

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 28, 2012

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1869

By: Newberry of the Senate

4 and

5 Denney of the House

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

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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.

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

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

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

3 E. All meetings shall comply with the Open Meeting Act.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE, dated 2-23-12
6 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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