

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2885

By: Ferguson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring inspection of transportation equipment used by schools; specifying time period for inspection; stating standards for inspection; specifying who will conduct inspection; listing equipment to be examined and tested; defining term; establishing sanction for failure to comply; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9-101.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The board of education of any school district furnishing transportation shall require that all transportation equipment, as defined in paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 9-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, operated by that school district be inspected once a year within the thirty (30) days prior to the start of the school year by an official inspector, as designated by the State Board of Education to verify that the transportation equipment is being maintained and operated in accordance with all the requirements of the rules of the State Board of Education and state and federal law. The inspection shall include an examination and test of the brakes, steering, front and rear wheel suspension, exhaust systems, wheels and tires, windshield wipers, horn or warning device, proper adjustment of turn signals, windshield, and other glass and lighting equipment, and if applicable, stop signal arms, and emergency exits and equipment. A record of the inspection

shall be maintained by the school district and shall be available for inspection upon request.

B. For purposes of this section, "official inspector" means a person who, by training and experience specified by rule promulgated by the State Board of Education, is eligible to conduct inspections.

C. Failure to comply with subsection A of this section shall result in a loss of state funds to that school district in an amount to be determined by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

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.

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