STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

SENATE BILL 1869 By: Newberry

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to employment; making certain Legislative findings; creating a study for certain purpose; providing for co-chairs and membership; directing co-chairs to set agenda and meeting 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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