

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1629

BY: RHOADS (Karroll) and
HAGER of the HOUSE

and

WILKERSON of the SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL BUSES; AMENDING 47 O.S.

1981, SECTION 12-228, WHICH RELATES TO SPECIAL
EQUIPMENT ON SCHOOL BUSES; REQUIRING THE ACTIVATION
OF HEADLIGHTS ON CERTAIN BUSES; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1981, Section 12-228, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 12-228. (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety and the
State Board of Education are authorized to adopt standards and
specifications applicable to lighting equipment on and special
warning devices to be carried by school buses consistent with the
provisions of this chapter, but supplemental thereto. Such
standards and specifications shall correlate with and, so far as
possible, conform to the specifications then current as approved by
the Society of Automotive Engineers. During the time any school bus
is operating, the school bus shall have its headlights activated.

(b) It shall be unlawful to operate any red flashing warning
signal light on any school bus except when any said school bus is
stopped on a highway for the purpose of permitting school children
to board or alight from said school bus.

(c) It shall be unlawful to operate any red flashing warning signal light on any church bus as defined in Section 1 of this act, except when any said bus is stopped on a highway for the purpose of permitting passengers to board or alight from said bus.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 1991.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1991.

President of the Senate