

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1827

By: Bullard

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An Act relating to aviation; creating the Fly-In Oklahoma Act; providing short title; creating the Fly-In Oklahoma Program within the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission; stating purpose of program; providing for collaboration with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; authorizing Commission to utilize funds from grants or trusts to implement the enhancement and promotion of Oklahoma airports; requiring funding recipients to track tourism activities and report annually; allowing Commission to contract with entities to carry out the duties of the program; providing for the promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 383 of Title 3, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Fly-In Oklahoma Act".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 383.1 of Title 3, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Aeronautics
5 Commission the Fly-In Oklahoma Program. The purpose of this program
6 shall be to enhance and incentivize aviation and aerospace tourism
7 areas at publicly owned airports within the state through
8 opportunities to improve airports, terminal buildings, recreational
9 aviation activities, and other aviation travel-related
10 infrastructure as well as to advertise tourism opportunities to the
11 aviation community and enhance general awareness of the aviation and
12 aerospace industry. The program shall also promote fly-in events
13 and activities as well as encourage pilots and aviation enthusiasts
14 to utilize the Oklahoma Airport System. The program shall be
15 administered by the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in collaboration
16 with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

17 B. Grants for publicly owned airports and municipalities or
18 public trusts, which operate publicly owned airports that are in the
19 Oklahoma Airport System, shall be available for development and
20 improvement of infrastructure and equipment that would support fly-
21 in tourism, advertising of fly-in tourism, and general awareness of
22 the aviation industry within the state. Recipients that receive
23 funding from the Commission pursuant to this program shall be
24 required to keep track of tourism activities and uses of the grant

1 at their airport and report on an annual basis how this funding has
2 enhanced aviation and aerospace activity at their airport.

3 C. Contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated by
4 the Legislature, the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission may use
5 established processes or may contract with qualified entities to
6 carry out the duties and responsibilities of this program.

7 D. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission shall promulgate any
8 rules necessary to implement the provisions of the Fly-In Oklahoma
9 Program.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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