

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2828

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to labor; creating the Alicia Layne Driver Education and Safety Training Act; stating purpose; requiring driver education and safety training programs for certain employees; requiring certification of programs by Department of Public Safety; requiring programs be taught by certain persons; allowing attendance of program to satisfy certain requirement; requiring Department of Labor to promulgate rules for oversight of programs; requiring Department of Labor to compile and maintain statistics; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; 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 not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Alicia Layne Driver Education and Safety Training Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 410.1 of Title 40, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the public policy of the state to increase motor vehicle safety and to reduce motor vehicle accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

B. All employees, as defined by Section 402 of Title 40 of the Oklahoma Statutes, of all state and political subdivision employers, as defined by Section 402 of Title 40 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who are required in the course of their employment to operate motor vehicles, must attend and successfully complete a minimum of one driver education and safety training program every three (3) years.

The driver education and safety training program shall consist of classroom defensive driver training and techniques, behavior modification, and strategies for road sharing with tractor-trailer trucks. Furthermore, employers who utilize specialized motor vehicle equipment including, but not limited to, earth-moving, slow moving and snow-removal vehicles shall provide specialized training regarding the operation of this type of equipment.

C. All driver education and safety training programs for employees must be certified by the Department of Public Safety and taught by public or private sector driver education trainers who have been certified by the Department of Public Safety.

D. Attendance at driver education and safety training programs shall satisfy one-fourth (1/4) of the safety training requirements mandated by OAC 380:40-1-22(d).

E. The Department of Labor shall have oversight of and enforcement duties over driver education and safety training programs for employees including, but not limited to, the duty to facilitate, schedule, verify participation, and monitor driver programs for which duties the Commissioner of Labor shall promulgate rules.

F. The Department of Labor shall annually compile and maintain statistics of the number of motor vehicle accidents, injuries, and fatalities involving employees based on reports submitted from all employers to the Department of Labor within ten (10) days of the occurrence thereof.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 4. 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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