

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 885

By: Smith

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 12-228, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 189, O.S.L. 1999 (47 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 12-228), which relates to school buses; requiring school buses to have flashing white or amber warning lights to be used in certain conditions; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 12-228, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 189, O.S.L. 1999 (47 O.S. Supp. 1999, 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. In addition to other lights required by law, school buses shall be equipped with flashing white or amber lights to be lighted when the school bus is transporting school children during periods of reduced visibility caused by atmospheric conditions other than darkness. These warning lights may also be lighted at other times while the bus is transporting school children.

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 11-705.1 of this title, 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 November 1, 2002.

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