

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 7, 2021

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1140

By: Fetgatter of the House

5 and

6 Taylor of the Senate

7
8
9 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
10 2011, Section 5017.7, which relates to the
11 International Protocol Office; modifying references;
12 providing for duties to be performed by the Oklahoma
Department of Commerce; providing for duties to be
performed by associate; and providing an effective
date.

13
14
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 Oklahoma Department of Commerce may also serve as
4 the official representative of the Governor to ensure that the
5 growing numbers of international officials traveling to Oklahoma are
6 warmly received and enjoy productive visits to the state. When
7 dealing with international visitors of foreign governments, the
8 ~~Secretary of State~~ associate may greet chiefs of state, heads of
9 government and other appropriate functionaries, and may provide
10 support to coordinate, arrange and facilitate meetings and other
11 engagements 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.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
20 April 7, 2021 - DO PASS
21
22
23
24