

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE BILL 500

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 9-101, as amended by Section 26, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 9-101), which relates to transportation; authorizing optional origin or destination for school transportation; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

B. Upon a request for a student transfer pursuant to the provisions of the Education Open Transfer Act, if the parent of the student requests that the receiving district provide transportation for the student, and if the receiving district grants the transfer, then the receiving district may provide such transportation only within the boundaries of the receiving school district. A receiving school district shall not cross school district boundaries to transport a kindergarten through eighth-grade student transferred pursuant to the Education Open Transfer Act except as otherwise authorized in Section 9-105 of this title.

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

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

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

D. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a student eligible for transportation pursuant to this section shall have the option of designating a before or after school care program location or child care center as the student's origin or destination for school transportation.

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

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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