

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1413

By: McCall and Fugate of the  
House

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4 Standridge of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to transportation; creating the  
8 Oklahoma Rail Improvements for Economic Development  
9 Program Act; providing for certain objectives for  
10 program; providing for administration of the program;  
11 requiring program to make certain annual matching  
12 grants; providing authorization to the Department of  
13 Transportation to carry out provisions; creating  
14 Oklahoma Rail Improvements for Economic Development  
15 Program Revolving Fund; establishing fund  
16 characteristics; providing purpose for expenditure;  
17 deeming certain funds appropriated; providing  
18 budgeting expenditure procedures and limitations;  
19 providing for codification; and providing an  
20 effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 335 of Title 66, unless there is  
24 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  
14 Oklahoma 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.

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

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of March, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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