TITLE 780. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
CHAPTER 25. BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY SERVICES

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Subchapter 5. Workforce and Economic Development [AMENDED]
Subchapter 11. Workforce and Economic Development Programs [AMENDED]
780:25-11-1. Workforce and Economic Development Training programs [AMENDED]
780:25-11-2. Apprenticeship program [NEW]

A. Brief description of the purpose of the proposed rule.

The proposed rule amendments to Chapter 25, Subchapter(s) 5 and 11 rename "Business and Industry Services" (BIS) throughout the chapter and subchapters to "Workforce and Economic Development" (WED) to match the current name for that division. Subchapter 11 section 2 is a new section outlining rules regarding apprenticeship programs. These rules will guide what is an approved apprenticeship model is by defining approved apprenticeship to ensure consistency and quality for those programs.

Supporting Authority: Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education; 70 O.S. 2021, § 14-103, 70 O.S. § 14-103.1, 70 O.S. §14-103.2, and 70 O.S. § 14-104, as amended.

B. Classification of the rule as major or nonmajor, with a justification for the classification, including an estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, state or local government units, or individuals and a determination of whether those costs will exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) over the initial five-year period following the promulgation of the proposed rule. Provided, if the costs exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00), the agency shall classify the rule as a major rule.

The proposed rule changes are nonmajor. There are no foreseen economic impacts in the implementation and enforcement/compliance of the proposed rules.

C. Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule, including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule, and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.

The proposed rule amendments may affect Oklahoma technology center districts, workforce and economic development personnel, apprenticeship program providers, participating employers, and individuals enrolled in apprenticeship programs. The amendments primarily update division terminology and establish consistent standards for approved apprenticeship programs. Any

associated implementation or compliance costs are anticipated to be minimal and generally absorbed through existing personnel and operational resources. The agency has not received information from public or private entities identifying additional cost impacts associated with the proposed amendments.

D. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule.

The proposed rule amendments will benefit Oklahoma technology center districts, workforce and economic development personnel, apprenticeship program providers, participating employers, and individuals enrolled in apprenticeship programs. The amendments will provide clearer expectations for approved apprenticeship programs, promote consistency in program standards, and support quality workforce training opportunities. Updated division terminology will also improve clarity and consistency in administrative procedures.

E. A description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing of all fee changes and, whenever possible, a separate justification for each fee change.

The proposed rule amendments are anticipated to have minimal economic impact on affected individuals, businesses, technology center districts, and other political subdivisions. The amendments primarily update division terminology and establish consistent standards for approved apprenticeship programs. Any associated implementation or compliance costs are expected to be minimal and generally absorbed through existing personnel and operational resources. The amendments do not establish new fees or increase existing fees.

F. Probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, the source of revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, and any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency.

The proposed rule amendments are not anticipated to result in significant additional implementation or enforcement costs to the agency or other state agencies. Existing personnel, resources, and appropriated funds will be utilized to administer and enforce the amended requirements. The amendments are expected to improve administrative consistency, establish clear standards for approved apprenticeship programs, and support quality workforce training opportunities. No significant impact on state revenues is anticipated, and no measurable net gain or loss in state revenues is projected.

G. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule.

There is no known economic impact to any political subdivision, nor does it require cooperation in implementing or enforcing the proposed rule amendments.

H. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

There is no known adverse economic impact on small business because of the proposed rule amendments as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

I. Explanation of the measures the agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or non-regulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

The proposed rule amendments in this chapter are not intrusive and there are no other appropriate methods to make the corrections and improvements needed.

J. Determination of the effect of the proposed rule on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule is designated to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment, and explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce that risk.

The proposed rule amendments have no known effect on public health, safety, and environment.

K. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule is not implemented.

The proposed amendments will not have a detrimental effect on public health, safety and environment if not implemented.

L. Date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.

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