

An Act relating to labor; amending 40 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-208, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 182, O.S.L. 2005, 1-210, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 102, O.S.L. 2004, Section 7, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2002, 2-103, 2-405, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 182, O.S.L. 2005, 2-406A, 2-416, 2-417, 2-610, 3-101, 3-102, 3-106, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 182, O.S.L. 2005, 3-107, 3-108, 3-111, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 182, O.S.L. 2005, 3-113, 3-115, 3-203, 3-301, 3-305, 3-310, 4-310A, Section 25, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2002 and 4-508, as last amended by Section 12, Chapter 182, O.S.L. 2005 (40 O.S. Supp. 2005, Sections 1-208, 1-210, 1-225, 2-405, 3-106, 3-111, 4-317 and 4-508), which relate to the Employment Security Act of 1980; modifying definitions of employer; clarifying language throughout act; modifying definition of employment; adding definitions; deleting requirement for payment of benefits from certain fund; modifying certain determination of good cause for voluntarily leaving work; clarifying references throughout act; providing for the deduction of certain retirement payments from weekly benefit amounts; modifying provision relating to prohibition of denying benefits for individuals taking certain training; updating outline throughout act; modifying certain requirement for seeking and accepting work; waiving requirements for seeking and accepting work under certain circumstances; stating when an employer will not be an interested party to certain claims; requiring employer to provide certain minimum information within a certain time frame to be an interested party to certain claims; modifying time frame for Board of Review to certify and file certain information with the court; clarifying applicability of certain provisions; modifying date for notification of certain contribution rates; modifying and deleting obsolete language throughout act; modifying certain dates relating to benefit wages charged and objections to the charges; modifying provision relating to recall credit for certain employees; providing for relief from certain benefit wage charges for separating employers; modifying and providing the benefit wage ratio for certain tax years; modifying the state experience factor; deleting provisions relating to certain written protest and request for oral hearings after certain initial determination relating to successor and predecessor employers; providing for appeal of certain determination; modifying date for certain increases in the contribution rate; modifying the calculation of the contribution rate for employers under certain conditions; modifying definition; deleting provisions relating to the Special Surtax Fund and a special surtax to be assigned to certain employers; modifying provisions for protest of certain determinations and providing provisions for appeal of such determinations; providing for appeal of certain assessments; deleting obsolete language throughout act; modifying provisions for certain employee recognition program; providing for certain veterans service awards; defining term; making an appropriation to the Employment Security Administration Fund for certain purposes; stating the purpose; specifying programs and amounts; providing lapse date; specifying standards for accountability for expenditures; adding exception to certain information to be kept confidential; specifying appropriation be in accordance with certain provisions and requirements; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing for recodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.