

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 997

By: Laster of the Senate
and
Morgan of the House

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6 [state government - Oklahoma Department of Commerce
7 regional service centers - codification -
8 effective date]
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5003.10e of Title 74, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall establish regional
15 service centers to provide more integrated, effective and customer
16 focused delivery of new and existing economic and workforce
17 development products and services. The mission of these regional
18 centers will be:

19 1. To provide a hub from which services to business and job
20 seekers can be better coordinated and more efficiently delivered;
21 and

22 2. To provide a resource for regional economic development.

23 B. These centers shall provide services such as community
24 development planning, business retention and expansion services,

1 business recruiting and research services, work readiness
2 certification, and employee assessment, placement and recruiting.

3 C. Regional service centers shall be established on a
4 competitive basis, as funds allow, where effective regional
5 partnerships are formed that include Oklahoma Employment Security
6 field offices, workforce investment boards, career technology
7 centers, local colleges, local economic development organizations
8 and other interested parties.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.

10 Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2007.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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14 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

15 2007.

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