

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1620

By: Pugh of the Senate

3 and

4 Hilbert of the House

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6 An Act relating to school transportation; amending 70
7 O.S. 2021, Section 9-101, which relates to school
8 district provision of transportation; updating
9 references; removing language restricting
10 transportation within certain boundaries; removing
11 language prohibiting a receiving school district from
12 crossing certain boundaries; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
13 Section 3-141, which relates to charter school
14 provision of transportation; removing language
15 restricting transportation within certain boundaries;
16 updating reference; repealing 70 O.S. 2021, Section
17 9-105, which relates to school district
18 transportation boundaries; providing an effective
19 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 9-101, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 9-101. A. ~~Any~~ A school district may provide
24 transportation for ~~any~~ a child who is participating in ~~any~~ a
prekindergarten or early childhood program operated by the school
district or ~~any~~ a child who is participating in ~~any~~ a Head Start
program offered within the school district.

B. Upon a request for a student transfer pursuant to the
provisions of the Education Open Transfer Act, if the parent or

1 legal guardian of the student requests that the receiving district
2 provide transportation for the student, and if the receiving
3 district grants the transfer, then the receiving district may
4 provide such transportation ~~only within the boundaries of the~~
5 ~~receiving school district. A receiving school district shall not~~
6 ~~cross school district boundaries to transport a kindergarten through~~
7 ~~eighth grade student transferred pursuant to the Education Open~~
8 ~~Transfer Act except as otherwise authorized in Section 9-105 of this~~
9 ~~title.~~

10 C. ~~Any~~ A school district may provide transportation for each
11 student ~~who should attend any~~ enrolled in a public elementary or
12 secondary school when, and only when, transportation is necessary
13 for accomplishment of one of the following purposes:

14 1. To provide adequate educational facilities and opportunities
15 which otherwise would not be available, which shall include those
16 purposes provided in the Education Open Transfer Act; and

17 2. To transport students whose homes are more than a reasonable
18 walking distance, as defined by regulations of the State Board of
19 Education, from the school attended by such student. Provided, that
20 no state funds shall be paid for the transportation of a student
21 whose residence is within one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from the
22 school attended by such student.

23 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-141, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 3-141. A. Transportation shall be provided by the
2 charter school in accordance with Sections 9-101 through 9-118 of
3 ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and only within the transportation~~
4 ~~boundaries of the school district in which the charter school is~~
5 ~~located~~ this title.

6 B. A charter school shall provide the parent or legal guardian
7 information regarding transportation at the time the student enrolls
8 in the charter school.

9 SECTION 3. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2021, Section 9-105, is
10 hereby repealed.

11 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

12 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2022.

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