

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 941

By: Jett of the Senate

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4 Steagall of the House

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6 An Act relating to income tax; amending 68 O.S. 2011,  
7 Section 2357.301, as amended by Section 1, Chapter  
8 30, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section  
9 2357.301), which relates to definitions; modifying  
10 definition; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.301, as  
13 amended by Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
14 Section 2357.301), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 2357.301. As used in Sections 2357.301 through 2357.304  
16 of this title:

17 1. "Aerospace sector" means a private or public organization  
18 engaged in the manufacture of aerospace or defense hardware or  
19 software, aerospace maintenance, space maintenance, aerospace repair  
20 and overhaul, supply of parts to the aerospace industry, provision  
21 of services and support relating to the aerospace industry, research  
22 and development of aerospace and space technology and systems, and  
23 the education and training of aerospace and space personnel.

24 Aerospace sector shall include but not be limited to those aerospace

1 product and parts manufacturing activities defined or classified in  
2 the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Manual  
3 under U.S. Industry Group No. 3364;

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

8 Compensation shall not include employer-provided retirement, medical  
9 or health-care benefits, reimbursement for travel, meals, lodging or  
10 any other expense;

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

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

19 5. "Qualified employee" means any person, regardless of the  
20 date of hire, employed in this state by or contracting in this state  
21 with a qualified employer on or after January 1, 2009, who has been  
22 awarded an undergraduate or graduate degree from a qualified program  
23 by an institution, and who was not employed in the aerospace sector  
24 in this state immediately preceding employment or contracting with a

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

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

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

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2021.

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