

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1688

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to aircraft; creating the Oklahoma
8 Droneport Project Pilot Program; providing for
9 certain objectives for certain pilot program;
10 creating Oklahoma Droneport Project Revolving Fund;
11 providing for codification; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 373 of Title 3, unless there is
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
18 Droneport Project Pilot Program".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 374 of Title 3, unless there is
21 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Aeronautics
23 Commission the Oklahoma Droneport Project Pilot Program. Contingent
24 upon the availability of funds, the Program will work with
25 communities and their economic developers to help unlock the

1 potential to prosper and create jobs in the emerging Unmanned Aerial
2 Systems industry. The Program will:

3 1. Introduce the potential of droneports to communities across
4 the state;

5 2. Select communities seeking to participate as regional
6 droneport hosts;

7 3. Provide selected facilities with flight safety systems and
8 train droneport operators to manage the systems;

9 4. Provide support for applications to the Federal Aviation
10 Administration for permission to fly;

11 5. Contribute to the Unmanned Aerial Systems ecosystem that
12 supports Oklahoma companies and creates jobs in the Unmanned Aerial
13 Systems and related industries;

14 6. Sustain the effort by preparing communities to attract
15 commercial traffic to their droneports; and

16 7. Facilitate the networking of droneports with a statewide
17 Unmanned Aerial Systems Traffic Management System.

18 B. The Aeronautics Commission shall have the power to make any
19 contract, execute any document or perform any act in order to carry
20 out this act. The Board may employ such persons as may be required
21 for the performance of any function authorized or required by this
22 act or necessary for the accomplishment of any such function
23 including the management and services of the project. Such persons
24 shall be selected based upon outstanding knowledge and experience in

1 the field for which the person performs services for the Aeronautics
2 Commission.

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 375 of Title 3, unless there is
5 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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