

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 HOUSE BILL 3683

By: Kannady of the House

5 and

6 **Hall** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Military Department;  
11 creating the Defense Workforce Grant Program; placing  
12 the program at a certain agency; providing purpose;  
13 requiring certain reports; establishing the Defense  
14 Workforce Grant Program Revolving Fund; establishing  
fund nature; authorizing certain budgeting and  
15 expenditure of funds for certain purposes; providing  
16 for codification; providing an effective date; and  
17 declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 238 of Title 44, unless there is  
21 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Defense  
23 Workforce Grant Program".  
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1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 239 of Title 44, unless there is  
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 There is hereby created the Defense Workforce Grant Program  
5 which shall be administered by the Oklahoma Military Department.  
6 The Program shall increase the workforce in Oklahoma, specifically  
7 the workforce dedicated to federal defense contract work. The  
8 program shall help provide gap financing to companies actively  
9 working with the United States Department of Defense or any United  
10 States Military Branch to expand current contracts or secure new  
11 contracts for new work. The Program shall not be used for renewal  
12 of contracts with the United States Department of Defense or any  
13 United States Military Branch. The location of the work to be  
14 provided shall be in a county of the state with a population of less  
15 than seventy-five thousand (75,000) people per the 2020 Federal  
16 Decennial Census. The applying company shall have available other  
17 sources of funding dedicated to helping finance the new project or  
18 the expansion of an existing project. Beginning July 1, 2025, the  
19 Oklahoma Military Department shall provide an annual report to the  
20 Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the  
21 President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, Appropriations and Budget  
22 Chair of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the  
23 Appropriations Chair of the State Senate that includes, but is not  
24 limited to, the number of awards that have been granted, what

1 percentage of those funds that have been expended, and the increased  
2 number of employees that have been hired by awardees.

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 240 of Title 44, unless there is  
5 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
7 for the Oklahoma Military Department to be designated the "Defense  
8 Workforce Grant Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
9 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
10 consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Military Department  
11 from appropriations, donations, grants, or other sources of funding  
12 specifically designated for deposit to the Defense Workforce Grant  
13 Program Revolving Fund. All monies accruing to the credit of said  
14 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the  
15 Military Department for the purpose of the Defense Workforce Grant  
16 Program. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants  
17 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
18 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
19 Services for approval and payment. The Military Department may  
20 retain one percent (1%) of all funds otherwise deposited to the fund  
21 to cover administrative costs related to the Defense Workforce Grant  
22 Program.

23 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.  
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1       SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
7 02/22/2024 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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