

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1214

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 14-103, which relates to Career and  
9 Technology Education; authorizing State Board of  
10 Career and Technology Education to establish program  
11 for training of certain skilled laborers; and  
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 14-103. The State Board of Career and Technology  
17 Education shall have the following powers and duties:

18 1. Have the supervision of the Oklahoma Department of Career  
19 and Technology Education of the State Board of Career and Technology  
20 Education, which department shall keep its principal offices at  
21 Stillwater, and appoint and fix the compensation and duties of the  
22 Director and other personnel of such Department;

23 2. Have the supervision of the technology center schools and  
24 colleges of Oklahoma, except Oklahoma State University Institute of

1 Technology-Okmulgee and the Oklahoma State University Technical  
2 Institutes at Oklahoma City and Stillwater, which, however, shall be  
3 eligible to participate in federal programs administered by the  
4 State Board of Career and Technology Education as hereinafter  
5 provided;

6 3. Cooperate with, and enter into agreements with, and  
7 administer programs of, and receive federal funds from, the United  
8 States Department of Education and other federal agencies in matters  
9 relating to vocational and technical education, youth apprenticeship  
10 programs, and manpower training, and be the sole state agency for  
11 such purposes. Provided that, programs and funds made available  
12 through the Job Training Partnership Act, or its successor programs,  
13 shall be excluded;

14 4. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula,  
15 courses of study, and other instructional aids necessary for the  
16 adequate instruction of students in the technology center schools  
17 and colleges of this state. It is the intent of the Legislature  
18 that instructional models for vocational students should include  
19 higher standards of academic work with increased emphasis on  
20 communication, computation and applied science;

21 5. Develop a plan to provide adequate vocational offerings  
22 accessible to all students having the ability to benefit;

23 6. Purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, materials, supplies  
24 and other property, real or personal, as may be necessary for the

1 operation of the technology center schools of this state, and  
2 provide for the maximum utilization of such property through a  
3 coordinated and cooperative use thereof, including transfer of title  
4 to real and personal property to a technology center school district  
5 for a reasonable cash consideration if said property is to be  
6 utilized in a vocational-technical program administered by the  
7 technology center district board of education. Any conveyance of  
8 real property for a reasonable consideration shall contain a  
9 reversionary clause by which the real property shall revert to the  
10 State Board of Career and Technology Education if the property  
11 ceases to be used in a vocational-technical program administered by  
12 the technology center district board of education;

13 7. Enter into such agreements and contracts with the State  
14 Board of Education, boards of trustees of community junior colleges,  
15 boards of education of independent and elementary school districts,  
16 boards of education of school districts for technology center  
17 schools, private educational or training institutions, public or  
18 private industry, and boards of directors of community action  
19 programs, as may be necessary or feasible for the furtherance of  
20 vocational and technical training within this state;

21 8. Cooperate and enter into agreements with the Oklahoma State  
22 Regents for Higher Education;

23 9. Cooperate with the State Department of Education in  
24 developing hands-on career exploration activities for students in

1 grades 6 through 10, integrating academic competencies into  
2 vocational instruction, and ensuring counseling of all students in  
3 order to minimize the number of students graduating from high school  
4 without having completed either a vocational-technical program or  
5 college preparation;

6 10. Develop and periodically update a plan to allow teacher  
7 training and the purchase and installation of technological  
8 equipment necessary to modernize vocational educational programs;

9 11. Accept and provide for the administration of any land,  
10 money, buildings, gifts, funds, donations or other things of value  
11 which may be offered or bequeathed to the schools or colleges under  
12 the supervision or control of said Board;

13 12. Enter into cooperative arrangements with one or more other  
14 states for the conduct and administration of programs, services and  
15 activities;

16 13. Cooperate whenever possible, to avoid any duplication of  
17 training programs with any established training program registered  
18 by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States  
19 Department of Labor;

20 14. Accept and expend funds from any source in order to market,  
21 advertise or promote programs and services available through the  
22 Career and Technology Education system; ~~and~~

23 15. Participate in activities pertaining to the recruitment of  
24 companies to locate or expand operations in the state, and

1 participate in activities that will increase the competitiveness of  
2 companies with headquarters or branch operations located in the  
3 state. These activities may require agency staff to travel, train,  
4 or provide technical assistance outside the State of Oklahoma; and  
5 16. Establish a specialized program for training or retraining  
6 of skilled laborers who have been displaced, laid off, or otherwise  
7 terminated as a result of an economic downturn in the industry. The  
8 State Board of Career and Technology Education shall pursue any and  
9 all state and federal funds to implement the program at no cost to  
10 the participant.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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