

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE BILL 494

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2011, Section 5017.1, which relates to authority of
9 the Department of Commerce; requiring certain
10 information be publicly provided; specifying
11 information to be provided; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 5017.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 5017.1. A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall
17 have the authority to establish, administer and enforce state and
18 federal energy conservation programs including, but not limited to,
19 implementing The Energy Conservation Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-163),
20 National Energy Extension Service Act (P.L. 95-39, 42 U.S.C. Section
21 7001 et seq.) and the National Conservation Policy Act (P.L. 95-

22 B. The Energy Conservation Services Division of the ~~Oklahoma~~
23 Corporation Commission is hereby abolished. All personnel,
24 equipment, files, fixtures, funds, furniture, publications and
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1 supplies, and all duties, functions, authority and contractual
2 obligations that relate to the Energy Conservation Services Division
3 of the ~~Oklahoma~~ Corporation Commission are hereby transferred to and
4 vested in the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

5 C. Employees transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce
6 shall be classified and subject to the provisions of the Merit
7 System of Personnel Administration as provided for in the Oklahoma
8 Personnel Act. The salaries, grade and/or class of the employees
9 transferred shall be adjusted to be commensurate with comparable
10 positions in the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

11 D. The full-time-equivalent employee positions funded through
12 the federal energy conservation programs outlined in this section
13 shall terminate upon the exhaustion of ~~said~~ the federal funding.

14 E. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall make available on
15 its website information related to federal energy efficiency
16 incentive programs. This information shall be publicly available
17 and updated annually to maintain relevant information and promote
18 community awareness of available incentives. The information
19 provided shall include, but is not limited to:

20 1. Information regarding ongoing programs for individual
21 households, multi-family housing and any other energy efficiency
22 programs;

23 2. Information related to Oklahoma businesses that are
24 promoting and implementing energy efficiency incentive programs; and

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3. Any information that would promote public awareness and adoption of energy efficiency programs.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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