

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1413

By: McCall

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

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

24 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:

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

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 336 of Title 66, unless there is
5 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

23 E. Subject to the availability of funds, the Program shall make
24 matching grant awards each year to the selected qualified

1 communities to support rail infrastructure programs. The awards
2 shall be up to Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) each and shall
3 be a direct one-to-one match for nonstate funds invested or received
4 by the Program, including funds from the applicant entity.

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/02/2022 - DO PASS,
As Amended.