

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1616

By: Bennett and **Echols**

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

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

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

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

1 A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, each
2 commercial driver training school as defined in Section 801 of Title
3 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes or school district providing driver
4 education training or classes shall only allow a student driver
5 receiving instruction to operate the motor vehicle when there are no
6 other student drivers in the motor vehicle as passengers.

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

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

19 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, dated
22 03/02/2022 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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