

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

SENATE BILL 902

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 9-101, which relates to transportation; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, 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.

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

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