

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1358

By: Pugh of the Senate

3 and

4 Moore of the House

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6 [workforce development - Revolving Fund - workforce
7 needs - codification]
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

10 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 905 of Title 40, unless there is
12 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
14 fund for the Oklahoma Workforce Commission to be designated the
15 "Workforce Development Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
16 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
17 consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Workforce Commission
18 from state appropriations provided for the purpose of increasing the
19 number of degrees, licenses, certificates, and other credentials
20 granted to fulfill workforce needs identified pursuant to subsection
21 B of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund
22 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
23 Oklahoma Workforce Commission for the purpose provided for in this
24 subsection. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants

1 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
2 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
3 Services for approval and payment.

4 B. The Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall identify workforce
5 needs in critical occupation areas that are in high demand and are
6 projected to have positive future growth.

7 SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Workforce
8 Development Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 1 of this act
9 from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue
10 Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,
11 the sum of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for the purpose provided for in Section
13 1 of this act.

14 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 361, O.S.L.
15 2023 (40 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 904), is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 Section 904. The Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall have the
18 following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

- 19 1. To administer the provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma
20 Workforce Transformation Act or any duty as directed by statute;
- 21 2. To establish an office for the Commission within this state;
- 22 3. To elect whatever other officers may be necessary to direct
23 operations of the Commission;

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1 4. To employ or contract for personnel and administrative
2 support as the Commission deems appropriate to carry out the purpose
3 and provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Workforce Transformation
4 Act, including but not limited to a nonprofit corporation to carry
5 out the Commission's objectives, an Executive Director or other
6 chief executive officer and any other employees or contractors the
7 Commission deems appropriate, and to prescribe their duties and fix
8 their compensation;

9 5. To administer the Workforce Coordination Revolving Fund
10 created in Section 255.4 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes and
11 the Workforce Development Revolving Fund created in Section 1 of
12 this act;

13 6. To approve or disapprove the budget of the Commission;

14 7. To promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of ~~this act~~
15 the Oklahoma Workforce Transformation Act;

16 8. To enter into contracts or agreements for studies,
17 professional services, grant administration and procurement,
18 research projects, supplies, or any other services the Commission
19 deems necessary to carry out its purpose, and to incur those
20 expenses necessary to carry out those purposes;

21 9. To cooperate with any private, local, state, or national
22 commission, organization, agency, or group and to make contracts and
23 agreements for joint programs beneficial to Oklahoma's workforce
24 development efforts;

1 10. To accept donations, grants, contributions, and gifts from
2 any public or private source and deposit such in the Workforce
3 Coordination Revolving Fund, created in Section 255.4 of Title 62 of
4 the Oklahoma Statutes;

5 11. To oversee and direct to the extent permitted by law the
6 activities and administration of the Governor's Council for
7 Workforce and Economic Development, including but not limited to the
8 creation and submission of state plans to the federal government
9 pursuant to the provisions of the federal Workforce Innovation and
10 Opportunity Act;

11 12. To collect data from federal, state, and local agencies,
12 departments, educational institutions, boards, commissions, or any
13 other entities including, but not limited to:

- 14 a. number of participants in workforce development
- 15 programming,
- 16 b. cost per participant,
- 17 c. wages before and after participation in programs,
- 18 d. degree or certificate conferred on each participant,
- 19 e. number of jobs open needing degrees or certificates,
- 20 f. labor force and economic information, and
- 21 g. any other information the Commission deems appropriate
- 22 to guide funding decisions, facilitate its work or the
- 23 work of workforce development entities in the state,
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1 or to understand the impact of the state's workforce
2 efforts and programming;

3 13. To create and maintain a public dashboard and create
4 reports with data concerning workforce development efforts in the
5 state. All state and local agencies, departments, educational
6 institutions, boards, commissions, and other public entities shall
7 cooperate with information and data requests from the Commission or
8 its designees. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
9 Oklahoma Workforce Commission serve as the centralized data and
10 information repository for workforce development activities for the
11 state; and

12 14. To make recommendations to the Legislature to improve
13 workforce development programs in the state.

14 Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 2024.

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17 Presiding Officer of the Senate

18 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
19 2024.

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