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April 15, 2025

AS AMENDED

ENGROSSED HOUSE

BILL NO. 1376

By: Boles and Hill of the House

and

Thompson of the Senate

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5060.26, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5060.26. A. A private, not-for-profit corporation may be organized pursuant to the provisions of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the provisions of this act to develop the Industrial Extension System in Oklahoma, with a special emphasis on minority business enterprises. Such corporation, upon certification by Oklahoma Futures, shall be known as and may exercise all of the powers of OAME.

B. In addition to the provisions and requirements of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the certificate of incorporation and the bylaws of OAME must be certified by Oklahoma Futures and the certificate of incorporation shall:

1 1. Designate the name of the corporation as the Oklahoma
2 Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence, Inc.;

3 2. Provide that the exclusive purposes of OAME are public
4 purposes to assist small and medium-sized manufacturing firms, with
5 a special emphasis on minority business enterprises, to gain the
6 ability, through education, technology transfer, and otherwise, to
7 compete successfully at progressively higher levels of value-added
8 in the national and international economy;

9 3. Provide for the following three classes of membership in
10 OAME which shall have representation on the Board of Directors of
11 OAME:

- 12 a. one class composed of small and medium-sized
13 manufacturing firms located in Oklahoma, and the
14 certificate of incorporation shall provide for the
15 qualifications for membership in such class,
16 b. one class composed of large corporations, and the
17 certificate of incorporation shall provide for the
18 qualifications for membership in such class, and
19 c. one class composed of state entities, including, but
20 not limited to, the Oklahoma Center for the
21 Advancement of Science and Technology, the Oklahoma
22 Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Department of
23 Career and Technology Education, and the Oklahoma
24 State Regents for Higher Education;

1 4. Provide for classes of associate membership which shall not
2 have representation on the Board of Directors of OAME, except as
3 provided in paragraph 5 of this subsection;

4 5. Provide that the Board of Directors of OAME shall consist of
5 ~~five~~ nine representatives of members who shall be individuals
6 elected at the first annual meeting of OAME by members of the class
7 composed of small and medium-sized manufacturing firms, and four
8 representatives of members who shall be individuals elected at the
9 first annual meeting of OAME by members of the class composed of
10 large corporations. The Board of Directors also shall include the
11 ~~President~~ following state governmental representatives as ex officio
12 members: the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Center for the
13 Advancement of Science and Technology, the Executive Director of a
14 designee from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Director of
15 and a designee from the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology
16 Education and the Chancellor of Higher Education as ex officio
17 ~~members~~ (CareerTech). The bylaws of OAME may provide for designees
18 who may serve in the place of any of the directors and the terms
19 under which any such designation will be made. The Board of
20 Directors shall have the power to elect, from time to time, persons
21 to serve as directors who are associate members or are not
22 affiliated with any entity or firm which qualifies for membership in
23 OAME, provided that no more than ~~three (3)~~ of one such ~~persons~~
24 person shall serve on the Board of Directors at any time;

1 6. Have the authority to set membership dues in an amount to be
2 determined by the Board of Directors. No participating state entity
3 shall pay membership dues;

4 7. Provide for all powers necessary or appropriate to carry out
5 and effectuate its corporate purposes, including, but not limited
6 to, the following:

7 a. to maintain an office at such place or places as it
8 may designate,

9 b. to make and execute contracts with any individual,
10 corporation, association or any other entity and all
11 other instruments necessary or convenient for the
12 performance of its duties and the exercise of its
13 powers and functions under this act,

14 c. to receive funds from any source to carry out the
15 purposes of this act, including, but not limited to,
16 gifts or grants from any department, agency or
17 instrumentality of the United States or of the state
18 for any purpose consistent with the provisions of this
19 act,

20 d. to acquire or sell, convey, lease, exchange, transfer
21 or otherwise dispose of its property or any interest
22 therein,

23 e. to develop plans and policies to assist small and
24 medium-sized manufacturing companies in Oklahoma,

- 1 f. to enter into contracts to provide assistance to small
2 and medium-sized manufacturing companies, including,
3 but not limited to, the following categories:
- 4 (1) technology,
 - 5 (2) human resources development,
 - 6 (3) market planning,
 - 7 (4) finance, and
 - 8 (5) inter-firm collaboration,
- 9 g. to assist other organizations providing general
10 business assistance to small and medium-sized
11 manufacturing enterprises,
- 12 h. to establish manufacturing quality and standards
13 certification programs, setting minimum standards and
14 issuing certification to companies meeting such
15 standards,
- 16 i. to develop and distribute information about
17 manufacturing modernization and assistance that is
18 available to support efforts to improve the abilities
19 of small and medium-sized firms to produce and market
20 higher value-added products,
- 21 j. to establish a system to evaluate the effectiveness
22 and efficiency of services provided to small and
23 medium-sized manufacturing firms,
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- 1 k. to establish and operate, directly or under contract,
2 an information system designed to access resources
3 that will assist the firms to become more productive,
4 l. establish a training program for individuals working
5 on behalf of small and medium-sized manufacturing
6 firms, and
7 m. to establish special educational and informational
8 programs for its members.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

10 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE
AND TOURISM

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