

1 and development of aerospace and space technology and systems, and
2 the education and training of aerospace and space personnel.
3 Aerospace sector shall include but not be limited to those aerospace
4 product and parts manufacturing activities defined or classified in
5 the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Manual
6 under U.S. Industry Group No. 3364;

7 2. "Compensation" means payments in the form of contract labor
8 for which the payor is required to provide a Form 1099 to the person
9 paid, wages subject to withholding tax paid to a part-time employee
10 or full-time employee, or salary or other remuneration.

11 Compensation shall not include employer-provided retirement, medical
12 or health-care benefits, reimbursement for travel, meals, lodging or
13 any other expense;

14 3. "Institution" means an institution within The Oklahoma State
15 System of Higher Education or any other public or private college or
16 university that is accredited by a national accrediting body;

17 4. "Qualified employer" means a sole proprietor, general
18 partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company,
19 corporation, other legally recognized business entity, or public
20 entity whose principal business activity involves the aerospace
21 sector;

22 5. "Qualified employee" means any person, regardless of the
23 date of hire, employed in this state by or contracting in this state
24 with a qualified employer on or after January 1, 2009, who has been

1 awarded an undergraduate or graduate degree from a qualified program
2 by an institution, and who was not employed in the aerospace sector
3 in this state immediately preceding employment or contracting with a
4 qualified employer. Provided, the definition shall not be
5 interpreted to exclude any person who was employed in the aerospace
6 sector, but not as a full-time engineer, prior to being awarded an
7 undergraduate or graduate degree from a qualified program by an
8 institution or any person who has been awarded an undergraduate or
9 graduate degree from a qualified program by an institution and is
10 employed by a professional staffing company and assigned to work in
11 the aerospace sector in this state;

12 6. "Qualified program" means a program that has been accredited
13 by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation
14 Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) and that awards an
15 undergraduate or graduate degree; and

16 7. "Tuition" means the average annual amount paid by a
17 qualified employee for enrollment and instruction in a qualified
18 program. Tuition shall not include the cost of books, fees or room
19 and board.

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

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
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