

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1413

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An Act relating to transportation; creating the Oklahoma Rail Improvements for Economic Development Program Act; providing for certain objectives for Program; providing for administration of the Program; requiring Program to make certain annual matching grants; providing authorization to the Department of Transportation to carry out provisions; creating Oklahoma Rail Improvements for Economic Development Program Revolving Fund; establishing Fund characteristics; providing purpose for expenditure; deeming certain funds appropriated; providing budgeting expenditure procedures and limitations; 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 335 of Title 66, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Rail Improvements for Economic Development Program Act".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 336 of Title 66, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. There is hereby created within the Department of
5 Transportation the Oklahoma Rail Improvements for Economic
6 Development Program. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the
7 Program will identify and select qualified communities in this state
8 to receive infrastructure matching grants to support rail
9 improvements in support of regional economic development.

10 B. The Program shall focus on providing support for local
11 infrastructure improvements to enhance and improve access to rail
12 transportation networks to support economic development activities
13 throughout the State of Oklahoma.

14 C. Eligible communities will be economic development
15 authorities, cities, counties, and tribal governments. Priority
16 shall be given to applicants that are within persistent poverty
17 counties as defined by any federal agency.

18 D. The Department of Transportation Executive Director shall
19 administer the program in consultation with the Oklahoma Department
20 of Commerce.

21 E. Subject to the availability of funds, the Program shall make
22 matching grant awards each year to the selected qualified
23 communities to support rail infrastructure programs. The awards
24 shall be up to Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) each and shall

1 be a direct one-to-one match for nonstate funds invested or received
2 by the Program, including funds from the applicant entity.

3 F. The Department of Transportation shall have the power to
4 make any contract, execute any document, or perform any act to carry
5 out the provisions of this act.

6 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 337 of Title 66, unless there is
8 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
10 for the Department of Transportation to be designated the "Oklahoma
11 Rail Improvements for Economic Development Program Revolving Fund".
12 The Fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
13 limitations and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma
14 Tax Commission which are specifically required by law to be
15 deposited in the Fund, any public or private donations,
16 contributions, and gifts received for the benefit of the Fund, and
17 any amounts appropriated by the Legislature. All monies accruing to
18 the credit of the Fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted
19 and expended by the Department of Transportation for the purpose of
20 funding grants as provided in this act. Expenditures from the Fund
21 shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against
22 claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of
23 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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