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Bill Analysis

SB 621 creates the Oklahoma Workforce Transformation Act. The measure creates the Oklahoma Workforce Commission and directs it to coordinate the development of the workforce needed to grow Oklahoma's economy and Oklahomans' prosperity. The Commission shall be required to consult officials, leaders, and experts in workforce development and is directed by the measure to establish advisory committees consisting of relevant officials. The Commission shall also serve as a coordinating body for workforce development entities in the state. The Commission shall be comprised of 9 members. The Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House shall nominate 3 members respectively. Each member must be a qualified elector. Initial appointment terms shall be staggered, with subsequent terms lasting 3 years. Members serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. It shall also cooperate with public and private entities as needed. The Commission is directed to collect data outlined in the measure and create a public dashboard/reports with data relating to workforce development efforts in the state. The Commission shall also make recommendations to the Legislature to improve development programs.

CCR Changes

The Conference Committee Report for SB 621 strikes language creating the Workforce Development Revolving Fund and broadens eligibility to include any eligible elector as it relates to serving on the Commission. The CCR also adds additional duties relating to collecting and publishing data. The CCR also directs the Commission to make recommendations to the Legislature and specifies that members of the Commission serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority.

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