

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 788

By: Newberry of the Senate

and

McDaniel (Randy) of the
House

11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12 An Act relating to employment; making certain
13 legislative findings; creating a study for certain
14 purpose; providing for cochairs and membership;
15 directing cochairs to set agenda and meeting
16 location; stating requirement of study; allowing
17 other issues to be studied; setting date to conclude
18 study; providing for staffing; providing for
19 noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

23 A. For purposes of improving the workforce climate and commerce
24 in this state, a study consisting of a series of open meetings is
hereby established to discuss business opportunities, employment and
unemployment factors affecting the state's employers and employees,

1 and to discover ways to attract future business and employment
2 opportunities to this state.

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

14 C. The study shall review unemployment laws and the funding
15 mechanism and factors affecting employers participating pursuant to
16 the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, including, but not
17 limited to, how employers and employees participate in and navigate
18 through the current system of payments, claims and benefits. The
19 study may review and make recommendations to improve commerce and
20 employment within the state or study other workforce or commerce
21 issues agreed on by the cochairs to be beneficial to the study. The
22 study shall conclude December 31, 2013.

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1 D. The study shall be staffed jointly by legislative staff and
2 may meet at the State Capitol or at another location selected by the
3 cochairs.

4 E. All meetings shall comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting
5 Act.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL
9 SERVICES, dated 04/04/2013 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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