

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1638

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2011, Section 5003.10d, which relates to the
9 Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic
Development; modifying statutory language; and
declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 5003.10d, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 5003.10d. A. The Governor's Council for Workforce and
16 Economic Development established under the authority of Executive
17 Order 2005-27 is hereby recognized by the Legislature as the State's
18 Workforce Investment Board. The Council succeeded and was
19 established in lieu of the Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board.
20 Appointed members of the Council serving under the authority of
21 Executive Order 2005-27 ~~when this act becomes effective~~ shall
22 continue to serve until their terms have expired and their
23 successors have been duly appointed.

1 Pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment Act, the purpose of the
2 Council shall be to:

3 1. Guide the development of a comprehensive and coordinated
4 workforce development system for the state and monitor its
5 operation; and

6 2. Review and make recommendations that will align the
7 workforce system, including education, with the economic development
8 goals of the state for the purpose of creating workforce and
9 economic development systems that are integrated and shall provide
10 Oklahoma a competitive advantage in a global economy.

11 B. Membership of the Council shall include representatives of
12 private employers who reflect Oklahoma's projected and desired
13 business and industry base and public officials from agencies which
14 provide programs and services related to workforce, education and
15 economic development. All Council members shall be in positions to
16 influence policy and hiring decisions within their organizations.
17 Initial appointments to the Council shall conform to the following
18 described schedule:

19 1. A majority of the Council shall come from described private
20 sector employers;

21 2. State officials shall include incumbents or designees of the
22 following named offices, or their successors in office or function:

23 a. Governor,
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- b. two members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore,
- c. two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker,
- d. Secretary of Commerce and Tourism,
- e. Secretary of Education,
- f. Secretary of Human Services,
- g. Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,
- h. Director of Career and Technology Education,
- i. State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
- j. Executive Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, and
- k. Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services; i

3. Two members from organizations with experience in the delivery of workforce services, including community colleges or other community-based workforce service organizations;

4. Two members from organizations or individuals that have experience with respect to youth activities;

5. Two members that are chief elected officials from a city and county;

6. Two members that represent labor organizations; and

1 7. Additional members, at the discretion and pleasure of the
2 Governor, may be appointed representing:

- 3 a. local welfare agencies,
- 4 b. public housing agencies,
- 5 c. administrators of programs which receive federal or
6 state human resources funding,
- 7 d. representative of a Local Workforce Board Chairs
8 Association,
- 9 e. entities with special knowledge and qualifications
10 regarding special educational and career development
11 needs of hard-to-serve individuals,
- 12 f. state and local economic development representatives,
- 13 g. juvenile justice programs,
- 14 h. state human resources organization,
- 15 i. representatives of tourism, agriculture, corrections
16 and transportation,
- 17 j. state organization representing urban-rural hospitals,
- 18 k. representatives of Oklahoma Tribes or Nations, and
19 l. representatives of minorities in Oklahoma.

20 C. Private sector members shall be appointed by and serve at
21 the pleasure of the Governor for a two-year term beginning October
22 1, 2005, and may be reappointed. However, of the initial private
23 sector members appointed, half shall be appointed for an initial
24 term of one (1) year beginning October 1, 2005. Private members may

1 be removed from office for failure to attend three consecutive
2 Council meetings. The chair of the Council shall be from the
3 private sector and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure
4 of the Governor.

5 D. The Council shall meet at such times and places as it deems
6 appropriate. Members shall serve without compensation. Council
7 members employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed travel
8 expenses related to their service on the Council as authorized by
9 state law by their respective state agency. Legislative members of
10 the Council shall be reimbursed by their respective houses for
11 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
12 duties as authorized by state law. Remaining Council members shall
13 also be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the
14 Council by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as authorized by
15 state law. No member of the Council shall profit, directly or
16 indirectly, from any transaction with the Council.

17 E. The duties and responsibilities of the Council in the
18 development, monitoring and aligning of the workforce system with
19 economic development shall include:

20 1. Performing the duties required of the state governance board
21 by the federal Workforce Investment Act;

22 2. Identifying the human resource investment needs of Oklahoma
23 business and industry, together with those of the citizens of the
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1 state, so that each might respond to and meet the needs of the
2 others and thus together build a robust, diversified economy;

3 3. Reviewing and evaluating workforce development programs
4 within the state, ~~formulate~~ formulating recommendations to increase
5 their efficiency and effectiveness, eliminate duplication, and align
6 with economic goals. Recommendations shall be communicated to the
7 Governor, Legislature, state and federal government agencies and
8 appropriate individuals and entities within the private sector;

9 4. Increasing academic capability and technical skills within
10 the state workforce and foster lifelong learning among Oklahoma's
11 citizens;

12 5. Strengthening collaboration among institutions which provide
13 education and training services, government agencies which
14 coordinate employment and other human resource investment
15 activities, and Oklahoma business and industry to create a seamless
16 system to nurture healthy economic development; and

17 6. Enhancing rural economic development capability and
18 capacity, giving particular attention to regional collaboration and
19 partnering.

20 F. Activities of the Council shall be coordinated by the
21 Secretary of Commerce and Tourism and directed by the Deputy
22 Secretary of Commerce for Workforce Development, or their successors
23 in office or function. Administrative and staffing support for the
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1 Council shall be coordinated by the Office of Workforce Solutions
2 within the Department of Commerce.

3 G. The Workforce Solutions Staff Team established under the
4 authority of Executive Order 2005-27 is hereby recognized by the
5 Legislature. This interagency team shall be comprised of executive
6 level staff from all workforce, education and economic development
7 agencies of the state for the purpose of providing staff support to
8 the Council and to create efficiencies, eliminate duplication, and
9 eliminate barriers to jointly providing a service delivery system.
10 Other members may be included on this team as the Governor,
11 Secretary of Commerce or Deputy Secretary of Commerce may deem
12 necessary to accomplish this goal.

13 H. The Council shall be supported by funds available to state
14 agencies pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations. Each
15 member of the Council whose agency qualifies pursuant to state and
16 federal law to receive and use such funds shall assist by providing
17 support and funding of the Council in carrying out the
18 responsibilities of the Council.

19 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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