

HOUSE BILL 2278

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 10; Title 4, Chapter 23; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55; Title 64 and Title 65, relative to passenger rail transportation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) is directed to perform a study of the feasibility, cost, and infrastructure of expanding passenger railroad service in this state through the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, doing business as Amtrak. This study must be conducted from TACIR's existing resources.

(b) All appropriate state departments and agencies and regional transportation authorities shall provide assistance to TACIR in connection with the study required by subsection (a).

(c) TACIR shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, upon conclusion of its study.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.