

SB 500

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Thursday, February 15, 2001

3 Senate Bill No. 500

4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 500 - By: WILLIAMS of the Senate and ROSS of the
6 House.

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section
8 9-101, as amended by Section 26, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999
9 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 9-101), which relates to
10 transportation; authorizing optional origin or destination
11 for school transportation; **providing certain limitations;**
12 **authorizing school districts to alter routes;** providing an
13 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 9-101, as
16 amended by Section 26, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000,
17 Section 9-101), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 9-101. A. Any school district may provide
19 transportation for any child who is participating in any
20 prekindergarten or early childhood program operated by the school
21 district or any child who is participating in any Head Start program
22 offered within the school district.

23 B. Upon a request for a student transfer pursuant to the
24 provisions of the Education Open Transfer Act, if the parent of the
25 student requests that the receiving district provide transportation
26 for the student, and if the receiving district grants the transfer,
27 then the receiving district may provide such transportation only

1 within the boundaries of the receiving school district. A receiving
2 school district shall not cross school district boundaries to
3 transport a kindergarten through eighth-grade student transferred
4 pursuant to the Education Open Transfer Act except as otherwise
5 authorized in Section 9-105 of this title.

6 C. Any school district may provide transportation for each
7 student who ~~should~~ is entitled to attend any public elementary or
8 secondary school when, and only when, transportation is necessary
9 for accomplishment of one of the following purposes:

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

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

19 D. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a student eligible for
20 transportation pursuant to this section shall have the option of
21 designating a before or after school care program location or child
22 care center as the student's origin or destination for school
23 transportation; provided, such location is within the boundaries of

1 the school district and the location is within a reasonable distance
2 of a definite route for the student's school site, as established in
3 Section 9-105 of this title. School districts are authorized to
4 alter routes to include such locations.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 02-12-01 - DO
11 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.