

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1056

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to technology center schools;
8 amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103.3, which
9 relates to rural development pilot program; allowing
10 certain programs to increase the number of students
11 seeking industry certification; permitting technology
12 center boards to adopt certain policy; deeming
13 certain funds public purpose; providing certain funds
14 shall be expended to cover direct cost of obtaining
15 certain certification or licenses; providing an
16 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103.3, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 14-103.3. 1. Subject to the availability of funds
21 appropriated specifically for this purpose, the State Board of
22 Career and Technology Education shall implement a pilot program at
23 technology center schools, the purpose of which is to provide
24 services and training to help rural businesses expand. The purpose
of the pilot program is to provide tuition grants and offer economic
development, marketing and technology access services to qualifying

1 rural businesses and communities as determined by the Oklahoma
2 Department of Career and Technology Education.

3 2. A pilot program may be established at technology center
4 school districts to increase the number of students taking industry
5 certification examinations and obtaining trade-specific industry
6 certifications and licenses. The local technology center board may
7 establish board policy suitable for their district. The expenditure
8 of public funds for this purpose shall be deemed a public purpose
9 and the funds expended shall be an authorized expenditure of general
10 funds from the technology center school districts to cover the
11 direct costs of trade-specific industry certification examinations
12 and licenses related to the program of study.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

14 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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