraining skills and apprenticeships.

C. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, in consultation with entities desiring to form such partnerships, shall develop a local implementation plan for use by all parties desiring to enter into a plan for a one-stop career and employment center. The plan shall be signed by all partnership entities and shall be submitted to the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission for review and recommendation.

D. The local implementation plan shall include, but not be limited to, the names, addresses, and phone numbers of parties and organizational entities; specific goals, objectives, and plans for implementation of the initiative; the signature of all parties agreeing to the initiative; and the beginning date of the initiative as agreed upon by the parties.

E. Until such time as the collaborative and interorganizational partnerships encouraged by this legislation are fully implemented, the state agencies listed in subsection A which provide services

shall each maintain an Internet web site upon which application forms for the services they provide may be accessed and downloaded by individuals wishing to make application for the services provided. Each agency shall also provide a link to the other agencies required by this legislation to provide their application forms on their web sites.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

Passed the Senate the 2nd day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2006.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives