

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1682

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8 An Act relating to schools; creating the Green Jobs
9 Pilot Program Act; directing the State Board of
10 Career and Technology Education to establish and
11 implement an energy efficiency and renewable energy
12 worker training pilot program; making implementation
13 contingent upon funding; directing the Board to seek
14 certain funding; listing the target population for
15 training; requiring training to focus on certain
16 industries; authorizing the Board to form
17 partnerships with certain entities for training and
18 job experience opportunities; directing the Board to
19 consult with the utility industry to meet certain
20 workforce demands; authorizing the Board to implement
21 the training program in certain skills centers;
22 providing for codification; providing for
23 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
24 declaring an emergency.

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:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Green Jobs
Pilot Program Act".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-131 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Contingent upon the availability of funding, the State Board
5 of Career and Technology Education shall establish, in consultation
6 with the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Environment,
7 an energy efficiency and renewable energy worker training pilot
8 program. The pilot program may be implemented in one or more
9 technology center school districts selected by the Board based on
10 the availability of funding. The Board shall determine if federal
11 or other funding is available for energy efficiency and renewable
12 energy worker training and if so seek the funding to implement the
13 pilot training program authorized by this section.

14 B. The target populations of eligible individuals to be given
15 priority for the energy efficiency and renewable energy worker
16 training and other services shall include the following or any other
17 target populations of eligible individuals for which federal or
18 other funding may be available as determined by the Board:

19 1. Individuals in need of updated training related to the
20 energy efficiency and renewable energy industries;

21 2. Unemployed workers; and

22 3. Individuals, including at-risk youth, low income, and
23 formerly incarcerated, seeking employment pathways out of poverty
24 and into economic self-sufficiency.

1 C. The training shall focus on the following energy efficiency
2 and renewable energy industries or any other energy efficiency or
3 renewable energy industries for which federal or other funding may
4 be available as determined by the Board:

5 1. Energy-efficient building, construction, and retrofits
6 industries;

7 2. Renewable electric power industry, including wind and solar
8 power generation and transmission;

9 3. Energy efficient and advanced drive-train industry;

10 4. Alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles;

11 5. Biofuels industry;

12 6. Deconstruction and materials use industry; and

13 7. Energy efficiency assessment industry serving the
14 residential, commercial, or industrial sectors.

15 D. The Board may develop partnerships with nonprofit
16 organizations, industry, labor organizations, or other governmental
17 entities to:

18 1. Develop and implement the energy efficiency and renewable
19 energy worker training program; and

20 2. Provide participants in the training program with employment
21 experience through internships, apprenticeships, and job training
22 programs.

23 E. The Board shall consult with the utility industry in
24 Oklahoma on development and implementation of the energy efficiency

1 and renewable energy worker training program to meet the workforce
2 demands that will be needed by the industry to implement demand-side
3 management requirements.

4 F. If feasible and contingent upon the availability of funding
5 the Board may implement the energy efficiency and renewable energy
6 worker training program in one or more skills centers in
7 correctional institutions in the state.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

9 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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