

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1290

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority;  
8 prohibiting Oklahoma Turnpike Authority from  
9 incurring new debt; abolishing the Oklahoma Turnpike  
10 Authority upon satisfaction of debt; providing for  
11 interpretation of certain statutory references;  
12 transferring the duties to the Oklahoma Department of  
13 Transportation; transferring certain personnel,  
14 funds, records, encumbrances, equipment, and other  
15 items to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation;  
16 providing requirements pertaining to transfer of  
17 employees; providing for transition coordinators and  
18 a transition team; providing duties of the transition  
19 team; providing for codification; and declaring an  
20 emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1703.1 of Title 69, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

25 A. As of the effective date of this act, the Oklahoma Turnpike  
26 Authority shall not incur any new debt or issue any bond, rate,  
27 obligation or other evidence of indebtedness. Within ninety (90)  
28 days of the date upon which all obligations of the Authority have

1 | been fully defeased the Authority shall be abolished. Upon the  
2 | abolishment of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority all responsibilities  
3 | formerly imposed on the Authority shall be assumed by the Oklahoma  
4 | Department of Transportation. Any reference in the Oklahoma  
5 | Statutes to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority shall be deemed to be a  
6 | reference to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Any  
7 | reference in the Oklahoma Statutes to the Director of the Oklahoma  
8 | Turnpike Authority shall be deemed to be a reference to the Director  
9 | of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

10 |       B. Upon the abolishment of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority all  
11 | assets, funds, liabilities, allotments, purchase orders, outstanding  
12 | financial obligations, encumbrances, records, aircraft, vehicles,  
13 | equipment, and other property of the Authority shall be transferred  
14 | to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

15 |       C. Upon the abolishment of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority,  
16 | personnel employed by the Authority shall be transferred to the  
17 | Oklahoma Department of Transportation pursuant to a transition plan  
18 | implemented by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation as required  
19 | by Section 2 of this act.

20 |       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
21 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1703.2 of Title 69, unless there  
22 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 |       A. Effective one (1) year prior to the expected abolishment of  
24 | the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority pursuant to Section 1 of this act,

1 the Director of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and the Director of  
2 the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall serve as transition  
3 coordinators and shall establish a transition team to coordinate the  
4 orderly transfer of duties, personnel, property, funds, and  
5 encumbrances from the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to the Oklahoma  
6 Department of Transportation. Each Director may assign personnel to  
7 the transition team from their respective agency as deemed  
8 necessary.

9 B. The transition team shall:

10 1. In conjunction with the Department of Central Services, the  
11 Office of State Finance and the Office of Personnel Management,  
12 oversee and administer the orderly transfer of responsibilities,  
13 liabilities, property, records, personnel and any outstanding  
14 financial obligations or encumbrances to the Oklahoma Department of  
15 Transportation from the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority;

16 2. Review functions currently assigned to or managed by the  
17 Oklahoma Turnpike Authority;

18 3. Devise a proposal for an organizational framework within the  
19 Oklahoma Department of Transportation;

20 4. Establish a plan for the transfer of employees from the  
21 Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to the Oklahoma Department of  
22 Transportation. The plan shall include a list of positions to be  
23 transferred; and  
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1           5. Take such other action as may be reasonably necessary and  
2 appropriate to effectuate the orderly transition of functions as  
3 provided by this act.

4           SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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