



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1124

SENATE BILL NO. 2602

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 2278

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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)(1) The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) is directed to prepare a report surveying projects initiated over the past ten (10) years involving the initiation of new state-sponsored Amtrak intercity passenger rail.

(2) In assembling the report, TACIR shall collect data from at least three (3) state departments of transportation that have successfully initiated or are in the process of initiating new Amtrak intercity passenger rail service.

(3) Information to be assembled must include, but not be limited to, the stakeholders involved, the process by which the new service was negotiated among the stakeholders, all costs related to establishing the new service, ridership estimates, and other matters that will inform the general assembly on successful launching of the surveyed service. Applicable costs to be included must consist of operational feasibility studies, rights-of-way and property acquisitions, new and upgraded operations, passenger stations, equipment acquisition, and actual or anticipated operational and ongoing costs. Information concerning stakeholders shall not only include state departments of transportation, host railroads, and Amtrak, but also state-created entities tasked with sponsoring and managing the new Amtrak intercity passenger rail service.

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

(c) Upon conclusion of its report, TACIR shall transmit a copy of its report, including its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the chair of the transportation committee of the house of representatives, the chair of the transportation and safety committee of the senate, and the legislative librarian.

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

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PASSED: April 27, 2022


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of June 2022


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR