

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3211

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to railroads; creating the Bullet
8 Train Task Force; stating purpose of the Task Force;
9 providing for membership; providing for appointments,
10 meetings, officers, travel reimbursements, and
11 staffing; stating duties of the Task Force; requiring
12 a report by certain date; providing for
13 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created to continue until July 1, 2009, the
18 Bullet Train Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to
19 study the feasibility of developing a bullet train between strategic
20 points in Oklahoma.

21 B. The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

22 1. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
23 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

24 2. One member of the State Senate, appointed by the President
Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

1 3. One member who represents the transportation industry in
2 Oklahoma, appointed by the Governor;

3 4. Two members who represent the railroad industry in Oklahoma,
4 one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
5 and one to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
6 and

7 5. Two members who represent municipal governments, one to be
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to
9 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

10 6. The Secretary of Transportation; and

11 7. The Director of the Department of Transportation.

12 C. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than
13 September 1, 2008. The first meeting of the Task Force shall be
14 called by the Secretary of Transportation. Subsequent meetings
15 shall be held at the call of the chair or vice-chair. The chair and
16 vice-chair of the Task Force shall be elected by the members at the
17 first meeting of the Task Force.

18 D. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation but
19 shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

20 1. Legislative members shall be reimbursed for their necessary
21 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
22 accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
23 and

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1 2. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed by their
2 respective agencies or appointing authority for their necessary
3 travel expenses in the performance of their duties in accordance
4 with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

5 E. Staffing for the Task Force shall be performed by the staff
6 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate.

7 F. The Task Force shall study the following issues and make a
8 report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor,
9 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President
10 Pro Tempore of the State Senate by February 1, 2009:

11 1. Determine the feasibility of developing a bullet train in
12 Oklahoma;

13 2. The availability of railroad right-of-way and trackage that
14 may be used for a bullet train;

15 3. Study the passenger routes that would be the most viable for
16 a bullet train route; and

17 4. Make recommendations on incentives designed to encourage the
18 development of a bullet train in the state.

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

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