

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1256

3 By: Strom of the House

4 and

5 Thompson of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
8 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.4a, as amended by
9 Section 3, Chapter 185, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp.
10 2024, Section 1000.4a), which relates to construction
11 skilled trade education; modifying contract terms;
12 and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.4a, as
15 amended by Section 3, Chapter 185, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024,
16 Section 1000.4a), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1000.4a. A. The Construction Industries Board shall
have the additional powers to:

18 1. Receive and convey information relating to the skilled
19 trades regulated by the Construction Industries Board including, but
20 not limited to, workforce development; and

21 2. Enter into contracts with the Oklahoma Department of Career
22 and Technology Education ~~or~~, any Oklahoma State Board of Career and
23 Technology Education fully accredited vocational or technical
24 school, or any accredited system of education institution in ~~the~~

1 State of Oklahoma this state receiving state appropriations and
2 offering programs in secondary and or postsecondary instruction that
3 provide electrical, mechanical, plumbing or roofing trade coursework
4 for any of the following purposes, or combination thereof:

- a. developing and implementing instructional courses on Oklahoma Statutes and rules that govern the electrical, mechanical, plumbing and roofing trades, which courses can be in conjunction with instruction in performing trade work or instruction on statewide-adopted trade codes, or both, for the advancement of the electrical, mechanical, plumbing and roofing trades, or
 - b. developing and implementing a workforce development program that will create interest in the pursuit of a skilled trade career. The workforce development program may consist of, but ~~is~~ shall not be limited to, use of the Internet, community and school presentations, and research and instruction on the electrical, mechanical, plumbing and roofing trades, and may be implemented through public awareness and public information campaigns to promote skilled trade and skilled trade careers as provided in this section

B. All contracts pursuant to this section shall be approved by

24 the Construction Industries Board in accordance with the Oklahoma

1 Open Meeting Act. Costs of the contracts for education and
2 workforce development programs shall be paid from the Skilled Trade
3 Education and Workforce Development Fund ~~established herein~~ created
4 in subsection E of this section and funded by administrative fines
5 or penalties as described in this section. Applications for
6 proposals are to be submitted to the Board on forms provided
7 requiring sufficient justification and information to evaluate
8 costs, return on investment, value, and viability of the proposal.
9 Any contracts will include the requirement that the recipient of the
10 funds will, upon the completion of the contract, provide a written
11 report to the Board providing an accounting of expenditures,
12 describing an explanation of the funds used for the services
13 provided and the success of outreach demonstrating a return on the
14 investment including, but not limited to, an accounting of
15 accomplishments.

16 C. Fines or penalties collected by the Board and deposited in
17 the Oklahoma Mechanical Licensing Revolving Fund, the Electrical
18 Revolving Fund, the Plumbing Licensing Revolving Fund and the
19 Roofing Contractor Registration Revolving Fund may be transferred to
20 the Skilled Trade Education and Workforce Development Fund created
21 in subsection E of this section for the following purposes:

22 1. To develop instructional materials on Oklahoma laws,
23 statutes and rules, as they relate to the plumbing, mechanical,
24 electrical and roofing trades and state licensing standards;

1 2. To cover the cost of equipment, materials, personnel and any
2 other costs of developing and implementing the trade curriculum; and
3 3. To cover the cost of equipment, materials, personnel and any
4 other costs of developing and implementing the workforce development
5 program used to promote the plumbing, mechanical, electrical and
6 roofing trades as a career in Oklahoma.

7 D. The Skilled Trade Education and Workforce Development Fund
8 monies shall be used only for the advancement of trade-related
9 education and workforce development, and only if available based
10 upon statutory limitations.

11 E. 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
12 revolving fund for the Construction Industries Board to be
13 designated the "Skilled Trade Education and Workforce Development
14 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
15 year limitations. The fund shall consist of an annual transfer of
16 fully adjudicated fine revenue received in the Oklahoma Mechanical
17 Licensing Revolving Fund, Electrical Revolving Fund, Plumbing
18 Licensing Revolving Fund or Roofing Contractor Registration
19 Revolving Fund as determined pursuant to this section. Funds may be
20 transferred only from the prior fiscal year.

21 2. If actual receipts, not including fine receipts, exceed
22 actual expenses and outstanding encumbrances, then one hundred
23 percent (100%) of all fully adjudicated fine revenue received shall
24 be transferred from each specific trade revolving fund: the

1 Oklahoma Mechanical Licensing Revolving Fund, Electrical Revolving
2 Fund, Plumbing Licensing Revolving Fund or Roofing Contractor
3 Registration Revolving Fund.

4 3. If at any time the receipts in the Oklahoma Mechanical
5 Licensing Revolving Fund, Electrical Revolving Fund, Plumbing
6 Licensing Revolving Fund or Roofing Contractor Registration
7 Revolving Fund, not including fine receipts, are less than actual
8 expenses and outstanding encumbrances, then the difference of fine
9 receipts over actual expenses and outstanding encumbrances, if any,
10 shall be transferred.

11 4. If at any time the annual receipts in the Oklahoma
12 Mechanical Licensing Revolving Fund, Electrical Revolving Fund,
13 Plumbing Licensing Revolving Fund or Roofing Contractor Registration
14 Revolving Fund, including fine receipts, are less than the actual
15 expenses and outstanding encumbrances, there shall be no transfer of
16 funds for that period.

17 5. All monies accruing to the credit of the Skilled Trade
18 Education and Workforce Development Fund may be budgeted and
19 expended by the Construction Industries Board for workforce
20 development as it relates to the skilled trades and to contract for
21 the services identified in this act. Expenditures from the fund
22 shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against
23 claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of
24 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

1 6. All unexpended or outstanding Skilled Trade Education and
2 Workforce Development Funds from any written agreement where work or
3 services have not been previously approved by specific quote or cost
4 estimate and have not been performed within eighteen (18) months of
5 the date the agreement was signed are hereby released from the
6 agreement and are available for future agreements approved by the
7 Board pursuant to this act, except for specific quotes, estimates,
8 or invoices that previously have been approved for payment,
9 performance has been initiated, and completed within twenty-four
10 (24) months of the signed agreement.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Presiding Officer of the Senate