

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB621 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Andy Fugate _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 PROPOSED
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 621

By: Pugh of the Senate

and

Hill of the House

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9 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Workforce
11 Transformation Act; providing short title; defining
12 terms; creating the Oklahoma Workforce Commission;
13 providing purpose; providing for membership;
14 providing for qualification of commissioners; stating
15 appointment terms; allowing for election of chair and
16 vice chair; requiring certain meeting; allowing
17 certain reimbursement; stating quorum; providing for
18 powers, duties, and responsibilities of the
19 Commission; creating the Workforce Development
20 Revolving Fund; allowing certain investments;
21 prohibiting certain fund utilization; providing for
22 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 900 of Title 40, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
Workforce Transformation Act".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 901 of Title 40, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 As used in this act:

5 1. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Workforce Commission;

6 2. "Person" means any individual, group of individuals, or any
7 partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or employee
8 thereof, or any other legal entity; and

9 3. "Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development"
10 means the State's Workforce Investment Board established under the
11 authority of Executive Order 2005-27 and Section 5003.10d of Title
12 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 902 of Title 40, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 There is hereby created the Oklahoma Workforce Commission. The
17 purpose of the Commission is to coordinate the development of the
18 workforce needed to grow Oklahoma's economy and Oklahomans'
19 prosperity. To accomplish this purpose, the Commission is empowered
20 to the fullest extent permitted by law to coordinate the funding and
21 activities of each element of the state's workforce development
22 programs, systems, and entities, to achieve better alignment,
23 accountability, and results for the state's workforce development
24 efforts, and to act as the principal point of contact regarding

1 workforce development for public officials, businesses, and the
2 public.

3 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 903 of Title 40, unless there is
5 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. The Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall consist of nine (9)
7 appointed members and three (3) ex officio members. The nine
8 members shall be representatives of private sector companies which
9 do business in this state:

10 1. Three members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
11 of the Senate;

12 2. Three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives; and

14 3. Three members to be appointed by the Governor.

15 B. The ex officio voting members shall be:

16 1. State Labor Commissioner, or designee;

17 2. Chancellor for Higher Education, or designee; and

18 3. Director of CareerTech, or designee.

19 C. The members of the Commission shall:

20 1. Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age;

21 2. Have at least three (3) years of experience working in the
22 private sector; and

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1 3. Not be employed by any government entity or have been
2 employed by a government entity within the preceding five-year
3 period.

4 D. For the initial appointments of Commissioners, each
5 appointing authority shall make one appointment for a one-year term,
6 one appointment for a two-year term, and one appointment for a
7 three-year term. Thereafter, the terms of the Commissioners shall
8 be for three (3) years.

9 E. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled for the
10 unexpired term of office in the same manner as the original
11 appointment. The appointed members shall be removed from office by
12 a majority vote of the three appointing authorities in a manner
13 prescribed by law.

14 F. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be elected by a
15 majority vote of the Commissioners. The Chair shall preside over
16 meetings of the Commission and perform duties as may be required by
17 the Commission. The first meeting of the Commission shall be called
18 by the chairperson no later than sixty (60) days after the effective
19 date of this act.

20 G. No member of the Commission shall receive a salary for
21 duties performed as a member of the Commission; however, members are
22 eligible to receive reimbursement for expenses and travel
23 reimbursement as provided for in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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1 H. Members serving on the Commission shall be eligible to serve
2 on any other state board or commission if such member is otherwise
3 qualified to hold such appointed office, notwithstanding the
4 provisions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 I. A quorum of five members shall be required to conduct
6 official business of the Commission.

7 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 904 of Title 40, unless there is
9 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 The Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall have the following
11 power, duties, and responsibilities:

12 1. To administer the provisions of this act or any duty as
13 directed by statute;

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

15 3. To elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson and whatever
16 other officers may be necessary to direct operations of the
17 Commission;

18 4. To employ or contract for personnel and administrative
19 support as shall be deemed necessary to carry out the purpose and
20 provisions of this act, including but not limited to a nonprofit
21 corporation to carry out the Commission's objectives, an Executive
22 Director or other chief executive officer, and to prescribe their
23 duties and fix their compensation;

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- 1 5. To establish and administer the Workforce Development
2 Revolving Fund;
- 3 6. To approve or disapprove the budget of the Commission;
- 4 7. To promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of this act;
- 5 8. To enter into contracts or agreements for studies,
6 professional services, grant administration and procurement,
7 research projects, supplies, or any other services the Commission
8 deems necessary to carry out its purpose, and to incur those
9 expenses necessary to carry out those purposes;
- 10 9. To cooperate with any private, local state or national
11 commission, organization, agency, or group and to make contracts and
12 agreements for joint programs beneficial to Oklahoma's workforce
13 development efforts;
- 14 10. To accept donations, grants, contributions, and gifts from
15 any public or private source and deposit such in the Workforce
16 Development Revolving Fund, created in Section 7 of this act;
- 17 11. To approve or disapprove the investment of any monies in
18 the Workforce Development Revolving Fund; and
- 19 12. To oversee and direct to the extent permitted by law the
20 activities and administration of the Governor's Council for
21 Workforce and Economic Development, including but not limited to the
22 creation and submission of state plans to the federal government
23 pursuant to the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and
24 Opportunity Act.

1 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 906 of Title 40, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
5 for the Oklahoma Workforce Commission to be designated the
6 "Workforce Development Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
7 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
8 consist of all monies transferred to the Oklahoma Workforce
9 Commission to further the purposes of this act from public
10 appropriations and donations, grants, contributions, or gifts from
11 any public or private source. All monies accruing to the credit of
12 the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by
13 the Commission for the purpose of developing the state's workforce,
14 advancing the purposes of the Commission, or any other purpose
15 proposed by the Commission and consented to by the Committee.
16 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
17 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
18 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
19 approval and payment.

20 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 907 of Title 40, unless there is
22 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. The Commission may invest its funds only in obligations of
24 the United States or any agency thereof, in general obligations of

1 any state, in any interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit
2 of a bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve System, or in
3 obligations fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the
4 United States.

5 B. The Commission shall be prohibited from utilizing any funds
6 for the purpose of influencing governmental action or policy, with
7 the exception of recommending amendments to this act, and for
8 purposes of obtaining state or federal funding for the Commission's
9 activities.

10 SECTION 8. 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.

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