

EHB 2983

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Thursday, April 6, 2006

3 ENGROSSED
4 House Bill No. 2983
5 As Amended

6 ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2983 - By: INGMIRE, BRANNON, SMITHSON and
7 DENNEY of the House and GARRISON of the Senate.

8 [schools - State Board of Career and Technology Education -
9 emergency]

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-103, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 14-103. The State Board of Career and Technology
14 Education shall have the following powers and duties:

15 1. Have the supervision of the Oklahoma Department of Career
16 and Technology Education of the State Board of Career and Technology
17 Education, which department shall keep its principal offices at
18 Stillwater, and appoint and fix the compensation and duties of the
19 Director and other personnel of such Department.;

20 2. Have the supervision of the technology center schools and
21 colleges of Oklahoma, except Oklahoma State University of Technical
22 Training at Okmulgee and the Oklahoma State University Technical
23 Institutes at Oklahoma City and Stillwater, which, however, shall be
24 eligible to participate in federal programs administered by the

1 State Board of Career and Technology Education as hereinafter
2 provided-;

3 3. Cooperate with, and enter into agreements with, and
4 administer programs of, and receive federal funds from, the United
5 States Department of Education and other federal agencies in matters
6 relating to vocational and technical education, youth apprenticeship
7 programs, and manpower training, and be the sole state agency for
8 such purposes. Provided that, programs and funds made available
9 through the Job Training Partnership Act, or its successor programs,
10 shall be excluded-;

11 4. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula,
12 courses of study, and other instructional aids necessary for the
13 adequate instruction of students in the technology center schools
14 and colleges of this state. It is the intent of the Legislature
15 that instructional models for vocational students should include
16 higher standards of academic work with increased emphasis on
17 communication, computation and applied science-;

18 5. Develop a plan to provide adequate vocational offerings
19 accessible to all students having the ability to benefit-;

20 6. Purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, materials, supplies
21 and other property, real or personal, as may be necessary for the
22 operation of the technology center schools of this state, and
23 provide for the maximum utilization of such property through a

1 coordinated and cooperative use thereof, including transfer of title
2 to real and personal property to a technology center school district
3 for a reasonable cash consideration if said property is to be
4 utilized in a vocational-technical program administered by the
5 technology center district board of education. Any conveyance of
6 real property for a reasonable consideration shall contain a
7 reversionary clause by which the real property shall revert to the
8 State Board of Career and Technology Education if the property
9 ceases to be used in a vocational-technical program administered by
10 the technology center district board of education-; i

11 7. Enter into such agreements and contracts with the State
12 Board of Education, boards of trustees of community junior colleges,
13 boards of education of independent and elementary school districts,
14 boards of education of school districts for technology center
15 schools, private educational or training institutions, public or
16 private industry, and boards of directors of community action
17 programs, as may be necessary or feasible for the furtherance of
18 vocational and technical training within this state-; i

19 8. Cooperate and enter into agreements with the Oklahoma State
20 Regents for Higher Education-; i

21 9. Cooperate with the State Department of Education in
22 developing hands-on career exploration activities for students in
23 grades 6 through 10, integrating academic competencies into

1 vocational instruction, and ensuring counseling of all students in
2 order to minimize the number of students graduating from high school
3 without having completed either a vocational-technical program or
4 college preparation-;

5 10. Develop and periodically update a plan to allow teacher
6 training and the purchase and installation of technological
7 equipment necessary to modernize vocational educational programs-;

8 11. Accept and provide for the administration of any land,
9 money, buildings, gifts, funds, donations or other things of value
10 which may be offered or bequeathed to the schools or colleges under
11 the supervision or control of said Board-;

12 12. Enter into cooperative arrangements with one or more other
13 states for the conduct and administration of programs, services and
14 activities-;

15 13. Cooperate whenever possible, to avoid any duplication of
16 training programs with any established training program registered
17 by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States
18 Department of Labor; and

19 14. Participate in activities pertaining to the recruitment of
20 companies to locate or expand operations in the state, and
21 participate in activities that will increase the competitiveness of
22 companies with headquarters or branch operations located in the

1 state. These activities may require agency staff to travel, train,
2 or provide technical assistance outside the state of Oklahoma.

3 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
4 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 4-3-06 - DO PASS,
8 As Amended.