

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1530

By: DePue, DeWitt and Jackson
of the House

and

Myers and Anderson of the
Senate

(state government - Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation

Commission - codification -

emergency)

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1839.1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In order to promote and preserve the railroad history of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission is hereby directed to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Guthrie Arts and Humanities Council, a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, or any successive organization, for the purpose of assisting in the development and promotion of the Oklahoma Territorial Railroad project. The Oklahoma Territorial Railroad is a project that will operate excursion, freight, specialty trains and a railroad theme park within the forty-four (44) miles of railroad track system between Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Fairmont, Oklahoma.

B. The cooperative agreement shall have terms mutually agreed upon by the Commission and the Guthrie Arts and Humanities Council and shall address how the parties will work together to:

1. Implement phase I of the Oklahoma Territorial Railroad project, which includes operation of an excursion train between

Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Crescent, Oklahoma, which is intended or projected to be operational by April 2007;

2. Implement phase II of the Oklahoma Territorial Railroad project, which includes operation of a shortline freight and storage line between Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Enid, Oklahoma, which is intended or projected to be operational in 2007;

3. Establish the Oklahoma Territorial Railroad Park in Guthrie, Oklahoma, which is intended or projected to be completed in 2007;

4. Secure federal and private funding for the project; and

5. Contract with an executive director for the project.

C. Any cooperative agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall not be made or entered into which will obligate the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury unless or until the Legislature has appropriated sufficient monies for such purpose.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate