

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB689
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Impact:	\$0 to minimal

Research Analysis

The CS to SB 689 modifies the list of potential membership for the Advisory Committee on Medical Care for Public Assistance Recipients to include a member representing people who are developmentally disabled, and a member representing one or more behavioral health professions. The PCS also changes the term for appointments made to the Advisory Committee. The term duration is not to exceed four consecutive calendar years changed from three consecutive calendar years. The chair and vice chair terms are also changed from no more than 3 consecutive one-year terms to no more than 4 consecutive one-year terms.

The CS specifies that it is the policy of the State of Oklahoma that all state agencies with an interest in public transit should ensure their programs are in alignment with the Oklahoma Public Transit Policy Plan.

The CS prohibits the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) from allowing any contracts existing or new to have a negative impact on the financial stability of the state's public transit network. The PCS also requires the OHCA to direct all contractors responsible for nonemergency medical transportation for Medicaid or SoonerCare participants to purchase transportation through Oklahoma public transit systems for their participants when available.

OHCA and all contractors are required to consider the jurisdictional boundaries of the public transit systems. Any entity contracted to broker for nonemergency medical transportation are required to reasonably collaborate with the entity implementing a statewide mobility management program.

Lastly, the CS requires all public transit providers to have valid certification from the Oklahoma Transit Association.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Conference Committee Report for SB 689 increases the term for members appointed to the Committee from 3 years to 4 years and adds the requirement to appoint a member representing individuals with developmental disabilities.

The first part of the bill dealing with MAC changes has no impact.

The transportation language added in, OHCA will need to amend contracts for nonemergency medical transportation (SoonerRide). These contracts may have an increased cost due to the new stipulations, but would most likely be minimal.

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Other Considerations

None.

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