

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE BILL 1909

By: Toure

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries; amending 69 O.S. 2001, Section 601.5, which relates to county road system; authorizing the board of county commissioners to maintain certain roads; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2001, Section 601.5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 601.5 A. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the children of this state, the board of county commissioners shall be authorized to enter onto private property adjoining county roads in order to perform maintenance or improvements to an existing private road when:

1. The private road is used by a school bus to turn around;
2. The available right-of-way does not provide enough space for the school bus to turn around without endangering the occupants of the school bus; and
3. The owner of the private road agrees in writing to the necessary maintenance or improvements.

The maintenance or improvements to the private road shall be limited to the area necessary for the school bus to adequately turn around.

B. In counties with a population in excess of two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, a private road that has been in existence for at least twenty-five (25) years and has been used continuously for school bus traffic,

the board of county commissioners shall be authorized to enter onto the private road and perform maintenance. The area shall be limited to the section of road actually traveled on by school buses.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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