

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 662

By: Pugh of the Senate

and

Hill of the House

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11 An Act relating to workforce development; amending
12 Section 5, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 2023 (40 O.S. Supp.
13 2024, Section 904), which relates to the powers,
14 duties, and responsibilities of the Oklahoma
15 Workforce Commission; expanding duties; authorizing
16 the Commission to develop and implement certain
17 programs to address certain needs; allowing
18 Commission to utilize certain funds; providing for
19 promulgation of rules; creating the Oklahoma
20 Workforce Commission Revolving Fund; determining
21 sources of funds; declaring the funds appropriated;
22 determining a purpose of the funds; updating
23 statutory references; updating statutory language;
24 providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 361, O.S.L.

2023 (40 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 904), is amended to read as

follows:

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

3 1. To administer the provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma
4 Workforce Transformation Act or any duty as directed by statute;

5 2. To establish an office for the Commission within this state;

6 3. To elect whatever other officers may be necessary to direct
7 operations of the Commission;

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

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

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

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

21 ~~7.~~ 8. To promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of ~~this~~
22 ~~act~~ the Oklahoma Workforce Transformation Act;

23 ~~8.~~ 9. To enter into contracts or agreements for studies,
24 professional services, grant administration and procurement,

1 research projects, supplies, or any other services the Commission
2 deems necessary to carry out its purpose, and to incur those
3 expenses necessary to carry out those purposes;

4 ~~9.~~ 10. To cooperate with any private, local, state, or national
5 commission, organization, agency, or group and to make contracts and
6 agreements for joint programs beneficial to Oklahoma's workforce
7 development efforts;

8 ~~10.~~ 11. To accept donations, grants, contributions, and gifts
9 from any public or private source and deposit such in the Oklahoma
10 Workforce ~~Coordination~~ Commission Revolving Fund, created in Section
11 255.4 3 of ~~Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this act;

12 ~~11.~~ 12. To oversee and direct to the extent permitted by law
13 the activities and administration of the Governor's Council for
14 Workforce and Economic Development, including, but not limited to,
15 the creation and submission of state plans to the federal government
16 pursuant to the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and
17 Opportunity Act;

18 ~~12.~~ 13. To collect data from federal, state, and local
19 agencies, departments, educational institutions, boards,
20 commissions, or any other entities including, but not limited to:

- 21 a. number of participants in workforce development
- 22 programming,
- 23 b. cost per participant,
- 24 c. wages before and after participation in programs,

- d. degree or certificate conferred on each participant,
- e. number of jobs open needing degrees or certificates,
- f. labor force and economic information, and
- g. any other information the Commission deems appropriate to guide funding decisions, facilitate its work or the work of workforce development entities in the state, or to understand the impact of the state's workforce efforts and programming;

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

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

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

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

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 905 of Title 40, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 904 of Title 40 of the
5 Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall implement
6 programs in this state to address the following:

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

- 10 a. identifying the needs of higher education institutions
11 suited for certain high demand or critical workforce
12 areas and helping the institutions develop and
13 implement plans to address those needs,
- 14 b. identify outcomes based on funding,
- 15 c. identifying and partnering for scholarship match
16 opportunities for students interested in these high
17 demand and critical workforce fields, and
- 18 d. helping institutions increase program capacity;

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
16 fund for the Oklahoma Workforce Commission to be designated the
17 "Oklahoma Workforce Commission Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
18 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
19 consist of all monies received by the Commission from
20 appropriations, donations, grants, and other sources of funding.
21 All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby
22 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Commission for
23 the purpose of duties imposed upon the Commission by law.
24 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by

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

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

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