

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to transportation; creating the
8 Oklahoma Council on Access to Transportation; stating
9 duties of the Council; specifying the composition of
10 members of the Council; requiring membership of
11 certain state officials; requiring Council to create
12 Advisory Committee; stating terms to be served by
13 Advisory Committee appointees; specifying certain
14 individuals for Advisory Committee; allowing Council
15 to determine meeting times and places; stating
16 members shall serve without compensation; providing
17 for certain reimbursement; directing certain
18 administrative support; stating certain
19 administrative support duties; requiring election of
20 chair and vice-chair; requiring certain annual report
21 to the Governor; allowing existing members of Council
22 and Advisory Committee to serve out current terms
23 assigned; providing for codification; and providing
24 an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4020 of Title 69, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Council on Access to
23 Transportation.

24 B. The Oklahoma Council on Access to Transportation shall:

1 1. Provide a comprehensive assessment of passenger
2 transportation services in Oklahoma in order to maximize
3 availability, efficiency and quality services. State agencies that
4 provide passenger transportation services shall be included in the
5 assessment. All state agencies shall cooperate with the Council in
6 implementing its recommendations;

7 2. Review interagency agreements regarding such services and
8 recommend the consolidation or restructuring of inefficient or
9 duplicative programs;

10 3. Evaluate existing state and federal funding programs and
11 other resources;

12 4. Identify and devise pragmatic means to eliminate service
13 gaps and barriers to access; and

14 5. Develop recommendations to improve coordination among
15 passenger transportation providers.

16 C. The Council shall be composed of the following state
17 officials or their designees:

18 1. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce;

19 2. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation
20 Services;

21 3. State Commissioner of Health;

22 4. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services;

23 5. Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and
24 Substance Abuse Services;

1 6. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;
2 7. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation;
3 8. Director of the Oklahoma Office of Disability Concerns;
4 9. Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care
5 Authority;

- 6 10. Oklahoma Native American Liaison;
- 7 11. Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission;
- 8 12. State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and
- 9 13. Office of the Governor designee.

10 D. The Council shall appoint an Advisory Committee to assist
11 the Council in evaluating Oklahoma's passenger transportation
12 services and in formulating recommendations for their improvement.
13 These members shall serve the Council for a three-year term
14 beginning upon appointment and may be reappointed at the discretion
15 of the Council. Each Advisory Committee member shall continue to
16 serve until a new appointment has been made for his or her position.
17 The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following
18 individuals:

- 19 1. Two members representing the transportation-disadvantaged;
- 20 2. Three members representing transportation providers;
- 21 3. Two members representing transportation-disadvantaged
22 organizations; and
- 23 4. Three members representing community government
24 organizations.

1 E. The Council shall meet at such times and places as it deems
2 appropriate. Council and Advisory Committee members shall serve
3 without compensation. Council members employed by a state agency
4 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses related to their service on
5 the Council as authorized by the State Travel Reimbursement Act.
6 Remaining Council and Advisory Committee members shall be reimbursed
7 for travel expenses related to their service as authorized by the
8 Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services and in accordance
9 with the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Administrative support for
10 the Council, including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to
11 ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of
12 the Council and Advisory Committee and the design and maintenance of
13 the Council's MyRide Mobility application, shall be provided by the
14 Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. The Council shall
15 elect a chair and vice-chair from its membership. The Council shall
16 report to the Governor regarding its progress and status on January
17 1, 2020, and annually thereafter.

18 F. Current membership of the Council and Advisory Committee
19 shall not be affected upon the effective date of this act. Existing
20 members of the Council and Advisory Committee shall continue to
21 serve out their terms as previously prescribed by Executive Order.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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