

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1293

By: Standridge of the Senate

3 and

4 Bush of the House

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6 An Act relating to transportation; amending Section  
7 1, Chapter 143, O.S.L. 2019 (69 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
8 Section 322), which relates to the Office of Mobility  
9 and Public Transit; modifying completion date for  
10 certain transit policy plan; providing an effective  
11 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 143, O.S.L.  
14 2019 (69 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 322), is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 Section 322. A. There is hereby created the Office of Mobility  
17 and Public Transit within the Department of Transportation. All  
18 current Transit Division responsibilities, including oversight and  
19 management of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants and  
20 resources and the State Management Plan, are moved to the Office of  
21 Mobility and Public Transit. Notwithstanding this subsection, the  
22 Office of Mobility and Public Transit will not be responsible for  
23 oversight and management of FTA grants and resources received by  
24 transit agencies as a direct recipient of the FTA as that is not a  
current responsibility of the Transit Division. All Federal Transit

1 Administration program implementations not currently managed by the  
2 Department of Transportation shall be moved to the Office of  
3 Mobility and Public Transit from other state agencies and other  
4 state programs. The Office of Mobility and Public Transit is  
5 charged with overseeing a network of public transit systems that  
6 receive adequate funding to ensure the mobility needs of all  
7 Oklahomans are met in a safe, affordable, reliable, consistent and  
8 coordinated fashion.

9 B. The Office of Mobility and Public Transit shall promulgate  
10 rules and procedures to:

11 1. Implement innovative pilot programs including, but not  
12 limited to, microtransit and autonomous vehicles in the following  
13 systems:

14 a. EMBARK,  
15 b. Tulsa Transit,  
16 c. Little Dixie Transit, and  
17 d. other transit systems as determined by the Department  
18 of Transportation;

19 2. Implement expansion of the current Veterans' Ride Connect  
20 call center at Pelivan Transit to create a "one call/one click"  
21 statewide system for all citizens; and

22 3. Develop the Oklahoma Public Transit Policy Plan. The plan  
23 will be developed jointly by the Department of Transportation and  
24 the Oklahoma Transit Association.

1           a.    A copy of the plan shall be submitted to the Governor,  
2                   the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
3                   President Pro Tempore of the Senate by ~~July 1, 2020~~  
4                   December 1, 2020.

5           b.    The plan shall:

6                   (1)   be all-inclusive of the public transit systems in  
7                           the state,

8                   (2)   reflect the results of the 2018 Oklahoma Transit  
9                           Needs Assessment conducted by the Small Urban and  
10                          Rural Transit Center,

11                  (3)   include all stakeholder input,

12                  (4)   provide for future collaboration and coordination  
13                          of an effective network of public transit systems  
14                          across the state,

15                  (5)   provide for future collaboration and coordination  
16                          among all public transit agencies and systems and  
17                          all stakeholders with an interest in public  
18                          transit, and

19                  (6)   provide for future collaboration and coordination  
20                          among all state agencies with an interest in  
21                          public transit including, but not limited to,  
22                          the:

23                          (a)   Oklahoma Department of Commerce,  
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- (b) Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services,
- (c) Oklahoma Department of Human Services,
- (d) Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,
- (e) Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs,
- (f) Oklahoma Association of Centers for Independent Living,
- (g) Oklahoma Health Care Authority,
- (h) Oklahoma Employment Security Commission,
- (i) Oklahoma State Department of Education,
- (j) Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, and
- (k) Oklahoma Department of Labor.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or 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.

1 Passed the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2020.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2020.

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10 of Representatives