

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 319

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Transportation
8 Infrastructure Task Force; creating task force;
9 stating purpose; stating membership; requiring
10 appointments by certain date; providing for staffing
11 and travel reimbursement; providing for
12 administrative support; requiring report by certain
13 date; directing distribution; providing for
14 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
17 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

18 A. There is hereby created until December 1, 2016, the
19 "Oklahoma Transportation Infrastructure Task Force" for the purpose
20 of studying and evaluating current and future transportation
21 infrastructure expansion. The task force shall specifically study
22 current fuel tax data, ways to increase motor vehicle collections
23 for municipal roads and bridges, the federal marketplace fairness
24 act, and the states bonding capacity. The task force shall also
address any other pertinent issues it deems necessary to carry out
the scope of such projects.

1 B. The Oklahoma Transportation Infrastructure Task Force shall
2 consist of eleven (11) members, as follows:

3 1. The Secretary of Transportation, or a designee;

4 2. A representative from a statewide organization representing
5 counties appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

6 3. A representative from a transportation advocacy group
7 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 4. A representative from a statewide organization representing
9 municipalities appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

10 5. A representative from a road and bridge organization
11 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

12 6. Three members of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the
13 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

14 7. Three members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

16 Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same manner
17 as the original appointment.

18 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives shall each designate one of the legislative
20 members appointed to the task force to serve as cochair.

21 Appointments made pursuant to this section shall be finalized no
22 later than July 1, 2015.

23 The co-chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force.
24 The task force shall meet as often as it deems necessary. Members

1 of the task force shall serve without compensation. Nonlegislative
2 task force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed for
3 travel expenses related to their service on the task force by their
4 appointing authority in accordance with the provisions of the State
5 Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the task force
6 shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in
7 the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of
8 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

9 Administrative support for the task force shall be provided by
10 the Department of Transportation to be supplemented, if necessary,
11 by the staff of the Senate and the House of Representatives. All
12 participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative
13 support as requested by the task force.

14 C. The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
15 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Oklahoma
17 Transportation Commission on or before December 1, 2016. The report
18 shall be prepared by the staff of the Department of Transportation.

19 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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