

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 13, 2014

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1680

5 By: Holt of the Senate

6 and

7 Hall of the House

8 **[ Department of Commerce - workforce development -**  
9 **Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic**  
10 **Development - codification - effective date - emergency**  
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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5003.10e of Title 74, unless  
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall serve as the lead  
17 state agency in establishing a workforce development strategy and  
18 plan for the state. The Department shall assist the Governor in  
19 coordinating the activities of state agencies which have an impact  
20 on the solution of workforce development problems and the  
21 implementation of workforce development plans.

22 B. 1. The Department shall have the authority to establish and  
23 administer workforce development programs such as those programs and  
24 activities described in Title I of the federal Workforce Investment

1 Act (WIA). The Department shall have the authority to administer  
2 such programs and activities directly or by contract with certified  
3 local workforce investment boards.

4 2. In establishing such programs and activities, the Department  
5 shall determine needs, priorities or funding limits within the  
6 limits for such programs imposed by the Legislature. The Department  
7 shall be assisted by the Governor's Council for Workforce and  
8 Economic Development.

9 C. 1. As allowed by the federal WIA, the Department is  
10 authorized to act on behalf of the State of Oklahoma in establishing  
11 policies, interpretations, guidelines and definitions to implement  
12 provisions of Title I of the federal WIA to the extent that such  
13 policies, interpretations, guidelines and definitions are not  
14 inconsistent with the federal WIA and the regulations issued under  
15 the federal WIA, as well as federal statutes and regulations  
16 governing workforce development systems.

17 2. The Department of Commerce shall promulgate rules to  
18 implement and enforce the provisions of this act. The policies,  
19 interpretations, guidelines and definitions formulated or adopted by  
20 the Department shall be adopted in accordance with the Oklahoma  
21 Administrative Procedures Act.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE  
4 February 13, 2014 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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