

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1140

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 5017.7, which relates to the International Protocol Office; modifying references; 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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