

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1869

By: Newberry of the Senate

3 and

4 Denney of the House
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6 An Act relating to employment; making certain
7 Legislative findings; creating a study for certain
8 purpose; providing for co-chairs and membership;
9 directing co-chairs to set agenda and meeting
10 location; stating requirement of study; allowing
11 other issues to be studied; setting date to conclude
12 study; providing for staffing and certain travel and
13 per diem; providing for noncodification; and
14 providing an effective date.

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

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

18 A. The Legislature finds for purposes of improving the
19 workforce climate and commerce in this state that a study consisting
20 of a series of open meetings should be held to discuss business
21 opportunities, employment and unemployment factors affecting the
22 state's employers and employees, and attracting future business and
23 employment opportunities to this state.

24 B. The study shall be co-chaired by the chair of the Senate
Business and Commerce Committee and the chair of the House of
Representatives Economic Development, Tourism and Financial Affairs

1 Committee. All members of the Legislature are encouraged to attend;
2 provided, however, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives may appoint and designate
4 specific individual members of their respective legislative body, or
5 all members of a co-chair's committee, as official members of the
6 study, not to exceed twenty-four (24) total members. The co-chairs
7 shall set each meeting agenda and location to encourage adequate
8 participation by both legislative members and the public.

9 C. The study shall review unemployment laws and the funding
10 mechanism and factors affecting employers participating pursuant to
11 the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, including, but not
12 limited to, how employers and employees participate in and navigate
13 through the current system of payments, claims and benefits. The
14 study may review and make recommendations to improve commerce and
15 employment within the state or study other workforce or commerce
16 issues agreed by the co-chairs to be beneficial to the study. The
17 study shall conclude December 31, 2012.

18 D. The study shall be staffed jointly by legislative staff and
19 may meet at the State Capitol or at another location selected by the
20 co-chairs. The co-chairs, and any official designated legislative
21 members and staff, may receive travel reimbursement and per diem as
22 provided by law.

23 E. All meetings shall comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting
24 Act.

