

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 662 By: Pugh of the Senate
3 and
4 Hill of the House
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7 An Act relating to workforce development; amending
8 Section 5, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 2023 (40 O.S. Supp.
9 2024, Section 904), which relates to the powers,
duties, and responsibilities of the Oklahoma
10 Workforce Commission; expanding duties; authorizing
the Commission to implement certain programs to
11 address certain needs; allowing Commission to utilize
certain funds; providing for promulgation of rules;
12 updating statutory references; updating statutory
language; providing for codification; and providing
an effective date.

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16 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Lay

17 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill
18 and insert:
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duties, and responsibilities of the Oklahoma
23 Workforce Commission; expanding duties; authorizing
the Commission to develop and implement certain
24 programs to address certain needs; allowing
Commission to utilize certain funds; providing for
promulgation of rules; creating the Oklahoma

1 Workforce Commission Revolving Fund; determining
2 sources of funds; declaring the funds appropriated;
3 determining a purpose of the funds; updating
4 statutory references; updating statutory language;
5 providing for codification; and providing an
6 effective date.

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

8 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 361, O.S.L.
9 2023 (40 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 904), is amended to read as
10 follows:

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

- 13 1. To administer the provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma
14 Workforce Transformation Act or any duty as directed by statute;
- 15 2. To establish an office for the Commission within this state;
- 16 3. To elect whatever other officers may be necessary to direct
17 operations of the Commission;
- 18 4. To employ or contract for personnel and administrative
19 support as the Commission deems appropriate to carry out the purpose
20 and provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Workforce Transformation
21 Act, including, but not limited to, a nonprofit corporation to carry
22 out the Commission's objectives, an ~~Executive Director~~ executive
23 director or other chief executive officer, and any other employees
24 or contractors the Commission deems appropriate, and to prescribe
their duties and fix their compensation;

1 5. To administer the Workforce Coordination Revolving Fund
2 created in Section 255.4 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3 6. To administer the Oklahoma Workforce Commission Revolving
4 Fund created in Section 3 of this act;

5 7. To approve or disapprove the budget of the Commission;

6 ~~7.~~ 8. To promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of ~~this~~
7 ~~act~~ the Oklahoma Workforce Transformation Act;

8 ~~8.~~ 9. To enter into contracts or agreements for studies,
9 professional services, grant administration and procurement,
10 research projects, supplies, or any other services the Commission
11 deems necessary to carry out its purpose, and to incur those
12 expenses necessary to carry out those purposes;

13 ~~9.~~ 10. To cooperate with any private, local, state, or national
14 commission, organization, agency, or group and to make contracts and
15 agreements for joint programs beneficial to Oklahoma's workforce
16 development efforts;

17 ~~10.~~ 11. To accept donations, grants, contributions, and gifts
18 from any public or private source and deposit such in the Oklahoma
19 Workforce ~~Coordination~~ Commission Revolving Fund, created in Section
20 ~~255.4~~ 3 of ~~Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this act;

21 ~~11.~~ 12. To oversee and direct to the extent permitted by law
22 the activities and administration of the Governor's Council for
23 Workforce and Economic Development, including, but not limited to,
24 the creation and submission of state plans to the federal government

1 pursuant to the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and
2 Opportunity Act;

3 ~~12.~~ 13. To collect data from federal, state, and local
4 agencies, departments, educational institutions, boards,
5 commissions, or any other entities including, but not limited to:

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

18 ~~13.~~ 14. To create and maintain a public dashboard and create
19 reports with data concerning workforce development efforts in the
20 state. All state and local agencies, departments, educational
21 institutions, boards, commissions, and other public entities shall
22 cooperate with information and data requests from the Commission or
23 its designees. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that the~~ The
24 Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall serve as the centralized data

1 and information repository for workforce development activities for
2 the state; and

3 ~~14.~~ 15. To make recommendations to the Legislature to improve
4 workforce development programs in the state;

5 16. To implement programs designed to expand workforce
6 development; and

7 17. To work with, use and provide data the legislatively
8 created map developed to help make decisions on economic development
9 and workforce needs in the state.

10 SECTION 2. 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. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 904 of Title 40 of the
14 Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall implement
15 programs in this state to address the following:

16 1. Development of a workforce in high demand occupations or
17 critical occupations as determined by the Oklahoma Workforce
18 Commission. Actions taken by the Commission may include:

19 a. identifying the needs of higher education institutions
20 suited for certain high demand or critical workforce
21 areas and helping the institutions develop and
22 implement plans to address those needs,

23 b. identify outcomes based on funding,
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- c. identifying and partnering for scholarship match opportunities for students interested in these high demand and critical workforce fields, and
- d. helping institutions increase program capacity;

2. Development of work-based learning opportunities, which may include, but not be limited to, internships, apprenticeships, and other career exploration and exposure; and

3. Development of innovation within public schools as defined in Section 1-106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes that supports workforce success, which may include:

- a. developing enhanced or unique education pathways,
- b. utilizing development grants for basic skills development,
- c. utilizing regulatory innovation grants, and
- d. assisting in the development of career-connected high schools.

B. The Commission may administer these programs through funds in the Oklahoma Workforce Commission Revolving Fund created in Section 3 of this act.

C. The Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 906 of Title 40, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Workforce Commission to be designated the "Oklahoma Workforce Commission Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Commission from appropriations, donations, grants, and other sources of funding. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Commission for the purpose of duties imposed upon the Commission by law. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025."

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the day of , 2025.

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5 out the Commission's objectives, an ~~Executive Director~~ executive
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7 or contractors the Commission deems appropriate, and to prescribe
8 their duties and fix their compensation;

9 5. To administer the Workforce Coordination Revolving Fund
10 created in Section 255.4 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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22 development efforts;

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1 Coordination Revolving Fund, created in Section 255.4 of Title 62 of
2 the Oklahoma Statutes;

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4 activities and administration of the Governor's Council for
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18 Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall implement
19 programs in this state to address the following:

20 1. High demand and critical occupation workforce development,
21 which may:

22 a. identify the needs of institutions of higher education
23 suited for certain critical workforce areas,

24 b. identify outcomes based on funding,

1 c. scholarship match, and

2 d. improve program capacity development;

3 2. Work-based learning opportunities, which may include, but
4 not be limited to, internships, apprenticeships, and other career
5 exploration and exposure; and

6 3. K-12 district innovation for workforce success, which may:

7 a. enhance pathway development,

8 b. utilize development grants for basic skills
9 development,

10 c. utilize regulatory innovation grants, and

11 d. develop career-connected high schools.

12 B. The Commission may administer these programs through funds
13 in the Workforce Coordination Revolving Fund created in Section
14 255.4 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

15 C. The Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to implement
16 the provisions of this section.

17 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

1 Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2025.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House
10 of Representatives