

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3098

By: Banz, Covey, McCullough,
McNiel, Pittman, Walker,
Collins and Jackson of the
House

4 and

5 Aldridge of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to aerospace; amending Section 1,
9 Chapter 263, O.S.L. 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
10 5060.3a), which relates to the Oklahoma Aerospace
11 Institute; creating the Aerospace Development Act of
12 2008; providing short title; creating the Center for
13 Aerospace Supplier Quality; removing the Oklahoma
14 Aerospace Institute from within the Oklahoma Center
15 for the Advancement of Science and Technology;
16 modifying purpose; modifying contingency
17 requirements; providing for the Center for Aerospace
18 Supplier Quality to act as a conduit between certain
19 military installations and the aerospace industry;
20 stating duties of the Center for Aerospace Supplier
21 Quality; removing the Center of Excellence for
22 Aerospace Technology from within the Oklahoma Center
23 for the Advancement of Science and Technology;
24 providing for the Oklahoma Aerospace Institute to act
as a clearinghouse of information; stating duties of
the Oklahoma Aerospace Institute; providing for
creation of a partnership of education and training
providers; stating purpose of partnership; providing
for center for applied research; stating purpose of
center; providing certain duties of the Oklahoma
Aerospace Institute; listing sources of funding that
may be accepted by the Oklahoma Aerospace Institute;
providing for recodification; and providing an
effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 263, O.S.L.
2 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 5060.3a), is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Section 5060.3a A. This act shall be known and may be cited as
5 the "Aerospace Development Act of 2008".

6 B. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Center for the
7 ~~Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST),~~ Aeronautics
8 Commission, the Center for Aerospace Supplier Quality (CASQ), and
9 the Oklahoma Aerospace Institute (OAI) ~~to serve as a strategic~~
10 ~~partnership that~~ whose purpose shall be to create a partnership of
11 service providers to more effectively respond to the needs of the
12 aerospace industry in the areas of education and training, research,
13 and economic development. The CASQ and OAI will focus available
14 resources to promote cooperation and collaboration among ~~Oklahoma~~
15 businesses, manufacturers, military installations, commercial
16 aviation, ~~higher education~~ educational institutions, nonprofit
17 research institutions, and state government for the purpose of
18 strengthening ~~Oklahoma's~~ the economy of the State of Oklahoma.
19 Contingent upon the ~~availability of funds, OCAST~~ provision of Two
20 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) or so much
21 thereof as needed, per year, the Commission may employ established
22 program processes or may contract with other qualified entities to
23 operate the CASQ and the OAI ~~which will consist of the following~~
24 ~~initiatives:~~

- ~~1. Center of Excellence for Aerospace Technology (COEAT); and~~
- ~~2. Center for Aerospace Supplier Quality (CASQ).~~

~~B.~~ C. The CASQ is designed to serve as a conduit between Oklahoma's military installations and aerospace industry to promote quick response to opportunities that will:

1. Increase Department of Defense ~~awards in~~ contracts with Oklahoma aerospace companies and contracts between Oklahoma aerospace companies and prime contractors in the aerospace and defense industries;

2. Create and retain more high-wage, high-skill jobs;

3. Strengthen collaborations between businesses and aerospace interests;

4. Reduce the flow of federal defense contract dollars to out-of-state businesses;

5. ~~Increase Oklahoma's small~~ Expand the aerospace firms industry in Oklahoma;

6. Provide engineering/ and technical assistance;

7. Provide more manufacturing sources for Oklahoma military installations and the aerospace industry; and

8. Reduce costs and increase competitiveness for Oklahoma military installations and the aerospace industry.

~~C. The COEAT will be a center of excellence for applied research and will primarily undertake applied research, development and technology transfer that has long term potential for commercial~~

1 ~~development. The center should build on institutional strengths and~~
2 ~~conduct activity in areas of research in which the participating~~
3 ~~research institutions and businesses have achieved or have true~~
4 ~~promise of attaining a standard of excellence in applied research~~
5 ~~and development.~~

6 ~~D. OCAST shall award funding to the Center of Excellence for~~
7 ~~Aerospace Technology (COEAT) contingent on the availability of funds~~
8 ~~and only after:~~

9 ~~1. Developing, adopting and publishing the criteria it shall~~
10 ~~use when evaluating centers of excellence; and~~

11 ~~2. Reviewing proposals for new or established centers of~~
12 ~~excellence containing:~~

13 ~~a. documentation that not less than fifty percent (50%)~~
14 ~~of the center's total funding will be provided by~~
15 ~~sources other than OCAST and other than~~
16 ~~state appropriated money,~~

17 ~~b. a description of the proposed center's potential~~
18 ~~contribution to the state's economic development~~
19 ~~interests,~~

20 ~~c. an itemized operations budget, and~~

21 ~~d. other information that may be required by the OCAST~~
22 ~~board~~

23 D. In order to streamline the use of resources with the goal of
24 eliminating duplication of efforts, the OAI shall act as a

1 clearinghouse of information and activities concerning the aerospace
2 industry. The OAI will provide a focal point to coordinate the
3 plans and activities of state agencies, programs, task forces,
4 departments, boards, commissions, and other entities that have
5 responsibilities or duties regarding the aerospace industry with the
6 goal of eliminating duplication of effort.

7 E. The OAI shall create a partnership of education and training
8 providers to meet the specific needs of the aerospace industry to
9 build a credentialed work force for the future. Participating
10 educational institutions shall act cooperatively to create programs
11 that complement rather than compete.

12 ~~F. The board may approve proposals to establish the Center of~~
13 ~~Excellence for Aerospace Technology (COEAT) only after the board~~
14 ~~finds, based upon the proposal submitted, external peer reviews, and~~
15 ~~such additional investigation as the staff of OCAST shall make and~~
16 ~~incorporate in its minutes that:~~

17 1. ~~The proposed center of excellence involves higher education~~
18 ~~institution(s), nonprofit research institution(s), and private~~
19 ~~enterprise;~~

20 2. ~~The proposed center of excellence is funded at Nine Hundred~~
21 ~~Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00), or so much thereof as is needed, per~~
22 ~~year for five (5) years, above the annual appropriation for OCAST;~~

23 3. ~~The proposed center of excellence has the potential to~~
24 ~~stimulate economic development in Oklahoma by fostering partnership~~

1 ~~between Oklahoma military installations, higher education~~
2 ~~institutions, nonprofit research institutions, and businesses; and~~

3 4. ~~The proposed center has the long term potential to benefit~~
4 ~~Oklahoma's military installations and the state's aerospace industry~~
5 ~~through innovation and development of new technology~~ OAI shall
6 include a center for applied research and will primarily undertake
7 applied research, development and technology transfer that have
8 long-term potential for commercial development. The center shall
9 build upon institutional strengths and conduct activity in areas of
10 research in which the participating research institutions and
11 businesses have achieved or have true promise of attaining a
12 standard of excellence in applied research and development.

13 ~~F. Any commercialized research that results from the funding of~~
14 ~~the Center of Excellence for Aerospace Technology shall be subject~~
15 ~~to negotiations and policies pursuant to the provisions of this act~~

16 G. The OAI shall support and foster the growth of the aerospace
17 industry. The OAI shall acquire aerospace executive expertise and
18 provide consulting services to the aerospace industry, government
19 agencies and organizations across the State of Oklahoma in order to
20 strengthen the policy framework, economic development initiatives
21 and programs of the state.

22 H. The OAI may accept funding that includes, but is not limited
23 to:

24 1. Monetary contributions;

