

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1304 creates the Oklahoma Workforce Education Revolving Fund for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The measure directs the Department to award funds to eligible institutions of higher education on a pro rata basis based on the number of students enrolled in the institution to be used to provide tuition assistance to students who enroll in or to expand instructional course offerings in fields of study related to critical occupation areas identified by the Department. To be eligible for funds, the bill requires an institution of higher education to apply and include an attestation that it has not, except as required by federal law, established a diversity, equity, and inclusion office; hired or assigned employees to perform the duties of such an office; compelled or required any person to provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement or to give preferential consideration to a person based on such a statement; gave preference on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin to an applicant for employment, an employee, or a participant in any institutional function; or required, as a condition of enrolling or performing any institution function, any person to participate in diversity, equity, and inclusion training that includes certain concepts.

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