

3 Senate Bill No. 399

4 SENATE BILL NO. 399 - By: Branan, Johnson (Constance) and Sweeden of
5 the Senate and Shannon of the House.

6 An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries; designating
7 the Oklahoma Department of Transportation as the agency to
8 implement the Safe Routes to Schools program; stating
9 purpose; stating duties; authorizing Director to appoint
10 certain advisory committee; prohibiting compensation for
11 certain members; authorizing Department to promulgate rules;
12 creating revolving fund; providing for codification;
13 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 420 of Title 69, unless there is
17 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall establish
19 and implement the Safe Routes to Schools program, a federally-funded
20 program with the goal of increasing physical activity in school-aged
21 children by increasing the number of children walking and bicycling
22 to school.

23 B. The Department may apply for, accept, receive and disburse
24 gifts, grants, donations and other monies from the federal
25 government or from any other public or private source to implement
26 the provisions of this act. Monies received by the Department for

1 such purposes shall be deposited in the Safe Routes to Schools
2 Revolving Fund created in Section 2 of this act.

3 C. The Director of the Department shall appoint a Safe Routes
4 to Schools Advisory Committee, which shall consist of any number of
5 persons the Director deems appropriate. Members appointed to serve
6 on such committee shall not be eligible for compensation for such
7 service; provided, however, public employees may be eligible to
8 serve on the committee as part of their duties.

9 D. The Department, in consultation with the Safe Routes to
10 Schools Advisory Committee, shall establish a safe routes to schools
11 program to assist communities in identifying and reducing barriers
12 and hazards to children walking or bicycling to and from school.
13 The Department may provide the following types of assistance:

- 14 1. Grants;
- 15 2. Technical services and advice;
- 16 3. Public information and education; and
- 17 4. Evaluation and measurement of community programs.

18 E. The Department is authorized to promulgate rules necessary
19 to implement the provisions of this act.

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 421 of Title 69, unless there is
22 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
2 for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to be designated the
3 "Oklahoma Safe Routes to Schools Revolving Fund". The fund shall be
4 a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
5 consist of all monies received by the Department from any public or
6 private sources authorized by law. All monies accruing to the
7 credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and
8 expended by the Department for the purpose of implementing the
9 federal Safe Routes to School program. Expenditures from the fund
10 shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against
11 claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance
12 for approval and payment.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

14 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 2-17-09 - DO
19 PASS, As Coauthored.