

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4   HOUSE BILL 1140

By: Fetgatter

7                               AS INTRODUCED

8           An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.  
9           2011, Section 5017.7, which relates to the  
10          International Protocol Office; modifying references;  
11          providing for duties to be performed by the Oklahoma  
12          Department of Commerce; providing for duties to be  
13          performed by associate; and providing an effective  
14          date.

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

16           SECTION 1.        AMENDATORY        74 O.S. 2011, Section 5017.7, is  
17   amended to read as follows:

18           Section 5017.7 ~~A. The Office of the Oklahoma Secretary of~~  
19   ~~State may create and~~ Department of Commerce shall serve as the  
20   Oklahoma Chief International Protocol Office and provide a resource  
21   for information concerning proper protocol with regard to  
22   international diplomats and officials and shall cooperate with other  
23   state agencies already engaged in international relations to  
24   facilitate and coordinate government resources for optimal

1 leveraging in achieving the common goal of advancing Oklahoma to the  
2 forefront of the global community. ~~The Secretary of State~~ An  
3 associate with the Department of Commerce may also serve as the  
4 official representative of the Governor to ensure that the growing  
5 numbers of international officials traveling to Oklahoma are warmly  
6 received and enjoy productive visits to the state. When dealing  
7 with international visitors of foreign governments, the ~~Secretary of~~  
8 ~~State~~ associate may greet chiefs of state, heads of government and  
9 other appropriate functionaries, and may provide support to  
10 coordinate, arrange and facilitate meetings and other engagements  
11 between the Governor and international leaders.

12 ~~B.~~ The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall, for the  
13 encouragement of international trade opportunities for Oklahoma  
14 businesses, encourage and assist ~~the Office of the Oklahoma~~  
15 ~~Secretary of State in~~ private efforts toward the development of  
16 interpersonal relationships between citizens of this state and  
17 citizens of other nations.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION AND  
21 EFFICIENCY, dated 02/16/2021 - DO PASS.  
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