1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022) ENGROSSED SENATE 4 BILL NO. 1620 By: Pugh of the Senate 5 and 6 Hilbert of the House 7 8 9 An Act relating to school transportation; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 9-101, which relates to school district provision of transportation; updating 10 references; removing language restricting transportation within certain boundaries; removing 11 language prohibiting a receiving school district from crossing certain boundaries; amending 70 O.S. 2021, 12 Section 3-141, which relates to charter school provision of transportation; removing language 13 restricting transportation within certain boundaries; updating reference; repealing 70 O.S. 2021, Section 14 9-105, which relates to school district transportation boundaries; providing an effective 15 date; and declaring an emergency. 16 17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 9-101, is 19 amended to read as follows: 20 Section 9-101. A. Any A school district may provide 21 transportation for any a child who is participating in any a 22 prekindergarten or early childhood program operated by the school 23 24

- district or $\frac{any}{a}$ child who is participating in $\frac{any}{a}$ 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 legal guardian of the student requests that the receiving district provide transportation for the student, and if the receiving district grants the transfer, then the receiving district may provide such transportation only within the boundaries of the receiving school district. A receiving school district shall not cross school district boundaries to transport a kindergarten through eighth-grade student transferred pursuant to the Education Open Transfer Act except as otherwise authorized in Section 9-105 of this title.
- C. Any \underline{A} school district may provide transportation for each student who should attend any enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school when, and only when, transportation is necessary for accomplishment of one of the following purposes:
- 1. To provide adequate educational facilities and opportunities which otherwise would not be available, which shall include those purposes provided in the Education Open Transfer Act; and
- 2. To transport students whose homes are more than a reasonable walking distance, as defined by regulations of the State Board of Education, from the school attended by such student. Provided, that no state funds shall be paid for the transportation of a student

1	whose residence is within one and one-half (1 $1/2$) miles from the
2	school attended by such student.
3	SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-141, is
4	amended to read as follows:
5	Section 3-141. A. Transportation shall be provided by the
6	charter school in accordance with Sections 9-101 through 9-118 of
7	Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and only within the transportation
8	boundaries of the school district in which the charter school is
9	located this title.
10	B. A charter school shall provide the parent or <u>legal</u> guardian
11	information regarding transportation at the time the student enrolls
12	in the charter school.
13	SECTION 3. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2021, Section 9-105, is
14	hereby repealed.
15	SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.
16	SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17	of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
18	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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21	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04/05/2022
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