

3 **Senate Bill No. 424**
4 **As Amended**

5 SENATE BILL NO. 424 - By: LAWLER of the Senate and ARMES of the
6 House.

7 [**agriculture and rural economic development - agribusiness**
8 **- noncodification - effective date**]

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

10 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

12 A. The Legislature finds that economic development in rural
13 Oklahoma needs to be improved, whether through the formation of
14 agribusiness development, job creation, job training and
15 entrepreneurship programs. Because resources at both the state and
16 local level are scarce and because of the importance of economic
17 development efforts in rural Oklahoma, the Legislature encourages
18 all state and local entities and all private organizations engaged
19 in the promotion of economic development to coordinate their
20 respective efforts.

21 B. In order to assist the process for more centralized rural
22 economic development efforts, all agencies of the State,
23 associations of governmental entities and community action planning

1 agencies are directed to cooperate and establish a comprehensive
2 effort for a coordinated rural economic development effort.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2005.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
5 dated 2-22-05 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.