

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 424

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to agriculture and rural economic development; making legislative findings with respect to agribusiness and rural economic development; encouraging coordination of economic development efforts; directing certain entities to establish effort for coordinated rural economic development efforts; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

B. In order to assist the process for more centralized rural economic development efforts, all agencies of the State, associations of governmental entities and community action planning agencies are directed to cooperate and establish a comprehensive effort for a coordinated rural economic development effort.

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