

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 1075

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to railroads; stating legislative
8 intent; requiring certain railroad operators have two
9 crewmembers; making certain exceptions; providing for
10 noncodification; providing for codification; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
14 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

15 The Legislature finds that adequate personnel are critical to
16 ensuring railroad operational safety, security, and, in the event of
17 a hazardous material incident, support of first responder
18 activities, as well as in the interest of the safety of the general
19 public. Therefore, the Legislature declares that this act
20 regulating minimum railroad employee staffing to reduce risk to
21 localities constitutes power to protect and promote the health,
22 safety, security and welfare of the residents of this state by
23 reducing the risk exposure to local communities and protecting
24 environmentally sensitive or pristine land and waterways.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 104 of Title 66, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Railroads, excluding short lines, operating within this
5 state shall maintain a minimum of two (2) crewmembers in the control
6 compartment of the lead locomotive unit of a train.

7 B. Compliance with subsection A of this section shall not be
8 required during switching operations, brake testing, safety
9 inspections or while performing setouts in conjunction with road
10 service.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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