STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

SENATE BILL 1688

By: Bergstrom

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission the Oklahoma Droneport Project Pilot Program. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Program will work with communities and their economic developers to help unlock the
potential to prosper and create jobs in the emerging Unmanned Aerial Systems industry. The Program will:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission to be designated the "Oklahoma Droneport Project Revolving Fund". The Fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Tax Commission which are specifically required by law to be deposited in the Fund, any public or private donations, contributions and gifts received for the benefit of the Fund and any amounts appropriated by the Legislature. All monies accruing to the credit of the Fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission for the purpose of funding grants as provided in this act. Expenditures from the Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against 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, 2020.