

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 410

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state agency directors; amending
8 70 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, which relates to the
9 State Department of Career and Technology Education;
10 amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3205, as amended by
11 Section 625, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.
12 2016, Section 3205), which relates to the Oklahoma
13 State Regents for Higher Education; amending 72 O.S.
14 2011, Section 63.3, as amended by Section 4, Chapter
15 262, O.S.L. 2014 (72 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 63.3),
16 which relates to the Department of Veterans Affairs;
17 modifying appointing authority for certain position;
18 requiring advice and consent of Senate for
19 appointment of certain positions; clarifying
20 language; providing an effective date; and declaring
21 an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, is
24 amended to read as follows:

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

1. Have the supervision of the Oklahoma Department of Career
and Technology Education of the State Board of Career and Technology
Education, which department shall keep its principal offices at

1 Stillwater, and appoint and fix the compensation and duties of the
2 Director and other personnel of such Department; provided, the
3 Director of the Department shall be appointed by the Board, by and
4 with the consent of the Senate;

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

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

20 4. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula,
21 courses of study, and other instructional aids necessary for the
22 adequate instruction of students in the technology center schools
23 and colleges of this state. It is the intent of the Legislature
24 that instructional models for vocational students should include

1 higher standards of academic work with increased emphasis on
2 communication, computation and applied science;

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

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

19 7. Enter into such agreements and contracts with the State
20 Board of Education, boards of trustees of community junior colleges,
21 boards of education of independent and elementary school districts,
22 boards of education of school districts for technology center
23 schools, private educational or training institutions, public or
24 private industry, and boards of directors of community action

1 programs, as may be necessary or feasible for the furtherance of
2 vocational and technical training within this state;

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

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

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

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

19 12. Enter into cooperative arrangements with one or more other
20 states for the conduct and administration of programs, services and
21 activities;

22 13. Cooperate whenever possible, to avoid any duplication of
23 training programs with any established training program registered
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1 by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States
2 Department of Labor;

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

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

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3205, as
13 amended by Section 625, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.
14 2016, Section 3205), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 3205. ~~(a)~~ A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
16 Education shall be furnished suitable permanent quarters by the
17 Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority for which the State Regents
18 shall pay an appropriate rental charge ~~and~~.

19 B. The State Regents shall appoint and fix the duties and
20 compensation of such personnel as the State Regents deems necessary
21 to perform its functions and duties; provided, the Chancellor of
22 Higher Education or any successor position equivalent to the
23 director of the agency shall be appointed by the State Regents, by
24 and with the consent of the Senate.

1 C. Until such time as space can be provided by the Oklahoma
2 Capitol Improvement Authority the Office of Management and
3 Enterprise Services shall provide quarters for the State Regents
4 without rental charge.

5 D. The State Regents may establish and maintain plans for
6 tenure and retirement of its employees and for payment of deferred
7 compensation of such employees, and may provide hospital and medical
8 benefits, accident, health, and life insurance, and annuity
9 contracts for such employees, and pay for all or part of the cost
10 thereof, with funds available for payment of its operating expenses.

11 ~~(b)~~ E. Monies received by the State Regents for payment of the
12 cost of maintaining offices, payment of personnel, and other
13 operating expenses shall be deposited in a special fund in the State
14 Treasury, to be known as the "Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
15 Education Revolving Fund". Such fund shall be a continuing fund not
16 subject to appropriation by the Legislature, and shall be subject to
17 expenditure by and shall be paid out upon the order of the State
18 Regents at such times and in such amounts as the State Regents may
19 direct. Disbursements from such revolving fund shall be by state
20 warrants issued by the State Treasurer.

21 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 63.3, as
22 amended by Section 4, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2014 (72 O.S. Supp. 2016,
23 Section 63.3), is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 63.3. A. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission shall
2 perform all acts necessary or proper to afford emergency, temporary
3 and permanent relief and assistance to all honorably discharged ex-
4 service persons of all wars of the United States of America and to
5 their dependents, and shall perform such other duties as may be
6 prescribed by law. The Commission shall promulgate rules ~~and~~
7 ~~regulations~~, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act,
8 for the operation and maintenance of the Department of Veterans
9 Affairs; provided, however, in all cases priority and preference
10 shall always be given to disabled or diseased ex-service persons.
11 The members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for necessary
12 travel as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. In
13 addition to its other powers and duties as herein provided, the
14 Commission shall have the following specific powers and duties which
15 shall, however, not be deemed to be exclusive:

16 1. To organize itself by the election of a ~~Chairman~~ Chair, Vice
17 ~~Chairman~~ Chair and Secretary, who shall perform the duties required
18 of them by ~~the rules and regulations~~ law and rules, but shall
19 receive no extra compensation therefor, and to provide for the time
20 and place of meetings of the Commission;

21 2. To ~~appoint the Director of the Department of Veterans~~
22 ~~Affairs and~~ provide for the employment of all ~~such other~~ personnel,
23 other than the Director of the Department, as may be necessary to
24 carry out the provisions of Sections 63.1 through 63.4 of this

1 title, and any other duties prescribed by law. The salary ~~and~~
2 ~~tenure~~ of the Director of the Department shall be determined by the
3 Commission; and

4 3. To approve all claims or expenditures from such
5 appropriations as may be made to the Commission prior to the payment
6 thereof except as may be otherwise provided by law.

7 B. The Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be
8 appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate.

9 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

10 SECTION 5. 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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