

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 18, 2024

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3683

By: Kannady and Luttrell of the
House

6 and

7 Hall of the Senate

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9 [Oklahoma Department of Commerce - Program -
10 expenses - location - financing - reports - Revolving
11 Fund - budgeting and expenditure - codification -
effective date -

emergency]

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5062.41 of Title 74, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Defense
18 Workforce Grant Program".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5062.42 of Title 74, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created the Defense Workforce Grant Program
23 which shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.
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1 B. The program shall increase the workforce in this state,
2 specifically the workforce dedicated to federal defense contract
3 work. The program shall help provide gap financing to two or more
4 companies actively working with the United States Department of
5 Defense or any United States Military Branch to expand current
6 contracts or secure new contracts for new work.

7 C. Grant funds may only be used for equipment, supplies, and
8 training necessary to expand operations in response to requests from
9 the United States Department of Defense or any United States
10 Military Branch. Grant funds shall not be used for renewal of
11 contracts with the United States Department of Defense or any United
12 States Military Branch.

13 D. The location of the work to be provided through the program
14 shall be in a county of the state with a population of less than
15 seventy-five thousand (75,000) people according to the most recent
16 Federal Decennial Census. The applying company shall have available
17 other sources of funding dedicated to helping finance the new
18 project or the expansion of an existing project.

19 E. Beginning July 1, 2025, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce
20 shall electronically provide an annual report to the Governor, the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore
22 of the Senate, the Appropriations and Budget Chair of the House of
23 Representatives, and the Appropriations Chair of the Senate that
24 includes, but is not limited to, the number of awards that have been

1 granted, the percentage of those funds that have been expended, and
2 the increased number of employees that have been hired by awardees.

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5062.43 of Title 74, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
7 for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to be designated the
8 "Defense Workforce Grant Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be
9 a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
10 consist of all monies received by the Department from
11 appropriations, donations, grants, or other sources of funding
12 specifically designated for deposit to the Defense Workforce Grant
13 Program Revolving Fund. All monies accruing to the credit of the
14 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
15 Department for the purpose of the Defense Workforce Grant Program.
16 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
17 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
18 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
19 approval and payment. The Department may retain one percent (1%) of
20 all funds otherwise deposited to the fund to cover administrative
21 costs related to the Defense Workforce Grant Program.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

23 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
4 April 18, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED BY CS

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