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February 11, 2020

SENATE BILL NO. 1293

By: Standridge of the Senate

and

Bush of the House

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

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

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

Section 322. A. There is hereby created the Office of Mobility and Public Transit within the Department of Transportation. All current Transit Division responsibilities, including oversight and management of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants and resources and the State Management Plan, are moved to the Office of Mobility and Public Transit. Notwithstanding this subsection, the Office of Mobility and Public Transit will not be responsible for oversight and management of FTA grants and resources received by

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

11 B. The Office of Mobility and Public Transit shall promulgate  
12 rules and procedures to:

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

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

21 2. Implement expansion of the current Veterans' Ride Connect  
22 call center at Pelivan Transit to create a "one call/one click"  
23 statewide system for all citizens; and  
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1        3. Develop the Oklahoma Public Transit Policy Plan. The plan  
2 will be developed jointly by the Department of Transportation and  
3 the Oklahoma Transit Association.

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

8            b. The plan shall:

- 9            (1) be all-inclusive of the public transit systems in  
10 the state,  
11            (2) reflect the results of the 2018 Oklahoma Transit  
12 Needs Assessment conducted by the Small Urban and  
13 Rural Transit Center,  
14            (3) include all stakeholder input,  
15            (4) provide for future collaboration and coordination  
16 of an effective network of public transit systems  
17 across the state,  
18            (5) provide for future collaboration and coordination  
19 among all public transit agencies and systems and  
20 all stakeholders with an interest in public  
21 transit, and  
22            (6) provide for future collaboration and coordination  
23 among all state agencies with an interest in  
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1 public transit including, but not limited to,  
2 the:

- 3 (a) Oklahoma Department of Commerce,
- 4 (b) Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation  
5 Services,
- 6 (c) Oklahoma Department of Human Services,
- 7 (d) Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and  
8 Substance Abuse Services,
- 9 (e) Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs,
- 10 (f) Oklahoma Association of Centers for  
11 Independent Living,
- 12 (g) Oklahoma Health Care Authority,
- 13 (h) Oklahoma Employment Security Commission,
- 14 (i) Oklahoma State Department of Education,
- 15 (j) Oklahoma Department of Environmental  
16 Quality, and
- 17 (k) Oklahoma Department of Labor.

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

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
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