

FLOOR AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend amendment number 1 to HB1062
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the printed Bill
Of the Engrossed Bill

By inserting a new Section 10 to read as follows:

(see attached)

and by renumbering the subsequent section of the bill.

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Mike Shelton

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

"SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 149.6 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A parent or legal guardian of a student may request and receive a voucher to be used to enroll the student in and attend a private school if the student is enrolled in a public school at which one or more school personnel assigned to the school have completed the special reserve school resource officer academy as provided for in Section 4 of this act and the board of education of the school district has adopted a policy that authorizes the carrying of a handgun into the school.

B. The parent or legal guardian of the student shall submit a request to the State Department of Education and the resident school district for a voucher at any time after school personnel are authorized to carry a handgun into the school. The voucher shall remain in force until the student returns to a public school or until the student completes the highest grade offered by the private school the student is enrolled in and returns to the public schools.

C. Any student receiving a voucher school comply with the attendance requirements as set forth in Section 10-106 of title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes unless excused for illness or other good causes as defined by the private school. A student that fails to comply with the requirements of receiving the voucher shall be subject to forfeiture of the voucher. A private school shall notify the State Department of Education of the failure of a student to comply with the requirements of the voucher. Upon notification, the Department shall cease payment of the voucher to the parent.

D. The maximum amount of a voucher for each eligible student enrolled in a private school shall be the amount equivalent to ninety five percent (95%) of the average local and county revenue of the resident school district which is chargeable in the state aid formula, state-dedicated revenue, and state-appropriated funds per average daily membership generated by its students for the applicable year. The amount of the voucher for each student attending a private school shall be either the amount calculated pursuant to this subsection or the amount of tuition and fees for the private school, whichever amount is less.

E. The resident school district shall report to the State Department of Education all students who are receiving a voucher. After a student enrolls in a private school, the resident school district shall remove the student from the attendance rolls and the student shall not be included in the average daily membership of the school district.

F. After September 1 of each year, the State Department of Education shall calculate the amount necessary to fund all of the vouchers for the upcoming school year. The Department shall make adjustments in the allocations to each school district with students receiving a voucher. The Department shall transfer the funds to a separate account for disbursement to the parents of participating students.

G. Upon filing proper documentation as approved by the State Department of Education, the Department shall make voucher payments to the parents or legal guardians of participating students in four equal payments no later than October 1, December 1, February 1, and April 1 of each school year in which the student is eligible. The initial payment shall be made only after verification of admission to a private school,

and subsequent payments shall be made upon verification of continued enrollment in a private school and compliance with the voucher requirements. Payment shall be made by individual warrants made payable to the parent or legal guardian of the student and mailed by the Department to the parent or legal guardian.

H. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 149.7 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any student enrolled in a public school at which one or more school personnel assigned to the school have completed the special reserve school resource officer academy as provided for in Section 4 of this act and the board of education of the school district has adopted a policy that authorizes the carrying of a handgun into the school shall be allowed to transfer to another school district without approval of the resident school district. A school district which receives a request for a transfer from a student pursuant to this section shall automatically grant the transfer. The student may apply for the transfer at any time and shall not be subject to the time restrictions set forth in Education Open Transfer Act. A student shall be limited to one transfer pursuant to this section. Thereafter, a student may apply for any other kind of transfer for which the student is eligible as provided for in the Education Open Transfer Act."