

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1616

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An Act relating to student drivers; creating the Hope Shaffer Act; prohibiting student driver from operating a motor vehicle when other students are passengers; providing an exception; requiring specified statement be included in waiver; prohibiting refusal of service in certain cases; defining term; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Hope Shaffer Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 19-124 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, each commercial driver training school as defined in Section 801 of Title

1 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes or school district providing driver
2 education training or classes shall only allow a student driver
3 receiving instruction to operate the motor vehicle when there are no
4 other student drivers in the motor vehicle as passengers.

5 B. The parent or legal guardian of a student driver may sign a
6 waiver which would allow the student driver to ride as a passenger
7 in a motor vehicle that is being operated by another student driver.
8 The waiver shall be on a separate form and include the following
9 statement: "I understand if my child is a passenger in a motor
10 vehicle operated by a student driver, there is a risk of death,
11 serious injury or collision". If the parent or legal guardian
12 refuses to sign the waiver, the commercial driver training school or
13 school district shall not refuse to admit the student driver.

14 C. As used in this section, "student driver" shall mean any
15 person receiving driver education training who is younger than
16 eighteen (18) years of age.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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