

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2578

By: Teague of the House

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4 Rosino and Fry of the
5 Senate

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7 [state government - creating the Aerospace Commerce
8 Economic Services (ACES) Act - effective date]
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5003.12 of Title 74, unless
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Aerospace
16 Commerce Economic Services Act".

17 B. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Department of
18 Commerce, Aerospace Commerce Economic Services (ACES), whose purpose
19 shall be to create a partnership of service providers to more
20 effectively respond to the needs of the aviation, aerospace and
21 defense industries in the areas of education and training, research,
22 and economic development. ACES will focus available resources to
23 promote cooperation and collaboration among businesses,
24 manufacturers, military installations, commercial aviation,

1 educational institutions, nonprofit research institutions and state
2 government for the purpose of strengthening the economy of the State
3 of Oklahoma. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the
4 Oklahoma Department of Commerce may employ established program
5 processes or may contract with other qualified entities to operate
6 ACES.

7 C. ACES is designed to coordinate and integrate the various
8 aerospace resources that currently exist within state and local
9 agencies. The primary goal of ACES is to establish a common
10 statewide strategy for the growth of the Oklahoma aerospace
11 industry. Under the leadership of the Oklahoma Department of
12 Commerce, ACES will focus the collective aerospace resources to
13 achieve one or more of the following objectives into an integrated,
14 coordinated statewide effort that will:

15 1. Increase contracts between companies in the aviation,
16 aerospace and defense industries in Oklahoma and the Department of
17 Defense and its prime contractors;

18 2. Create and retain more high-wage, high-skill jobs;

19 3. Strengthen collaborations between businesses and aviation,
20 aerospace and defense interests;

21 4. Reduce the flow of federal defense contract dollars out-of-
22 state;

23 5. Expand the aviation, aerospace and defense industries in
24 Oklahoma;

1 6. Provide engineering and technical assistance;

2 7. Provide more suppliers for Oklahoma military installations
3 and the aviation, aerospace and defense industries;

4 8. Reduce costs for the Department of Defense and Oklahoma
5 military installations and increase the competitiveness of aviation,
6 aerospace and defense businesses in Oklahoma;

7 9. Create and align goals to grow aerospace to the top industry
8 in Oklahoma by providing a forum to bring agencies, industry and
9 government together;

10 10. Enhance Oklahoma's supply chain utilization in the industry
11 to fill existing gaps in supplier networks;

12 11. Develop a recruitment strategy to attract new businesses
13 that reside or have a presence in Oklahoma; and

14 12. Create a conglomerate or commission of all aerospace
15 stakeholders in Oklahoma to come together to pool ideas and
16 resources to advance aerospace in the state. State aerospace
17 stakeholders include but are not limited to Federal Aviation
18 Administration, Veterans Administration, Tinker Air Force Base, all
19 Oklahoma military installations, chambers of commerce, Oklahoma
20 Space Industry Development Authority, Oklahoma Department of
21 Commerce, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma
22 Aeronautics Commission, Small Business Administration, Unmanned
23 Aerial Systems Cluster Initiative of Oklahoma and Kansas, Oklahoma
24 Manufacturing Alliance, Career Tech, Oklahoma Center for the

1 Advancement of Science and Technology, Governor's Unmanned Aerial
2 Systems Alliance of Oklahoma, Unmanned Aerial Systems Council and
3 Oklahoma Bid Assistance Network.

4 D. ACES shall establish an Aerospace and Defense Industry
5 Integrator. The integrator shall be used to engage key players from
6 the government, academia and other key stakeholders to create an
7 industry-wide vision and strategic map that details a plan to
8 enhance the industry. The integrator shall initiate the following
9 activities:

10 1. Assessing the current state of the industry, developing and
11 defining a vision for the future of the industry;

12 2. Identifying supplier network gaps and developing solutions
13 to fill those gaps;

14 3. Identifying funding requirements and developing funding
15 opportunities; and

16 4. Establishing ongoing mechanisms to monitor activities and
17 devising a process that includes the development and reporting of
18 metrics to track and manage ongoing progress.

19 E. In order to streamline the use of resources with the goal of
20 eliminating duplication of efforts, ACES shall act as a
21 clearinghouse of information and activities concerning the aviation,
22 aerospace and defense industries. ACES shall provide a focal point
23 to coordinate the plans and activities of state agencies, task
24 forces, departments, boards, commissions and other entities that

1 have responsibilities or duties regarding the aviation, aerospace
2 and defense industries with the goal of eliminating duplication of
3 effort.

4 F. ACES shall support and foster the growth of the aviation,
5 aerospace and defense industries. ACES shall acquire aerospace
6 executive expertise and provide consulting services to the aviation,
7 aerospace and defense industries, government agencies and
8 organizations across the State of Oklahoma in order to strengthen
9 the policy framework, economic development initiatives and
10 activities of the state.

11 G. ACES may accept funding that includes, but is not limited
12 to:

- 13 1. Monetary contributions;
- 14 2. Contractual arrangements;
- 15 3. In-kind services;
- 16 4. Federal- and state-appropriated dollars;
- 17 5. Private and public foundation grants; and
- 18 6. Fee-for-service products.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2018.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2018.

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