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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the State Board of Career and
8 Technology Education; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Sections
9 14-101, 14-103 and 14-104, which relate to career and
10 technical education; transferring authority to
11 appoint the Director from the State Board of Career
12 and Technical Education to the Governor; making the
13 Board an advisory board; transferring duties to the
14 Director; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 14-101, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 14-101. A. There is hereby created the State Board of
19 Career and Technology Education which shall be an advisory board to
20 the Director of Career and Technical Education who shall succeed to
21 all of the powers and duties heretofore invested in the State Board
22 for Vocational Education of Career and Technology Education. All
23 duties and powers of the Board shall be transferred to the Director.
24 Any provision in statute that provides authority to the Board that
is not advisory in nature shall be deemed to grant the duty or power

1 to the Director. The membership of the State Board of Career and
2 Technology Education shall consist of:

3 1. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction who shall be
4 an ex officio voting member;

5 2. Two appointed members of the State Board of Education,
6 selected by the Governor, to serve as ex officio voting members.

7 One State Board member shall be selected for a one-year term and one
8 State Board member shall be selected for a two-year term; and

9 3. Five members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice
10 and consent of the Senate. Each appointed member shall be an owner,
11 chief executive or operating officer, or business executive with
12 policy-making or hiring authority for a business or industry located
13 in the state or with a business or industry where a significant
14 number of the workforce performs a task for which training or other
15 educational service may be obtained from the career and technology
16 education system. The Governor shall appoint one such appointive
17 member from each of the congressional districts and any remaining
18 members shall be appointed from the state at large.

19 However, when congressional districts are redrawn each member
20 appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which such modification
21 becomes effective shall complete the current term of office and
22 appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such
23 modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn
24 districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such

1 modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts
2 which are not represented by a board member until such time as each
3 of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board
4 member. No member shall be appointed pursuant to this paragraph who
5 has not resided in the relevant congressional district for at least
6 six (6) months prior to the date of appointment; and

7 4. One member who represents the public, private and/or
8 educational interests of the state shall be appointed by the
9 Governor from the state at large with the advice and consent of the
10 Senate.

11 B. All initial appointments made by the Governor pursuant to
12 this ~~act~~ section shall be for terms as follows:

13 1. Initial appointments of the two members of the State Board
14 of Education pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section
15 shall be for terms as follows:

- 16 a. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2004, and
- 17 b. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2005;

18 2. Initial appointments of the six members pursuant to
19 paragraphs 3 and 4 of subsection A of this section shall be for
20 terms as follows:

- 21 a. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2004,
- 22 b. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2005,
- 23 c. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2006,
- 24 d. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2007,

1 e. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2008, and

2 f. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2009;

3 3. The member appointed to represent the state at large shall
4 be the initial appointment for the term ending April 1, 2009;

5 4. After the initial terms, all members appointed by the
6 Governor shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years. Initial
7 appointments pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be
8 made no later than September 1, 2003. All terms shall expire on the
9 first day of April of the year in which the term of each member
10 expires, except for the terms of office of members serving on the
11 Board on the effective date of this section, which shall expire
12 August 31, 2003;

13 5. The Chair of the Board shall be the State Superintendent of
14 Public Instruction. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of
15 Career and Technology Education shall serve as an ex officio
16 nonvoting member and shall be the executive officer of the Board;
17 and

18 6. Members of the State Board of Career and Technology
19 Education shall be subject to the orientation and continuing
20 education requirements for school board members specified in
21 Sections 5-110 and 5-110.1 of this title. Failure of a member to
22 satisfy these requirements shall result in the member vacating the
23 seat and the vacancy being filled as provided by law.

1 C. No person shall be eligible to be appointed to serve on the
2 Board unless the person has been awarded a high school diploma or
3 certificate of high school equivalency.

4 D. For each additional month employed, the additional salary
5 shall be calculated on the basis of one-tenth (1/10) of the base
6 salary as prescribed by the school district for a teacher of like
7 qualifications employed on a ten-months' basis.

8 E. The official name of the Board which is known as the "State
9 Board of Vocational and Technical Education" shall be designated in
10 all future references as the "State Board of Career and Technology
11 Education". Any references in the statutes to the State Board of
12 Vocational and Technical Education shall be deemed references to the
13 State Board of Career and Technology Education.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 14-103. The State Board of Career and Technology
17 Education shall have the following powers and duties:

- 18 1. Have the supervision of the Oklahoma Department of Career
19 and Technology Education of the State Board of Career and Technology
20 Education, which department shall keep its principal offices at
21 Stillwater, and appoint and fix the compensation and duties of ~~the~~
22 ~~Director and other~~ personnel of such Department, other than the
23 Director;

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1 2. Have the supervision of the technology center schools and
2 colleges of Oklahoma, except Oklahoma State University Institute of
3 Technology-Okmulgee and the Oklahoma State University Technical
4 Institutes at Oklahoma City and Stillwater, which, however, shall be
5 eligible to participate in federal programs administered by the
6 State Board of Career and Technology Education as hereinafter
7 provided;

8 3. Cooperate with, and enter into agreements with, and
9 administer programs of, and receive federal funds from, the United
10 States Department of Education and other federal agencies in matters
11 relating to vocational and technical education, youth apprenticeship
12 programs, and manpower training, and be the sole state agency for
13 such purposes. Provided that, programs and funds made available
14 through the Job Training Partnership Act, or its successor programs,
15 shall be excluded;

16 4. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula,
17 courses of study, and other instructional aids necessary for the
18 adequate instruction of students in the technology center schools
19 and colleges of this state. It is the intent of the Legislature
20 that instructional models for vocational students should include
21 higher standards of academic work with increased emphasis on
22 communication, computation and applied science;

23 5. Develop a plan to provide adequate vocational offerings
24 accessible to all students having the ability to benefit;

1 6. Purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, materials, supplies
2 and other property, real or personal, as may be necessary for the
3 operation of the technology center schools of this state, and
4 provide for the maximum utilization of such property through a
5 coordinated and cooperative use thereof, including transfer of title
6 to real and personal property to a technology center school district
7 for a reasonable cash consideration if said property is to be
8 utilized in a vocational-technical program administered by the
9 technology center district board of education. Any conveyance of
10 real property for a reasonable consideration shall contain a
11 reversionary clause by which the real property shall revert to the
12 State Board of Career and Technology Education if the property
13 ceases to be used in a vocational-technical program administered by
14 the technology center district board of education;

15 7. Enter into such agreements and contracts with the State
16 Board of Education, boards of trustees of community junior colleges,
17 boards of education of independent and elementary school districts,
18 boards of education of school districts for technology center
19 schools, private educational or training institutions, public or
20 private industry, and boards of directors of community action
21 programs, as may be necessary or feasible for the furtherance of
22 vocational and technical training within this state;

23 8. Cooperate and enter into agreements with the Oklahoma State
24 Regents for Higher Education;

1 9. Cooperate with the State Department of Education in
2 developing hands-on career exploration activities for students in
3 grades 6 through 10, integrating academic competencies into
4 vocational instruction, and ensuring counseling of all students in
5 order to minimize the number of students graduating from high school
6 without having completed either a vocational-technical program or
7 college preparation;

8 10. Develop and periodically update a plan to allow teacher
9 training and the purchase and installation of technological
10 equipment necessary to modernize vocational educational programs;

11 11. Accept and provide for the administration of any land,
12 money, buildings, gifts, funds, donations or other things of value
13 which may be offered or bequeathed to the schools or colleges under
14 the supervision or control of said Board;

15 12. Enter into cooperative arrangements with one or more other
16 states for the conduct and administration of programs, services and
17 activities;

18 13. Cooperate whenever possible, to avoid any duplication of
19 training programs with any established training program registered
20 by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States
21 Department of Labor;

22 14. Accept and expend funds from any source in order to market,
23 advertise or promote programs and services available through the
24 Career and Technology Education system; and

1 15. Participate in activities pertaining to the recruitment of
2 companies to locate or expand operations in the state, and
3 participate in activities that will increase the competitiveness of
4 companies with headquarters or branch operations located in the
5 state. These activities may require agency staff to travel, train,
6 or provide technical assistance outside the State of Oklahoma.

7 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 14-104, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 14-104. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma
10 Department of Career and Technology Education, which shall consist
11 of such divisions, units and positions as may be established by the
12 State Board of Career and Technology Education. The department
13 shall be under the control of the State Board of Career and
14 Technology Education, which shall formulate policies and adopt rules
15 for the administration and operation of the department.

16 B. The chief executive officer of the Department shall be the
17 Director of Career and Technical Education, who shall be appointed
18 by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and
19 shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and may be removed or
20 replaced without cause. Compensation for the Director shall be
21 determined pursuant to Section 3601.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
22 Statutes.

23 C. The official name of the state agency which is known as
24 "State Department of Vocational and Technical Education" or the

1 "Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education" shall be
2 designated in all future references as the "Oklahoma Department of
3 Career and Technology Education". Any references in the statutes to
4 the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education or the
5 Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education shall be
6 deemed references to the Oklahoma Department of Career and
7 Technology Education.

8 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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