

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1686

By: Morrissette, Proctor and  
Pittman of the House

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7 An Act relating to railroads; creating the Eastern  
8 Flyer Passenger Rail Development Task Force;  
9 providing purpose; providing for appointment of  
10 members; requiring organizational meeting; providing  
11 for task force chair, vacancies, quorum and meetings;  
12 prohibiting compensations; providing for staff  
13 assistance; requiring Department of Transportation to  
14 compile certain data; requiring task force to submit  
15 final report; providing for expiration of task force;  
16 providing for codification; and declaring an  
17 emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 323.1 of Title 66, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created the Eastern Flyer Passenger Rail  
23 Development Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to study  
24 and develop a comprehensive plan for expanding conventional  
passenger rail service as well as high speed passenger rail service  
from Tulsa to Oklahoma City via public-private partnership formulas  
that include Department of Transportation grants and state funding

1 allocations in conjunction with private asset contribution. Such  
2 review shall include, but not be limited to, any previous national,  
3 state or local public or private study of this project in any form.

4 B. The Eastern Flyer Passenger Rail Development Task Force  
5 shall be composed of the following seventeen (17) members:

6 1. The Governor or designee;

7 2. The Lieutenant Governor or designee;

8 3. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 4. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the  
11 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

12 5. The Director of the Department of Transportation or  
13 designee;

14 6. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce or  
15 designee;

16 7. The Director of the Corporation Commission or designee;

17 8. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental  
18 Quality or designee;

19 9. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and  
20 Recreation Department or designee;

21 10. Members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
22 Representatives as follows:

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1 a. one citizen residing in and representing the Tulsa  
2 Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the U.S.  
3 Census Bureau,

4 b. one citizen residing in and representing the Oklahoma  
5 City Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the  
6 U.S. Census Bureau, and

7 c. one citizen residing in and representing the area  
8 between Oklahoma City and Tulsa; and

9 11. Members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
10 Senate as follows:

11 a. one citizen residing in and representing the Tulsa  
12 Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the U.S.  
13 Census Bureau,

14 b. one citizen residing in and representing the Oklahoma  
15 City Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the  
16 U.S. Census Bureau, and

17 c. one citizen residing in and representing the area  
18 between Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

19 C. The task force shall conduct an organizational meeting no  
20 later than ninety (90) days after the sine die adjournment of the  
21 1st Regular Session of the 53rd Oklahoma Legislature.

22 D. The chair of the task force shall be chosen by a majority  
23 vote of the members of the task force present at the organizational  
24 meeting required by subsection C of this section.

1 E. Any vacancy in the appointments made pursuant to paragraphs  
2 10 and 11 of subsection B of this section shall be filled in the  
3 same manner as the original appointments.

4 F. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute  
5 a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member shall be  
6 entitled to one vote on the task force. Any official action of the  
7 task force must have a majority of the votes of the members present.

8 G. Each member of the task force shall serve without  
9 compensation.

10 H. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the  
11 Department of Transportation. Entities of state government having  
12 information that would be helpful to the task force shall provide  
13 such assistance and information to the task force as may be  
14 required.

15 I. The Department of Transportation is directed to compile data  
16 the Department of Transportation possesses regarding the purpose of  
17 this task force. The data shall include, but not be limited to, any  
18 information, reports, studies or research that might assist in  
19 fulfilling the purpose of the task force. The Department of  
20 Transportation shall compile this data and report to the task force  
21 on or before October 1, 2011.

22 J. The task force shall submit a final report to the Governor,  
23 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
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