

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 43

BY: SHURDEN

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1981,  
SECTION 9-108, WHICH RELATES TO TRANSPORTATION OF  
SCHOOL CHILDREN; STATING LEGISLATIVE INTENT;  
ALLOWING SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE FOR VISITS TO STATE  
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION  
OF REGULATIONS; SPECIFYING DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR  
CERTAIN ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1981, Section 9-108, is amended to read as follows:

Section 9-108. The board of education of any school district furnishing transportation is hereby authorized to furnish, in addition to free transportation to and from school, transportation within or without the district for children attending the schools of that district, for the purpose of attending community, county, and state fairs that admit school children free, for purposes connected with summer youth activities upon approval of the school board governing said school district, for transporting pupils on planned school field trips to state correctional institutions pursuant to

the provisions of Section 2 of this act, and for all other purposes approved by the State Board of Education. Provided, that upon request therefor by the State Director of Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics (Service), or the State Director of Vocational and Technical Education, or the State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, the State Board of Education shall authorize any school district furnishing transportation to provide transportation for school children participating in educational contests and activities outside of the State of Oklahoma, or outside of the districts in which they reside, and two or more districts may enter into agreements for the furnishing of such transportation. The expense of any such additional transportation shall be paid by the children so transported, by the school activity or school organization receiving benefit from such transportation, or from other private sources. Money so collected shall not be chargeable to or become a part of the school district's finances.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.231 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the intent of the Legislature that children of this state understand the seriousness of conviction for criminal behavior and the resulting punishment. The purpose of visits to correctional institutions provided for herein shall be to demonstrate to pupils the deleterious effects of incarceration on the life of an inmate.

B. Public school districts may provide for at least one visit per school year for pupils in the eighth grade or a higher grade to a state correctional institution. Transportation shall be provided pursuant to Section 9-108 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The State Department of Education shall adopt regulations to ensure the implementation of this section.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.232 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Corrections shall provide for the safe conduct of tours of state correctional institutions that are organized pursuant to this act. The Department may prohibit, delay or cancel tours if it finds that a security risk exists at the scheduled institution.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991.

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