



1 B. The report shall be submitted to the President Pro Tempore  
2 of the State Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
3 the Senate Transportation Committee Chairman; the House of  
4 Representatives Transportation Committee Chairman; and the mayors  
5 and city councils of Tulsa, Sapulpa, Bristow, Stroud, Chandler,  
6 Jones, Edmond, Oklahoma City, Norman, Purcell, Pauls Valley and  
7 Ardmore, Oklahoma by December 1, 2015.

8 C. The report shall thereafter be updated annually and released  
9 on July 1 of each year beginning July 1, 2016.

10 D. The report shall include:

11 1. Department of Transportation activity between the dates of  
12 July 1, 1996, and October 1, 2015, to fulfill obligations of Section  
13 322 of Title 66 of the Oklahoma Statutes and specifically to restore  
14 passenger rail service linking stations in Oklahoma and Tulsa  
15 Counties with other primary points in the national railroad  
16 passenger system;

17 2. Itemized transaction statements for the Oklahoma Tourism and  
18 Passenger Rail Revolving Fund for activity between July 1, 1996, and  
19 October 1, 2015;

20 3. In conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, a  
21 summary of economic activity in the communities of Oklahoma City,  
22 Norman, Purcell, Pauls Valley and Ardmore, Oklahoma associated with  
23 the Texas Transportation Institute Study, "Measuring the Benefits of  
24 Intercity Passenger Rail Service: A Study of the Heartland Flyer

1 Corridor", dated March 2010, as commissioned by the Department of  
2 Transportation;

3 4. Historical ridership statistics, by station, by month, for  
4 the Heartland Flyer passenger rail service provided by the National  
5 Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) for Guthrie, Oklahoma City,  
6 Norman, Purcell, Pauls Valley and Ardmore, Oklahoma; and for  
7 Gainesville, Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, between June 14, 1999,  
8 and October 1, 2015; and

9 5. A summary of activities and achievements of the Interstate  
10 Midwest Regional Passenger Rail Compact from April 7, 1999, to July  
11 1, 2015, pursuant to activities required in Sections 327 through 334  
12 of Title 66 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 328.1 of Title 66, unless there  
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. The Commission created pursuant to Section 327 of Title 66  
17 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall:

18 1. Develop and issue requests for proposal due August 1, 2015,  
19 in conjunction with the Commission and Commission partners  
20 identified in Section 326 of Title 66 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the  
21 "Interstate Midwest Regional Passenger Rail Compact", and in  
22 accordance with Sections 327 through 334 of Title 66 of the Oklahoma  
23 Statutes;

1           2. Facilitate activities within the Commission to unbundle the  
2 present passenger rail service contract for the Heartland Flyer.  
3 Specific and separate requests for proposal shall be issued for, but  
4 not limited to:

- 5           a. diesel electric or alternatively powered locomotives,
- 6           b. rolling stock and other equipment rentals,
- 7           c. equipment servicing,
- 8           d. fuel suppliers, including alternative fuels,
- 9           e. commissary providers,
- 10          f. staffing,
- 11          g. marketing,
- 12          h. reservation agents, and
- 13          i. other provisions as deemed appropriate;

14          3. Seek partners to reduce cost;

15          4. Seek partners to increase onboard service quality; and

16          5. Seek, with regard to Interstate Midwest Regional Passenger  
17 Rail Compact, in-state providers when available.

18          B. The Department of Transportation and Oklahoma  
19 representatives of the Interstate Midwest Regional Passenger Rail  
20 Compact Commission shall produce an annual Oklahoma Tourism and  
21 Passenger Rail Act Improvement Report.

22           1. The first report shall be provided to the President Pro  
23 Tempore of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
24 the Senate Transportation Committee Chairman; the House of

1 Representatives Transportation Committee Chairman; and the mayors  
2 and city councils of Tulsa, Sapulpa, Bristow, Stroud, Chandler,  
3 Jones, Edmond, Oklahoma City, Norman, Purcell, Pauls Valley and  
4 Ardmore, Oklahoma by December 1, 2015.

5 2. The December 1, 2015, report shall include:

- 6 a. the results of the request for proposal process,
- 7 b. a proposed service-expansion cost-efficiency metric  
8 and improvement objective expressed in terms of  
9 passenger miles per appropriated dollar,
- 10 c. a proposed service-frequency cost-efficiency metric  
11 and improvement objective expressed in terms of  
12 passenger miles per appropriated dollar,
- 13 d. an economic impact statement and improvement objective  
14 expressed in terms of related community spending per  
15 appropriated dollar, and
- 16 e. proposals for the development of public-private  
17 partnerships.

18 3. The report shall be updated annually through production of  
19 an appendix.

20 4. The appendix shall be released on July 1, 2016, and each  
21 subsequent July 1 thereafter.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

23 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 02/10/2015 -  
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