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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to quality jobs; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3602, 3603, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 2018, 3604, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 144, O.S.L. 2018, 3605, 3606, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 138, O.S.L. 2020 and 3607, as amended by Section 26, Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Sections 3603, 3604, 3606 and 3607), which relates to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act; modifying intent; modifying definitions; creating definitions; authorizing utilization of compound net benefit rate; requiring minimum net benefit rate; removing member of Incentive Approval Committee for basic industry establishments; eliminating quarterly incentive payments for certain establishments; adding compound net benefit rate to payment formula; removing exception; modifying wage requirement; prohibiting certain payments from wage requirement; removing tax liability requirement; removing average working hours requirement; requiring establishment to meet certain payroll and jobs threshold before receiving payment; requiring prior payments paid upon meeting certain threshold; providing minimum payroll and job requirements for certain qualification; removing certain payroll requirements for qualification; removing certain wage requirements for qualification after certain date; removing exception for certain negative economic event; authorizing political subdivision to apply for and receive payments for attracting and developing certain facility for certain term; limiting certain payments; providing minimum payroll requirements for qualified federal facility; removing determination requirement for certain net benefits; removing limit for certain incentive payment; requiring utilization of

cost/benefit analysis to determine certain benefit, rate and payment; removing repayment requirement for certain cessation of operations; requiring repayment of incentives for certain relocation within a provided timeframe; deleting certain fund deposit formula; requiring deposit according to estimate provided by Oklahoma Tax Commission; prohibiting payments in excess of certain state benefits for certain establishments; prohibiting application for additional payments until certain job creation or payroll thresholds are met; removing outdated and repealed statutory references; updating statutory references; clarifying statutory language; repealing 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3501, 3502, 3503, 3504, 3505, 3506, 3507 and 3508, which relate to the Oklahoma Federal Facilities Development Act; repealing 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3604.1, as amended by Section 25, Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2013, 3611 and 3612 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3604.1), which relate to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act; repealing 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3801, 3802, 3803, 3804, 3805, 3806, 3807 and 3808, which relate to the Former Military Facility Development Act; repealing 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3901, 3902, 3903, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 128, O.S.L. 2014, 3904, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 197, O.S.L. 2019, 3905, 3906, 3907, 3908, 3909 and 3910 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Sections 3903 and 3904), which relate to Small Employer Quality Jobs Incentive Act; repealing 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3911, 3912, 3913, 3914, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 144, O.S.L. 2018, 3915, 3916, 3917, 3918, 3919 and 3920 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3914), which relate to the 21st Century

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 3602, is

Quality Jobs Incentive Act; and providing an

22 | amended to read as follows:

effective date.

Section 3602. It is the intent of the Legislature that:

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- 1. \underline{a} . The State of Oklahoma provide appropriate incentives to support establishments of basic industries that hold the promise of significant development of the economy of the State of Oklahoma, and
 - b. to assist political subdivisions in attracting federal facility development and consequent job creation and ancillary economic growth within this state. In order to achieve these essential public purposes, it is necessary to assist and encourage political subdivisions to develop facilities for use by the federal government;
- 2. The amount of incentives provided pursuant to this act in connection with a particular establishment:
 - a. be directly related to the jobs created as a result of the establishment locating in the State of Oklahoma, and
 - b. not exceed the estimated net direct state benefits that will accrue to the state as a result of the establishment locating or expanding in the State of Oklahoma;
- 3. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Oklahoma Tax

 Commission implement the provisions of this act and exercise all

 powers as authorized in this act. The exercise of powers conferred

 by this act shall be deemed and held to be the performance of

 essential public purposes; and

1	4. Nothing herein shall be construed to constitute a guarantee
2	or assumption by the State of Oklahoma of any debt of any
3	individual, company, corporation or association nor to authorize the
4	credit of the State of Oklahoma to be given, pledged or loaned to
5	any individual, company, corporation or association.
6	SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 3603, as
7	last amended by Section 1, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 2018 (68 O.S. Supp.
8	2020, Section 3603), is amended to read as follows:
9	Section 3603. A. As used in the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program
10	Act:
11	1. a. "Basic industry" means:
12	(1) those manufacturing activities defined or
13	classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry
14	Sector Nos. 31, 32 and 33, Industry Group No.
15	5111 or Industry No. 11331,
16	(2) those electric power generation, transmission and
17	distribution activities defined or classified in
18	the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 221111
19	through 221122, if:
20	(a) an establishment engaged therein qualifies
21	as an exempt wholesale generator as defined
22	by 15 U.S.C., Section 79z-5a,
23	(b) the exempt wholesale generator facility
24	consumes from sources located within the

state at least ninety percent (90%) of the total energy used to produce the electrical output which qualifies for the specialized treatment provided by the Energy Policy Act of 1992, P.L. 102-486, 106 Stat. 2776, as amended, and federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto,

- the exempt wholesale generator facility
 sells to purchasers located outside the
 state for consumption in activities located
 outside the state at least ninety percent
 (90%) of the total electrical energy output
 which qualifies for the specialized
 treatment provided by the Energy Policy Act
 of 1992, P.L. 102-486, 106 Stat. 2776, as
 amended, and federal regulations adopted
 pursuant thereto, and
- (d) the facility is constructed on or after July

 1, 1996 those health care activities

 including medical and diagnostic laboratory

 activities defined or classified in the

 NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 6215,

 miscellaneous ambulatory health care

 services defined as Industry Group No.

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psychiatric and substance abuse hospitals,
in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry
Group No. 62231,

- those administrative and facilities support
 service activities defined or classified in the
 NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos. 5611 and
 5612, Industry Nos. 51821, 519130, 52232 and
 56142 or U.S. Industry Nos. 524291 and 551114,
 those other support activities for air
 transportation defined or classified in the NAICS
 Manual under Industry Group No. 488190, and those
 support, repair, and maintenance service
 activities for the wind industry defined or
 classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry
 Group No. 811310 and those management of
 companies and enterprises defined of classified
 under Industry Group No. 5511,
- (4) those professional, scientific and technical service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 541710 and 541380 5413, 5415 and 5417,
- (5) distribution centers for retail or wholesale businesses defined or classified in the NAICS

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Manual under Sector No. 42 and warehousing and storage businesses defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Sector No. 493, if forty percent (40%) or more of the inventory processed through such distribution center or warehouse is shipped out-of-state,

- those adjustment and collection service

 activities defined or classified in the NAICS

 Manual under U.S. Industry No. 561440, if

 seventy-five percent (75%) of the loans to be

 serviced were made by out-of-state debtors those
 information technology and other computer related

 service activities defined or classified in the

 NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos. 5112, 518

 and 519,
- (7) (a) those air transportation activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under

 Industry Group No. 4811, if the following facilities are located in this state:

 (i) the corporate headquarters of an establishment classified therein, and (ii) a facility or facilities at which reservations for transportation

 provided by such an establishment are

processed, whether such services are

performed by employees of the

establishment, by employees of a

subsidiary of or other entity

affiliated with the establishment or by

employees of an entity with whom the

establishment has contracted for the

performance of such services; provided,

this provision shall not disqualify an

establishment which uses an out-of
state entity or employees for some

reservations services, or

(b) those air transportation activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 4811, if an establishment classified therein has or will have within one (1) year sales of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of its total sales, as determined by the Incentive Approval Committee pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section, to out-of-state customers or buyers, to in-state customers or buyers if the product or service is resold by the purchaser to an

out-of-state customer or buyer for ultimate use, or to the federal government those credit bureaus defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry No. 56145,

- (8) flight training services and apprenticeship

 program activities defined or classified in the

 NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Group No. Nos.

 611512 and 611513, which for purposes of the

 Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act shall include

 new direct jobs for which gross payroll existed

 on or after January 1, 2003, as identified in the

 NAICS Manual,
- Tier 4 County or a Tier 5 County and classified therein has or will have within one (1) year sales of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of its total sales twenty-four (24) months of the date of application, as determined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, sales of at least forty percent (40%) for the first two (2) years and subsequently sixty percent (60%) of its total sales, or if an establishment located in a Tier 3 County and classified therein has or will have within twenty-four (24) months of the date

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of application, as determined by the Department, sales of at least thirty-five percent (35%) for the first two (2) years and subsequently fiftyfive percent (55%) of its total sales, or if an establishment located in a Tier 1 County or Tier 2 County and classified therein has or will have within twenty-four (24) months of the date of application, as determined by the Department, sales of at least twenty-five percent (25%) for the first two (2) years and subsequently fifty percent (50%) of its total sales, as determined by the Incentive Approval Committee pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section, to out-of-state customers or buyers, to in-state customers or buyers if the product or service is resold by the purchaser to an out-of-state customer or buyer for ultimate use, or to the federal government:

(a) those transportation and warehousing
activities defined or classified in the
NAICS Manual under Industry Subsector No.
493, if not otherwise listed in this
paragraph, Industry Subsector Nos. 482 and

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- (b) those passenger transportation activities travel arrangement services defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Nos. 561510 and 561599 5615 and 56192,
- (c) those freight or cargo transportation

 activities defined or classified in the

 NAICS Manual under Industry No. 541614,
- (d) those insurance activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 5241,
- those services to dwellings and other
 buildings, as defined or classified in the
 NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 5617,
 excluding U.S. Industry Nos. 561730, 56171,
 56172, 56174 and 56179,
- (f) those equipment rental and leasing

 activities defined or classified in the

 NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 5324,
- (g) those information technology and other computer-related service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under

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Industry Group Nos. 5112, 5182, 5191 and

5415 those securities, commodity contracts

and other financial investment activities

defined or classified in the NAICS Manual

under U.S. Industry Group No. 523,

- (d) those insurance carriers and related

 activities defined or classified in the

 NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Group No.

 524,
- (e) those funds, trusts and other financial vehicles defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Group No. 525,
- those financial and credit intermediation
 activities defined or classified in the
 NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos.
 522210, 522293, 522294, and 522320,
- (h) those business support service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 561410 through

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561430, excluding 56143, 561422 and Industry No. 51911,

- (i) those medical and diagnostic laboratory

 activities defined or classified in the

 NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 6215,
- those professional, scientific and technical service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos.

 5412, 5414, 5415, 5416 and 5417, Industry Nos. 54131, 54133, 54136 and 54137, and U.S. Industry No. 541990, if not otherwise listed in this paragraph those electric utility activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Group No. 2211,
- (j) those professional, scientific and technical services defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Group Nos. 5411, 5412, 5414, 5418 and 5419,
- (k) those communication telecommunication service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Nos. 51741 and 51791 No. 517,

(1) those refuse systems activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 5622, provided that the establishment is primarily engaged in the capture and distribution of methane gas produced within a landfill,

- (m) general wholesale distribution of groceries, defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos. 4244 and 4245,
- (n) those activities relating to processing of insurance claims, defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 524210 and 524292; provided, activities described in U.S. Industry Nos. 524210 and 524292 in the NAICS Manual other than processing of insurance claims shall not be included for purposes of this subdivision,
- (o) those agricultural activities classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 112120 and 112310 those real estate or brokerage activities classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry No. 53120 for which at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the establishment's revenues are attributed

1		to out-of-state sales and at least seventy-
2		five percent (75%) of the real estate
3		transactions generating those revenues are
4		attributed to real property located outside
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6	<u>(n)</u>	those adjustment and collection service
7		activities defined or classified in the
8		NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry No. 561440,
9		if seventy-five percent (75%) of the loans
10		to be serviced were made by out-of-state
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(q) solar heating equipment installation
 classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S.
 Industry No. 238220,

- (t) those wired telecommunications carriers

 classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S.

 Industry No. 517110, and
- (u) those securities, commodity contracts and investment activities classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Subsector No. 523,
- (10) those activities related to extraction or pipeline transportation of petroleum, natural gas or refined petroleum products, defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 2111, 213111, 213112 or 486, subject to the limitations provided in paragraph 3 of this subsection and paragraph 3 of subsection B of this section,
- (11) those activities performed by the federal civilian workforce at a facility of the Federal

 Aviation Administration located in this state if the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce determines or is notified that the federal government is soliciting proposals or

otherwise inviting states to compete for additional federal civilian employment or expansion of federal civilian employment at such facilities,

- (12) those activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry No. 711211 ($\frac{2007}{2017}$ version),
- classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S.

 Industry No. 53120 for which at least seventy—
 five percent (75%) of the establishment's

 revenues are attributed to out-of-state sales and
 at least seventy—five percent (75%) of the real
 estate transactions generating those revenues are
 attributed to real property located outside the
 State of Oklahoma, or those performing arts
 companies defined or classified in the NAICS
 Manual under U.S. Industry Group No. 7111,
- (14) those support activities for rail transportation and those support activities for water transportation defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 4882 and 4883,
- (15) those motion picture and video industries defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S.

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Industry Group No. 5121, and those sound

recording industries defined or classified in the

NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Group No. 5122,

and those employees of film support industries

classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S.

Industry Group Nos. 7114, 7115 and 236220 when

contracting with a film studio or film production

located in this state,

- those agricultural activities classified in the

 NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 1114,

 112120, 112310, 112340, 1125, 112910, and 115,

 and
- (17) equipment rental and leasing activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 5324.
- b. An establishment described in subparagraph a of this paragraph shall not be considered to be engaged in a basic industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of employment, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is determined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to consist of the following elements or elements substantially equivalent thereto:

- (1) not more than fifty percent (50%) of the premium shall be paid by the employee,
- (2) coverage for basic hospital care,
- (3) coverage for physician care,
- (4) coverage for mental health care,
- (5) coverage for substance abuse treatment,
- (6) coverage for prescription drugs, and
- (7) coverage for prenatal care;
- 2. "Change-in-control event" means the transfer to one or more unrelated establishments or unrelated persons, of either:
 - a. beneficial ownership of more than fifty percent (50%) in value and more than fifty percent (50%) in voting power of the outstanding equity securities of the transferred establishment, or
 - b. more than fifty percent (50%) in value of the assets of an establishment.

A transferor shall be treated as related to a transferee if more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting interests of the transferor and transferee are owned, directly or indirectly, by the other or are owned, directly or indirectly, by the same person or persons, unless such transferred establishment has an outstanding class of equity securities registered under Sections 12(b) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in which event the transferor and transferee will be treated as unrelated; provided, an

establishment applying for the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act as a result of a change-in-control event is required to apply within one hundred eighty (180) days of the change-in-control event to qualify for consideration. An establishment entering the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act as the result of a change-in-control event shall be required to maintain a level of new direct jobs as agreed to in its contract with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and to pay new direct jobs an average annualized wage which equals or exceeds one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the average county wage as that percentage is determined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce based upon the most recent U.S. Department of Commerce data for the county in which the new jobs are located. For purposes of this paragraph, healthcare premiums paid by the applicant for individuals in new direct jobs shall not be included in the annualized wage. Such establishment entering the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act as the result of a change-in-control event shall be required to retain the contracted average annualized wage and maintain the contracted maintenance level of new direct jobs numbers as certified by the Tax Commission. If the required average annualized wage or the required new direct jobs numbers do not equal or exceed such contracted level during any quarter, the quarterly incentive payments shall not be made and shall not be resumed until such time as such requirements are met. An establishment described in this paragraph shall be required to repay all incentive payments

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received under the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act if the establishment is determined by the Tax Commission to no longer have business operations in the state within three (3) years from the beginning of the calendar quarter for which the first incentive payment claim is filed;

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means full-time-equivalent employment in this state in an establishment which has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act which employment did not exist in this state prior to the date of approval by the Department of the application of the establishment pursuant to the provisions of Section 3604 of this title and with respect to an establishment qualifying for incentive payments pursuant to division (12) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall not include compensation paid to an employee or independent contractor for an athletic contest conducted in the state if the compensation is paid by an entity that does not have its principal place of business in the state or that does not own real or personal property having a market value of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) located in the state, and the

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employees or independent contractors of such entity are compensated to compete against the employees or independent contractors of an establishment that qualifies for incentive payments pursuant to division (12) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of this subsection and which is organized under Oklahoma law or that is lawfully registered to do business in the state and which does have its principal place of business located in the state and owns real or personal property having a market value of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) located in the state; provided, that, if an application of an establishment is approved by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce after a change-in-control event and the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce determines that the jobs located at such establishment are likely to leave the state, "new direct job" shall include employment that existed in this state prior to the date of application which is retained in this state by the new establishment following a change in control event, if such job otherwise qualifies as a new direct job, and

b. shall include full-time-equivalent employment in this state of employees who are employed by an employment

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agency or similar entity other than the establishment which has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased or otherwise provided under contract to the qualified establishment, if such job did not exist in this state prior to the date of approval by the Department of the application of the establishment or the job otherwise qualifies as a new direct job following a change-in-control event. shall be deemed to exist in this state prior to approval of an application if the activities and functions for which the particular job exists have been ongoing at any time within six (6) months prior to such approval. With respect to establishments defined in division (10) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of this subsection, new direct jobs shall be limited to those jobs directly comprising the corporate headquarters of or directly relating to manufacturing, maintenance, administrative, financial, engineering, surveying, geological or geophysical services performed by the establishment. Under no circumstances shall employment relating to field services be considered new direct jobs, and shall include full-time-equivalent employment at a qualified federal facility which did not exist in this

state prior to the date of approval by the Department
of Commerce of the application of the political
subdivision for a qualified federal facility;

- 4. "Estimated direct state benefits" means the tax revenues projected by the Department to accrue to the state as a result of new direct jobs;
- 5. "Estimated direct state costs" means the costs projected by the Department to accrue to the state as a result of new direct jobs. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. the costs of education of new state resident children,
 - b. the costs of public health, public safety and transportation services to be provided to new state residents,
 - c. the costs of other state services to be provided to new state residents, and
 - d. the costs of other direct state costs as deemed relevant by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce state services;
- 6. "Estimated net direct state benefits" means the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state costs;
- 7. "Estimated indirect state benefits" means the indirect new tax revenues projected by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to accrue to the state including, but not limited to, revenue generated from ancillary support jobs directly related to the establishment;

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- 8. "Estimated indirect state costs" means the costs projected
 by the Department to accrue to the state as a result of new indirect
 jobs. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, costs
 enumerated in subparagraphs a, b, c and d of paragraph 5 of this
 subsection;
- 9. "Estimated net direct and indirect state benefits" means the estimated direct and indirect state benefits less the estimated direct and indirect state costs;
- 10. "Net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll; provided:
 - net benefit rate may be variable and shall not exceed five percent (5%), and
 - b. the net benefit rate shall not exceed six percent (6%)
 in connection with an establishment which is owned and
 operated by an entity which has been awarded a United
 States Department of Defense contract for which:
 - (1) bids were solicited and accepted by the United

 States Department of Defense from facilities

 located outside this state,
 - (2) the term is or is renewable for not less than twenty (20) years, and
 - (3) the average annual salary, excluding benefits

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for new direct jobs created as a direct result of the awarding of the contract is projected by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to equal or exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) within three (3) years of the date of the first incentive payment,

- c. except as otherwise provided in subparagraph d of this

 paragraph, in no event shall incentive payments,

 cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state

 benefits,
- d. the net benefit rate shall be five percent (5%) for an establishment locating:
 - (1) in an opportunity zone located in a highemployment county, as such terms are defined in
 subsection G of Section 3604 of this title, or
 - (2) in a county in which:
 - (a) the per capita personal income, as

 determined by the Department, is eighty-five

 percent (85%) or less of the statewide

 average per capita personal income,
 - (b) the population has decreased over the previous ten (10) years, as determined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce based on

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the most recent U.S. Department of Commerce data, or

- (c) the unemployment rate exceeds the lesser of

 five percent (5%) or two percentage points

 above the state average unemployment rate as

 certified by the Oklahoma Employment

 Security Commission,
- e. the net benefit rate shall not exceed six percent (6%)

 in connection with an establishment which:
 - incentive payments pursuant to the Oklahoma

 Quality Jobs Program Act and has been receiving

 such payments for at least one (1) year prior to

 the date of application, and
 - additional new direct jobs which pay average
 annualized wages which equal or exceed one hundred
 fifty percent (150%) of the average annualized
 wages of new direct jobs on which incentive
 payments were received during the preceding
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- 11. "Compound net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct benefits and indirect state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll, provided:
 - the compound net benefit rate may be variable, may be a. less than five percent (5%), and shall not exceed ten percent (10%), and
 - in no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, b. exceed the estimated net direct benefit and indirect state benefits;
- 12. with With respect to an establishment defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry No. 711211 (2007 version) or any establishment defined or classified in the NAICS Manual as a U.S. Industry Number which is not included within the definition of "basic industry" as such term is defined in this section on April 17, 2008, the net benefit rate shall not exceed the highest rate of income tax imposed upon the Oklahoma taxable income of individuals pursuant to subparagraph (q) or subparagraph (h), as applicable, of paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section 2355 of this title. Any change in such highest rate of individual income tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of Section 2355 of this title shall be applicable to the computation of incentive payments to an establishment as described by this subparagraph and shall be effective for purposes of incentive payments based on payroll paid

by such establishment on or after January 1 of any applicable year for which the net benefit rate is modified as required by this subparagraph $\overline{}_{\tau}$ and

- in connection with an establishment which employs

 United States military veterans in at least ten

 percent (10%) of its gross payroll. The net benefit

 rate for an establishment which employs United States

 military veterans in at least ten percent (10%) of its

 payroll shall not be lower than five percent (5%).
- 13. An establishment that employs United States military veterans whose wages make up at least ten percent (10%) of its gross payroll may utilize the compound net benefit rate. The net benefit rate for an establishment that employs United States military veterans whose wages make up at least ten percent (10%) of its payroll shall not be lower than five percent (5%).

Incentive payments made pursuant to the provisions of this subparagraph paragraph shall be based upon payroll associated with such new direct jobs. For purposes of this subparagraph paragraph, the amount of health insurance premiums or other benefits paid by the establishment shall not be included for purposes of computation of the average annualized wage;

8. 14. "Gross payroll" means wages, as defined in Section 2385.1 of this title for new direct jobs;

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15. "Establishment" means any business, nonprofit or a. governmental entity, no matter what legal form, including, but not limited to, a nonreligious 501(c)3, 501(c)6, qualified federal facility, a sole proprietorship; , partnership; , limited liability $\operatorname{company}_{\boldsymbol{\dot{\tau}}}$, corporation or combination of corporations which have a central parent corporation which makes corporate management decisions such as those involving consolidation, acquisition, merger or expansion; federal agency; political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma; or trust authority; provided, distinct, identifiable subunits of such entities may be determined to be an establishment, for all purposes of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act, by the Department subject to the following conditions:

(1) within three (3) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date, the entity must have a minimum payroll of Two Million

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) at least the payroll threshold required in the county where it is located and the subunit must also have or will have a minimum payroll of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars

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(\$2,500,000.00) at least the payroll threshold required in the county where it is located,

- (2) the subunit is engaged in an activity or service or produces a product which is demonstratively independent and separate from the entity's other activities, services or products and could be conducted or produced in the absence of any other activity, service or production of the entity,
- (3) has an accounting system capable of tracking or facilitating an audit of the subunit's payroll, expenses, revenue and production. Limited interunit overlap of administrative and purchasing functions shall not disqualify a subunit from consideration as an establishment by the Department,
- (4) the entity has not previously had a subunit determined to be an establishment pursuant to this section; provided, the restriction set forth in this division shall not apply to subunits which qualify pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph b of paragraph 7 of this subsection, and

- (5) it is determined by the Department that the entity will have a probable net gain in total employment within the incentive period.
- b. The Department may promulgate rules to further limit the circumstances under which a subunit may be considered an establishment. The Department shall promulgate rules to determine whether a subunit of an entity achieves a net gain in total employment. The Department shall establish criteria for determining the period of time within which such gain must be demonstrated and a method for determining net gain in total employment;
- 10. 16. "NAICS Manual" means any manual, book or other publication containing the North American Industry Classification System, United States, 1997, promulgated by the Office of Management and Budget of the United States of America, or the latest revised edition;
- 11. "Qualified federal contract" means a contract between an agency or instrumentality of the United States government, including but not limited to the Department of Defense or any branch of the United States Armed Forces, but exclusive of any contract performed for the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a direct result of a natural disaster declared by the Governor or the President of the United States with respect to damage to property located in Oklahoma

or loss of life or personal injury to persons in Oklahoma, and a lawfully recognized business entity, whether or not the business entity is organized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma or whether or not the principal place of business of the business entity is located within the State of Oklahoma, for the performance of services, including but not limited to testing, research, development, consulting or other services in a basic industry, if the contract involves the performance of such services performed on or after July 1, 2009, by the employees of the business entity within the State of Oklahoma or if the contract involves performance of such services performed on or after July 1, 2009, by employees of a lawfully recognized business entity that is a subcontractor of the business entity with which the prime contract has been formed. A qualified federal contract described in this paragraph shall not qualify unless both the qualified federal contractor and any subcontractors originally involved in the work or added subsequently during the period of performance verify to the qualified federal contractor verifier that it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of employment of its respective employees, a basic health benefits plan as described in subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of this subsection to individuals who perform qualified labor hours in this state;

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12. "Qualified federal contractor verifier" means a nonprofit entity organized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, having an

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2	Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and having the following
3	characteristics:
4	a. established multiyear classified and unclassified
5	<pre>indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity federal</pre>
6	contract vehicles in excess of Fifty Million Dollars
7	(\$50,000,000.00),
8	b. current capability to sponsor and maintain personnel
9	security clearances and authorized by the federal
10	government to handle and perform classified work up to
11	the Top Secret Sensitive Compartmented Information
12	levels,
13	c. at least one on-site federally certified Sensitive
14	Compartmented Information Facility,
15	d. on-site secure mass data storage complex with the
16	capability of isolating, segregating and protecting
17	corporate proprietary and classified information,
18	e. trusted agent status by maintaining no ownership of,
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21	f. at least one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet of
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g. the direct access to restricted air space through a formalized memorandum of agreement with the Department of Defense,

- h. at least five thousand (5,000) acres available for outdoor testing and training facilities, and
- i. the ability to house state-of-the-art surety facilities, including chemical, biological, radiological, explosives, electronics, and unmanned systems laboratories and ranges;
- 13. "SIC Manual" means the 1987 revision to the Standard

 Industrial Classification Manual, promulgated by the Office of

 Management and Budget of the United States of America;
- $\frac{14.}{17.}$ "Start date" means the date on which an establishment may begin accruing benefits for the creation of new direct jobs, which date shall be determined by the Department;
- 15. 18. "Effective date" means the date of approval of a contract under which incentive payments will be made pursuant to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act, which shall be the date the signed and accepted incentive contract is received by the Department; provided, an approved project may have a start date which is different from the effective date;
- 16. "Total qualified labor hours" means the reimbursed payment amount for hours of work performed by the State of Oklahoma workforce of a qualified federal contractor or the State of Oklahoma

workforce of a subcontractor of a qualified federal contractor and which are required for the full performance of a qualified federal contract;

- 17. "Qualified labor rate" means the fully reimbursed labor rate paid through a qualified federal contract for qualified labor hours to the qualified federal contractor or subcontractor;
 - 18. "Qualified federal contractor" means a business entity:

 a. maintaining a prime contract with the federal

 government as defined in paragraph 11 of this

 subsection,
 - b. providing notice of intent to apply to the Department
 within one hundred eighty (180) days of July 1, 2010,
 or one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of the
 award of a qualified federal contract or award of a
 new qualified subcontract under an existing qualified
 federal contract, and
 - e. adding substantively to the contract by performing at least eight percent (8%) of the total labor whether qualified and nonqualified labor as determined by the federal contractor verifier on a direct contract or individual task order or delivery order on an indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity or other blanket contract vehicle.

Should a prime contractor provide notice to the Department of its intent not to apply for incentive for a qualified federal contract or fails to qualify under the criteria above, subcontractors in order of tier ranking as determined by the federal contract verifier may assume the role of the prime and apply to become a qualified federal contractor provided the entity meets the same criteria above with the exception that notice of intent to apply with the Department must be provided within sixty (60) days of the prime's disqualification or one hundred eighty (180) days of the award of its subcontract, whichever is later; and

- 19. "Proxy establishment" means a public trust which:
 - a. is organized and existing under Section 176 of Title

 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the benefit of a

 geographic area which includes a city or county or

 some combination thereof, and
 - b. benefits a geographic area where new direct jobs which

 meet the requirements of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs

 Program Act are created by an establishment, other

 than the proxy establishment, which is a branch of the

 Armed Forces of the United States.

A proxy establishment may be determined to be an establishment for all purposes of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act by the Department and incentive payments may be made to such proxy establishment for new direct jobs otherwise qualified pursuant to

the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act. The Department may promulgate rules to further specify the circumstances under which a proxy establishment may be considered an establishment for the purposes of making application for incentive payments pursuant to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act. Provided however, that with respect to any data on qualifying direct new jobs from a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, such rules shall only require a proxy establishment to provide such data as would otherwise be publicly releasable by the branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

19. "Full-time employment" means employment of persons residing in this state, and subject to the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title, and working an annual average of thirty (30) or more hours per week in new direct jobs located in this state;

- 20. "Qualified federal facility" means a facility developed by or at the expense of a political subdivision of this state and leased or conveyed to the government of the United States which primarily houses federal employees;
- 21. "Political subdivision" means a municipality, a county or a public trust, the beneficiary or beneficiaries of which are a municipality, a county, this state or a combination thereof;
- 22. "Project term" means the length of time a political subdivision may receive incentive payments associated with a qualified federal facility pursuant to the provisions of this act;

provided, the project term shall not exceed twenty (20) years from the date of the first incentive payment;

- 23. "Develops" means acquires, maintains, constructs, improves, enlarges, renews, renovates, replaces, leases, equips, furnishes or operates;
- 24. "Average county wage" means the annualized average county wage as determined by the Department of Commerce based on the most recent United States Department of Commerce data for the county in which the new direct jobs are located. For purposes of this paragraph, health care premiums paid by the applicant for individuals in new direct jobs shall not be included in the annualized wage;
- 25. "State threshold wage" means an annualized average wage of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). This maximum wage threshold shall be indexed and modified from time to time based on the latest Consumer Price Index year-to-date percent change release as of the date of the annual average county wage data release from the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the United States Department of Commerce.

 For purposes of this paragraph, health care premiums paid by the applicant for individuals in new direct jobs shall not be included in the annualized wage;
- 26. "Small employer wage" means the average county wage of employers with less than five hundred employees located in that county as that percentage is determined by the Department of

Commerce based upon the most recent wage and employment data from
the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission for the county where the
new direct jobs are located. For purposes of this paragraph, health
care premiums paid by the applicant for individuals in new direct
jobs shall not be included in the annualized wage;

- 27. "Tier 1 County" means a county that has a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) as identified by the most recent federal decennial Census from the United States Census Bureau;
- 28. "Tier 2 County" means a county that has a population of greater than or equal to ten thousand (10,000) and less than thirty thousand (30,000) as identified by the most recent federal decennial Census from the United States Census Bureau;
- 29. "Tier 3 County" means a county that has a population of greater than or equal to thirty thousand (30,000) and less than sixty thousand (60,000) as identified by the most recent federal decennial Census from the United States Census Bureau;
- 30. "Tier 4 County" means a county that has a population of greater than or equal to sixty thousand (60,000) and less than three hundred thousand (300,000) as identified by the most recent federal decennial Census from the United States Census Bureau;
- 31. "Tier 5 County" means a county that has a population of greater than or equal to three hundred thousand (300,000) as identified by the most recent federal decennial Census from the United States Census Bureau;

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32. "Former military facility" means any tract or parcel of real property used primarily for a military purpose during a state of war, armed conflict or during peace time, title to has been vested in the United States Government, any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America or was subsequently conveyed by such entities to this state, any political subdivision of this state, or any public trust having this state or any political subdivision of this state as its beneficiary, whether singly or in combination with other government entities prior to the date the establishment acquired its interest;

- 33. "Tier 3 County basic industry" means all industries defined as basic industries in subsection A of this section and includes:
 - a. forest nurseries and gathering of forest products

 activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 1132,
 - b. arts, entertainment and recreation activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos. 711219, 711310, 7121, 713110, 713940 and 713990, and
 - c. electronic and precision equipment repair and

 maintenance activities defined or classified in the

 NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 8112, and

 support, repair, and maintenance service activities

1	for the wind industry defined or classified in the
2	NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 811310;
3	34. "Tier 2 County basic industry" means all industries
4	included in Tier 3 County basic industry and includes:
5	a. mining activities, except oil and gas, defined or
6	classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group
7	<u>No. 212,</u>
8	<u>b.</u> <u>support activities for nonmetallic minerals mining</u>
9	activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual
10	under Industry Group No. 213115, and
11	c. materials recovery and remediation services activities
12	defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under
13	Industry Group Nos. 562910 and 562920; and
14	35. "Tier 1 County basic industry" means all industries
15	included in Tier 2 County basic industry and Tier 3 County basic
16	industry and includes:
17	a. depository credit intermediation activities defined or
18	classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group
19	No. 5221, and
20	<u>b.</u> hospitals and health care activities defined or
21	classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group
22	No. 622.
23	B. The Incentive Approval Committee is hereby created and shall
24	consist of the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise

Services, the Director of the Department and one member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission appointed by the Tax Commission, or a designee from each agency approved by such member. It shall be the duty of the Committee to determine the eligibility of all applicants for the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act, subject to the applicable requirements.

C. For an establishment defined as a "basic industry" pursuant to division (4) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, the Incentive Approval Committee shall consist of the members provided by subsection B of this section and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, or a designee from the Center appointed by the Executive Director.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 3604, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 144, O.S.L. 2018 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3604), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3604. A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection I or subsection L of this section, an establishment which meets the qualifications specified in the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act may receive quarterly incentive payments for a ten-year period from the Oklahoma Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act; provided, such an establishment defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry No. 711211 (2007 version) may receive quarterly incentive payments for a

fifteen-year period. The amount of such payments shall be equal to the net benefit rate or the compound net benefit rate multiplied by the actual gross payroll of new direct jobs for a calendar quarter as verified by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.

- B. In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the Department and shall contain such information as may be required by the Department to determine if the applicant is qualified. An establishment may apply for an effective date for a project, which shall not be more than twenty-four (24) months from the date the application is submitted to the Department.
- C. Except as otherwise provided by subsection D or E of this section, in In order to qualify to receive such incentive payments, the establishment applying shall be required to:
- 1. Be engaged in a basic industry, a Tier 3 County basic industry in a Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 County, a Tier 2 County basic industry in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 County or Tier 1 County basic industry in a Tier 1 County;
- 2. Have an annual gross payroll for new direct jobs projected by the Department to equal or exceed Two Million Five Hundred

 Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) within three (3) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date Pay new direct jobs an average annualized wage which equals or exceeds the average

county wage, the state threshold wage, or when the establishment has less than five hundred (500) employees, pay new direct jobs an average annualized wage which equals or exceeds the small employer wage. For purposes of this paragraph, health care premiums paid by the applicant for individuals in new direct jobs shall not be included in the annualized wage; and

- 3. Have a number of full-time-equivalent employees subject to the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title and working an annual average of thirty (30) or more hours per week in new direct jobs located in this state equal to or in excess of eighty percent (80%) of the total number of new direct jobs.
- D. In Before receiving its first quarterly payment, an establishment shall meet the payroll and/or the new jobs requirements set forth in this section and stipulated in the agreement with the state. When these requirements are met, the establishment shall be paid the prior quarter incentive payments and the current quarter incentive payments for those quarters when the average wage threshold was also met. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in order to qualify to receive incentive payments as authorized by the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act, an establishment engaged in an activity described under shall be required to have an annual gross payroll for new direct jobs projected by the Department to equal or exceed:

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- 1. Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) within three (3)

 years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start

 date in a Tier 1 County;
- 2. One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) within three (3) years
 of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date in a
 Tier 2 County;
- 3. One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00)
 within three (3) years of the first complete calendar quarter
 following the start date in a Tier 3 County;
- 4. Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) within three (3) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date in a Tier 4 County; and
- 5. Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) within three (3) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date in a Tier 5 County.
- 1. Industry Group Nos. 3111 through 3119 of the NAICS Manual shall be required to:
 - a. have an annual gross payroll for new direct jobs

 projected by the Department to equal or exceed One

 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00)

 within three (3) years of the first complete calendar

 quarter following the start date and make, or which

 will make within one (1) year, at least seventy-five

 percent (75%) of its total sales, as determined by the

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Incentive Approval Committee pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of Section 3603 of this title, to out-of-state customers or buyers, to instate customers or buyers if the product or service is resold by the purchaser to an out-of-state customer or buyer for ultimate use, or to the federal government, unless the annual gross payroll equals or exceeds Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in which case the requirements for purchase of output provided by this subparagraph shall not apply, and

- b. have a number of full-time-equivalent employees

 working an average of thirty (30) or more hours per

 week in new direct jobs equal to or in excess of

 eighty percent (80%) of the total number of new direct

 jobs; and
- 2. Division (4) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection

 A of Section 3603 of this title, shall be required to:
 - a. have an annual gross payroll for new direct jobs

 projected by the Department to equal or exceed One

 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00)

 within three (3) years of the first complete calendar

 quarter following the start date, and
 - b. have a number of full-time-equivalent employees

 working an average of thirty (30) or more hours per

week in new direct jobs equal to or in excess of
eighty percent (80%) of the total number of new direct
jobs.

- E. An establishment with less than five hundred (500) total jobs may also qualify to receive incentive payments as authorized by the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act if the establishment:
- 1. Creates at least five (5) new qualifying jobs with at least

 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in gross payroll within

 two (2) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the

 start date in a Tier 1 County;
- 2. Creates at least five (5) new qualifying jobs with at least

 Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in gross payroll

 within two (2) years of the first complete calendar quarter

 following the start date in a Tier 2 County;
- 3. Creates at least ten (10) new jobs with at least Four

 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) in gross payroll within two

 (2) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date in a Tier 3 County;
- 4. Creates at least fifteen (15) new jobs with at least Five

 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in gross payroll within two

 (2) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date in a Tier 4 county; and
- 5. Creates at least fifteen (15) new jobs with at least Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in gross payroll within two

(2) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date in a Tier 5 county.

- $\underline{F.}$ 1. An establishment which locates its principal business activity within a site consisting of at least ten (10) acres which:
 - a. is a federal Superfund removal site,
 - b. is listed on the National Priorities List established under Section 9605 of Title 42 of the United States Code,
 - c. has been formally deferred to the state in lieu of listing on the National Priorities List, or
 - d. has been determined by the Department of Environmental Quality to be contaminated by any substance regulated by a federal or state statute governing environmental conditions for real property pursuant to an order of the Department of Environmental Quality,

shall qualify for incentive payments irrespective of its actual gross payroll or the number of full-time-equivalent employees engaged in new direct jobs.

2. In order to qualify for the incentive payments pursuant to this subsection, the establishment shall conduct the activity resulting in at least fifty percent (50%) of its Oklahoma taxable income or adjusted gross income, as determined under Section 2358 of this title, whether from the sale of products or services or both products and services, at the physical location which has been

determined not to comply with the federal or state statutes described in this subsection with respect to environmental conditions for real property. The establishment shall be subject to all other requirements of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act other than the exemptions provided by this subsection.

- 3. In order to qualify for the incentive payments pursuant to this subsection, the entity shall obtain from the Department of Environmental Quality a letter of concurrence that:
 - a. the site designated by the entity does meet one or more of the requirements listed in paragraph 1 of this subsection, and
 - b. the site is being or has been remediated to a level which is consistent with the intended use of the property.

In making its determination, the Department of Environmental Quality may rely on existing data and information available to it, but may also require the applying entity to provide additional data and information as necessary.

4. If authorized by the Department of Environmental Quality pursuant to paragraph 3 of this subsection, the entity may utilize a remediated portion of the property for its intended purpose prior to remediation of the remainder of the site, and shall qualify for incentive payments based on employment associated with the portion of the site.

F. Except as otherwise provided by subsection C of this section, for applications submitted on and after June 4, 2003, in order to qualify to receive incentive payments as authorized by the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act, in addition to other qualifications specified herein, an establishment shall be required to pay new direct jobs an average annualized wage which equals or exceeds:

1. One hundred ten percent (110%) of the average county wage as determined by the Department of Commerce based on the most recent U.S. Department of Commerce data for the county in which the new direct jobs are located. For purposes of this paragraph, health care premiums paid by the applicant for individuals in new direct jobs shall be included in the annualized wage; or

2. One hundred percent (100%) of the average county wage as that percentage is determined by the Department of Commerce based upon the most recent U.S. Department of Commerce data for the county in which the new jobs are located. For purposes of this paragraph, health care premiums paid by the applicant for individuals in new direct jobs shall not be included in the annualized wage.

Provided, no average wage requirement shall exceed Twenty-five
Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), in any county. This maximum wage
threshold shall be indexed and modified from time to time based on
the latest Consumer Price Index year-to-date percent change release

as of the date of the annual average county wage data release from the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

or more census tracts in which, according to the most recent Federal Decennial Census, at least thirty percent (30%) of the residents have annual gross household incomes from all sources below the poverty guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. An establishment which is otherwise qualified to receive incentive payments and which locates its principal business activity in an opportunity zone shall not be subject to the requirements of subsection F of this section.

2. As used in this subsection:

- a. "negative economic event" means:
 - (1) a man-made disaster or natural disaster as

 defined in Section 683.3 of Title 63 of the

 Oklahoma Statutes, resulting in the loss of a

 significant number of jobs within a particular

 county of this state, or
 - (2) an economic circumstance in which a significant number of jobs within a particular county of this state have been lost due to an establishment changing its structure, consolidating with another establishment, closing or moving all or part of its operations out of this state, and

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b. "significant number of jobs" means Local Area

Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data, as determined by

the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for a county which are

equal to or in excess of five percent (5%) of the

total amount of Local Area Unemployment Statistics

(LAUS) data for that county for the calendar year, or

most recent twelve-month period in which employment is

measured, preceding the event.

An establishment which is otherwise qualified to receive incentive payments and which locates in a county in which a negative economic event has occurred within the eighteen-month period preceding the start date shall not be subject to the requirements of subsection F of this section; provided, an establishment shall not be eligible to receive incentive payments based upon a negative economic event with respect to jobs that are transferred from one county of this state to another. In order to qualify to receive incentive payments as authorized by the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act, a political subdivision that attracts a federal facility and develops, or causes to be developed, a qualified federal facility may apply to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and receive quarterly incentive payments from the Oklahoma Tax Commission for the project term pursuant to the provisions of this act in an amount which shall be equal to the net benefit rate multiplied by the actual gross payroll of new direct jobs at the new

qualified federal facility for a calendar quarter; provided, the

total amount of such payments shall not exceed the total net

benefit. The qualified federal facility must have gross payroll

that are projected by the Department to equal or exceed:

- 1. One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) within three (3) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 County;
- 2. One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00)
 within three (3) years of the first complete calendar quarter
 following the start date in a Tier 3 County;
- 3. Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) within three (3) years of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date in a Tier 4 County; or
- 4. Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00)
 within three (3) years of the first complete calendar quarter
 following the start date in a Tier 5 County.
- H. The Department shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.
- I. If the applicant is determined to be qualified by the Department and is not subject to the provisions of subparagraph d of paragraph 7 of subsection A of Section 3603 of this title, the Department shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for a ten-year period beginning with the first complete

calendar quarter following the start date and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for a ten-year period beginning with the first complete calendar quarter following the start date or for a fifteenyear period for an establishment defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry No. 711211 (2007 version) or for the project term for a political subdivision applying in conjunction with a qualified federal facility. In conducting such cost/benefit analysis, the Department shall consider quantitative factors, such as the anticipated level of new tax revenues to the state along with the added cost to the state of providing services, and such other incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits, except for applicants subject to the provisions of subparagraph d of paragraph 7 of subsection A of Section 3603 of this title. The cost/benefit analysis shall determine the estimated net direct state benefit, the net benefit rate and the incentive payment for an applicant, except:

1. In Tier 1 Counties, the cost/benefit analysis shall determine the estimated net direct and indirect state benefits, the compound net benefit rate and the incentive payment for an applicant if the establishment pays average county wages equal to or in excess of one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the average county wage,

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2. In Tier 2 and Tier 3 Counties, the cost/benefit analysis shall determine the estimated net direct and indirect state benefits, the compound net benefit rate and the incentive payment for an applicant if the establishment pays average county wages equal to or in excess of one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the average county wage,

- 3. In Tier 4 and Tier 5 Counties, the cost/benefit analysis shall determine the estimated net direct and indirect state benefits, the compound net benefit rate and the incentive payment for an applicant if the establishment pays average county wages equal to or in excess of two hundred percent (200%) of the average county wage;
- J. Upon approval of such an application, the Department shall notify the Tax Commission and shall provide it with a copy of the contract and the results of the cost/benefit analysis. The Tax Commission may require the qualified establishment to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act. The approved establishment shall file quarterly claims with the Tax Commission and shall continue to file such quarterly claims during the ten-year incentive period to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments, as provided in Section 3606 of this title, or until it is no longer qualified to receive incentive payments. The establishment may be audited by the Tax Commission to verify such

eligibility. Once the establishment is approved, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the establishment and the State of Oklahoma, requiring the continued incentive payment to be made as long as the establishment retains its eligibility as defined in and established pursuant to this section and Sections 3603 and 3606 of this title and within the limitations contained in the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act, which existed at the time of such approval. An establishment described in this subsection shall be required to repay all incentive payments received under the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act if the establishment is determined by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to no longer have business operations in the state have moved the business operations that received incentive payments to another state within three (3) years from the beginning of the calendar quarter for which the first incentive payment claim is filed.

K. A municipality with a population of less than one hundred thousand (100,000) persons in which an establishment eligible to receive quarterly incentive payments pursuant to the provisions of this section is located may file a claim with the Tax Commission for up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of such payment. The amount of such claim shall not exceed amounts paid by the municipality for direct costs of municipal infrastructure improvements to provide water and sewer service to the establishment. Such claim shall not be approved by the Tax

Commission unless the municipality and the establishment have entered into a written agreement for such claims to be filed by the municipality prior to submission of the application of the establishment pursuant to the provisions of this section. If such claim is approved, the amount of the payment to the establishment made pursuant to the provisions of Section 3606 of this title shall be reduced by the amount of the approved claim by the municipality and the Tax Commission shall issue a warrant to the municipality in the amount of the approved claim in the same manner as warrants are issued to qualifying establishments.

- L. For any contract executed by an establishment on or after the effective date of this act August 1, 2018, five percent (5%) of the quarterly incentive payment amount shall be transferred by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the Oklahoma Quick Action Closing Fund.
- SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 3605, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3605. There is hereby created within the State Treasury a special fund for the Oklahoma Tax Commission to be designated the "Quality Jobs Program Incentive Payment Fund". The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized and directed to withhold a portion of the taxes levied and collected pursuant to Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes for deposit into the fund. The amount deposited shall equal the sum of an amount determined by multiplying the net benefit rate provided by the Department of Commerce by the

the Tax Commission to be sufficient to pay incentive payments

claimed pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of Section 6 of

this act Section 3606 of this title. All of the amounts deposited

in such fund shall be used and expended by the Tax Commission solely

for the purposes and in the amounts authorized by the Oklahoma

Quality Jobs Program Act. The liability of the State of Oklahoma to

make the incentive payments under this act shall be limited to the

balance contained in the fund created by this section.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 3606, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 138, O.S.L. 2020 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3606), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3606. A. As soon as practicable after the end of the first complete calendar quarter following the start date, the establishment shall file a claim for the payment with the Oklahoma Tax Commission and shall specify the actual number and gross payroll of new direct jobs for the establishment for the calendar quarter. The Tax Commission shall verify the actual gross payroll for new direct jobs for the establishment for such calendar quarter. If the Tax Commission is not able to provide such verification utilizing all available resources, the Tax Commission may request such additional information from the establishment as may be necessary or may request the establishment to revise its claim. An establishment may file for an extension of the initial filing date with the

Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Any such extension shall be based solely upon an extraordinary adverse business circumstance which prevented the establishment from hiring the new direct jobs as projected. If an establishment fails to file claims as required by this section, it shall forfeit the right to receive any incentive payments after three (3) years from the start date. If an establishment has filed at least one claim pursuant to this section but fails to file another claim within two (2) years of the most recent claim, the Tax Commission, after consulting with the Department of Commerce, may dismiss the establishment from the program, forfeiting the establishment's right to receive incentive payments based on that contract.

B. 1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection, if the actual verified gross payroll for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters does not equal or exceed the applicable total required by Section 3604 of this title within three (3) years of the start date, or does not equal or exceed the applicable total required by Section 3604 of this title at any other time during the ten-year period after the start date or during the fifteen-year period after the start date for establishments defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry No. 711211 (2007 version), the incentive payments shall not be made and shall not be resumed until such time as the actual verified gross payroll equals or exceeds the amounts specified in Section 3604 of this

title. If an establishment fails to achieve the required gross payroll within three (3) years of the start date, the establishment shall not make a new or renewal application for incentive payments authorized pursuant to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act for a period of twelve (12) months from the last day of the last month of the three-year period during which the required gross payroll amount was not achieved.

- 2. Any establishment which does not meet the quarterly payroll requirements provided pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection during the time period which begins on April 1, 2020, and ends on June 30, 2021, shall continue to receive incentive payments and shall be exempt from the prescribed limitations.
- C. If the average annualized wage required for an establishment does not equal or exceed the amount specified in $\frac{1}{2}$ paragraph 1 or 2 of subsection $\frac{1}{2}$ paragraph 2 of subsection $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3604 of this title during any calendar quarter, the incentive payments shall not be made and shall not be resumed until such time as such requirements are met.
- D. In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits, except for establishments subject to the provisions of subparagraph d of paragraph 7 of subsection A of Section 3603 of this title:
- 1. The estimated net direct state benefits for establishments utilizing the net benefit rate; or

2. The estimated net direct and indirect state benefits for establishments utilizing the compound net benefit rate.

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Ε. An establishment that has qualified pursuant to Section 3604 of this title may receive payments only in accordance with the provisions of the law under which it initially applied and was approved. If an establishment that is receiving incentive payments expands, it may apply for additional incentive payments based on the gross payroll anticipated from the expansion only, pursuant to Section 3604 of this title. Provided, an establishment which has suffered an extraordinary adverse business circumstance, as certified by the Incentive Approval Committee, may be allowed to voluntarily withdraw from the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program, repay to the Tax Commission the total amount of incentive payments received pursuant to the provisions of this section, plus interest at the rate specified in Section 727.1 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and reapply to the Department for a new incentive contract if the establishment qualifies pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act. Any funds received by the Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be apportioned in the manner that income tax revenues are apportioned.

F. An establishment that is receiving incentive payments may not apply for additional incentive payments for any new projects until twelve (12) quarters after receipt of the first incentive payment, or until the establishment's actual verified gross payroll

for new direct jobs or new job creation equals or exceeds Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) the payroll or job threshold requirements specified in subsection D or subsection G of Section 3604 of this title during any four consecutive-calendar-quarter period, whichever comes first. After meeting the requirements of this subsection, an establishment may apply for additional incentive payments based upon the gross payroll anticipated from an expansion only.

- G. As soon as practicable after verification of the actual gross payroll as required by this section and except as otherwise provided by subsection K of Section 3604 of this title, the Tax Commission shall issue a warrant to the establishment in the amount of the net benefit rate multiplied by the actual gross payroll as determined pursuant to subsection A of this section for the calendar quarter.
- SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 3607, as amended by Section 26, Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3607), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3607. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a qualified establishment receives an incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of Section 3601 et seq. of this title, neither the qualified establishment nor its contractors or subcontractors shall be eligible to receive the credits or exemptions provided for in the

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following provisions of law in connection with the activity for
which the incentive payment was received:

Paragraphs 16 and 17 of Section 1357 of this title;

- 2. Paragraph 7 of Section 1359 of this title;
- 3. Section 2357.4 of this title; except as provided in subsection B of this section;
 - 4. Section 2357.7 of this title;

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- 5. Section 2-11-303 of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 6. Section 2357.22 of this title;
- 7. 5. Section 2357.31 of this title;
- 8. 6. Section 54003 of this title; or
- 9. Section 54006 of this title;
- 10. 7. Section 625.1 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
 - 11. Subsections C and D of Section 2357.59 of this title;
- 15 12. Section 2357.13 of this title; or
 - 13. Section 4201 of this title.
 - B. Any establishment which has qualified to receive quarterly incentive payments pursuant to subsection B of Section 3604 of this title for a ten-year period with a project start date after January 1, 2010, shall be eligible to receive the credit provided for in Section 2357.4 of this title if such establishment:
 - 1. Qualifies for the credit allowed pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection B of Section 2357.4 of this title based on an investment made after January 1, 2010;

- 2. Pays an average annualized wage which equals or exceeds the average state wage as determined by the Department of Commerce based on the most recent U.S. Department of Commerce data; and
- 3. Obtains a determination letter from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce that the business activity of the entity will result in a positive net benefit rate.
 - C. For purposes of the exception provided for in this section:
- 1. "Estimated direct state benefits" has the meaning set out in paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 3603 of this title;
- 2. "Estimated indirect state benefits" means the indirect new tax revenues projected by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to accrue to the state, including, but not limited to, revenue generated from ancillary support jobs directly related to the primary business;
- 3. "Estimated direct state costs" has the meaning set out in paragraph 5 of subsection A of Section 3603 of this title; and
- 4. "Estimated indirect state costs" means the costs projected by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to accrue to the state as a result of new indirect jobs. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, costs enumerated in paragraph 3 of this subsection.
- D. Any establishment which has qualified to receive quarterly incentive payments pursuant to subsection B of Section 3604 of this title for a ten-year period with a project start date after January 1, 2010, shall be eligible to receive the credit provided for in

Section 2357.4 of this title pursuant to the provisions of this section if such establishment obtains a determination letter from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce that the business activity of the entity will result in a positive net benefit rate, to be computed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce using a methodology which provides for the analysis of estimated direct state benefits, estimated indirect state benefits, estimated direct state costs and estimated indirect state costs. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall use such information as it determines to be relevant for the analysis required by this subsection including, but not limited to, the type of business activity in which the entity is engaged or will be engaged, amount of capital investment, type of assets acquired or utilized by the business entity, economic impact of the business activity within the relevant geographic region and such other factors as the Department determines to be relevant. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce may use information regarding the business entity alone or in conjunction with relevant information regarding other business activity in a geographically relevant area surrounding the principal business location of the primary business entity in order to perform the computation of the net benefit rate. If the result of the analysis is a positive net benefit rate, the establishment shall be allowed to qualify to receive quarterly incentive payments pursuant to subsection B of Section 3604 of this title for a ten-year period and shall be eligible to receive the

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credit provided for in Section 2357.4 of this title. The Oklahoma
Department of Commerce shall transmit a determination letter to the
authorized representative of the establishment and shall also
transmit a copy of the determination letter to the Oklahoma Tax
Commission, regardless of whether the result is a positive or
negative net benefit rate.
   SECTION 7.
                  REPEALER 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3501, 3502,
3503, 3504, 3505, 3506, 3507 and 3508, are hereby repealed.
                               68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3604.1, as
    SECTION 8.
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amended by Section 25, Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2013, 3611 and 3612 (68
O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3604.1), are hereby repealed.
   SECTION 9.
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                               68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3801, 3802,
3803, 3804, 3805, 3806, 3807 and 3808, are hereby repealed.
                                68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3901, 3902,
   SECTION 10.
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3903, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 128, O.S.L. 2014, 3904,
as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 197, O.S.L. 2019, 3905, 3906,
3907, 3908, 3909 and 3910 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Sections 3903 and
3904), are hereby repealed.
                                68 O.S. 2011, Sections 3911, 3912,
   SECTION 11.
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3913, 3914, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 144, O.S.L. 2018,
3915, 3916, 3917, 3918, 3919 and 3920 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section
3914), are hereby repealed.
   SECTION 12. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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