

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1682

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5 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

1       A. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall  
2 establish, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy and the  
3 Secretary of the Environment, an energy efficiency and renewable  
4 energy worker training program.

5       B. The target populations of eligible individuals to be given  
6 priority for the energy efficiency and renewable energy worker  
7 training and other services shall include:

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

10       2. Unemployed workers; and

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

14       C. The training shall focus on the following energy efficiency  
15 and renewable energy industries:

16       1. Energy-efficient building, construction, and retrofits  
17 industries;

18       2. Renewable electric power industry, including wind and solar  
19 power generation and transmission;

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

21       4. Alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles;

22       5. Biofuels industry;

23       6. Deconstruction and materials use industry; and

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1           7. Energy efficiency assessment industry serving the  
2 residential, commercial, or industrial sectors.

3           D. The Board may develop partnerships with nonprofit  
4 organizations, industry, labor organizations, or other governmental  
5 entities to:

6           1. Develop and implement the energy efficiency and renewable  
7 energy worker training program; and

8           2. Provide participants in the training program with employment  
9 experience through internships, apprenticeships, and job training  
10 programs.

11          E. The Board shall consult with the utility industry in  
12 Oklahoma on development and implementation of the energy efficiency  
13 and renewable energy worker training program to meet the workforce  
14 demands that will be needed by the industry to implement demand-side  
15 management requirements.

16          F. The Board shall implement, if feasible, the energy  
17 efficiency and renewable energy worker training program in one or  
18 more skills centers in correctional institutions in the state.

19          G. For purposes of this section, "renewable energy" means  
20 electric energy generated from solar, wind, biomass, landfill gas,  
21 geothermal, municipal solid waste, or hydroelectric generation.

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

23          SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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