

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3159

By: West (Kevin) of the House

3 and

4 Merrick of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 1210.194, which relates to prohibiting child
9 with contagious disease or head lice from attending
10 school; including children with a communicable
11 disease; striking prohibition for children with head
12 lice; requiring compliance with certain public health
13 law; authorizing certain certification from a
14 licensed doctor; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 1210.194, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1210.194 ~~A.~~ Any child afflicted with a contagious or
19 communicable disease ~~or head lice~~ may be prohibited from attending a
20 public, private, or parochial school until such time as ~~he~~ the child
21 is free from the contagious or communicable disease ~~or head lice~~ in
22 compliance with Section 1-505 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes
23 or upon certification from a licensed medical doctor or licensed
24 doctor of osteopathic medicine.

1 ~~B. Any child prohibited from attending school due to head lice~~
2 ~~shall present to the appropriate school authorities, before the~~
3 ~~child may reenter school, certification from a health professional~~
4 ~~as defined by Section 2601 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes or~~
5 ~~an authorized representative of the State Department of Health that~~
6 ~~the child is no longer afflicted with head lice.~~

7 ~~C. School districts and county or city-county health~~
8 ~~departments may enter into agreements under the Interlocal~~
9 ~~Cooperation Act for the purpose of providing assistance to the~~
10 ~~school district by inspecting children who are returning to school~~
11 ~~after an absence due to head lice to ensure that the child is no~~
12 ~~longer afflicted with head lice.~~

13 ~~D. If a school district and county or city-county health~~
14 ~~department has entered into an agreement as authorized in subsection~~
15 ~~C of this section, upon written authorization of the parent or~~
16 ~~guardian of a child, the county or city-county health department may~~
17 ~~provide treatment to the child for head lice.~~

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of March, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2022.

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