

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1558

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2011, Section 5017, which relates to responsibilities
9 of the Department of Commerce; requiring Department
to develop new program relating to mentorship;
providing for purpose of program; and providing an
effective date.

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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 5017, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 5017. In addition to other functions and
16 responsibilities of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the
17 Department shall:

18 1. Administer or coordinate state programs and projects
19 relating to economic or community issues for the planning and
20 carrying out of the acquisition, preservation, use and development
21 of land and provision of public facilities and services for fully
22 carrying out the state's role in related federal grant or loan
23 programs;

1 2. Administer and coordinate state programs and projects
2 relating to economic opportunity, manpower planning and federal
3 public service employment for fully carrying out the state's role in
4 related federal grant or loan programs;

5 3. Where not otherwise authorized by state law, provide state
6 participation with cities, towns, counties and other municipal
7 corporations in financing public works projects and service
8 programs. The assisted projects and programs shall be consistent
9 with local, regional and state comprehensive plans and policies;

10 4. Coordinate and review applications for federal assistance as
11 required by the federal government and review all other applications
12 for participation in any federal grant or loan program by any public
13 body.

14 Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be
15 construed to grant the Department the authority to disapprove such
16 application;

17 5. Cooperate with and provide technical and financial
18 assistance to counties, cities, municipal corporations and agencies
19 owned and controlled by them, governmental conferences or councils,
20 regional planning commissions, community development groups,
21 community action agencies, Indian tribes and similar agencies
22 created for the purposes of aiding and encouraging an orderly,
23 productive and coordinated development of the state, and to
24 strengthen local planning responsibility and capability;

1 6. Coordinate a program on an experimental basis in world trade
2 centers in contiguous states for Oklahoma gift manufacturers.

3 Reimbursement may be required from gift manufacturers participating
4 in such market space program for funds expended for such purposes.

5 It is the intent of the Legislature that the program:

6 a. limit the experimental market space program to
7 Oklahoma gift manufacturers which employ no more than
8 fifty employees; and

9 b. limit the amount of reimbursement required from the
10 gift manufacturers participating in such market space
11 program to an amount not to exceed twenty percent
12 (20%) of the gross sales of such manufacturer or not
13 to exceed the normal and customary amount received by
14 market space representatives in contiguous states.

15 For purposes of this paragraph, "gift manufacturer" means any
16 Oklahoma manufacturer who manufactures apparel products, lumber and
17 wood products, furniture and fixtures, ceramics, paper and allied
18 products, rubber and miscellaneous plastic products, leather and
19 leather products, stone, clay, and glass products, fabricated metal
20 and other similar items normally sold to persons for gift purposes;

21 7. Assist the Governor in coordinating the activities of state
22 agencies which have an impact on the solution of economic or
23 community development problems and the implementation of economic or
24 community plans;

1 8. Encourage and, when requested, assist the efforts of local
2 governments to develop mutual and cooperative solutions to their
3 common problems;

4 9. Study existing legal provisions that affect the structure
5 and financing of local government and those state activities which
6 involve significant relations with local governmental units in
7 cooperation with local governments and agencies owned by them and
8 recommend to the Governor and the Legislature such changes in these
9 provisions and activities as may seem necessary to strengthen local
10 government;

11 10. Carry out continuing studies and analyses of the problems
12 faced by communities within the state and develop such
13 recommendations for administrative or legislative action as would
14 appear necessary. In carrying out such studies and analyses,
15 particular attention should be paid to the problems of regional,
16 metropolitan, urban, suburban, rural and other areas in which
17 economic and population factors are rapidly changing;

18 11. Develop and test model or demonstration programs and
19 projects, which may include contracting to administer certain
20 functions or services of the state for such purposes and otherwise
21 provide a program of practical research in the solution of community
22 problems;

1 12. Collect reasonable personnel costs for staff time spent in
2 the search for and duplication of records if such time exceeds one
3 hour; ~~and~~

4 13. Collect reasonable fees for informational publications and
5 materials produced by Department of Commerce in accomplishing its
6 mission; and

7 14. In partnership with the Office for Minority and
8 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and state and local chambers of
9 commerce, develop a mentorship program with a dual focus that
10 includes teaming successful business enterprises, as mentors, with
11 emerging small businesses, as mentees; and provides opportunities
12 for high school students interested in entrepreneurship.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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