

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1385

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; directing the
8 State Regents to develop an Office of Development and
9 Economic Services; providing purpose of certain
10 office; requiring the State Regents to conduct an
11 economic assessment; directing the establishment of
12 certain process; providing information obtained to be
13 used for certain purpose; providing for codification;
14 providing an effective date; and declaring an
15 emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3206.7 of Title 70, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
21 develop an Office of Development and Economic Services. The Office
22 of Development and Economic Services shall leverage the resources of
23 the state's public institutions of higher education to meet the
24 needs of industries in this state to benefit economic development.

B. The State Regents shall conduct an assessment of the economy
of this state with a focus on the employment needs of high-growth

1 knowledge-based industries. The State Regents shall establish a
2 process to compare the education and training required for
3 employment in high-growth knowledge-based industries and the number
4 of students graduating from institutions of higher education in this
5 state with the education and training required for employment in
6 high-growth knowledge-based industries. The State Regents shall use
7 the information obtained in the assessment and comparison process to
8 evaluate whether to implement additional educational programs or
9 expand current programs to meet the needs of the Oklahoma economy.

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

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

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