

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 1616

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to student drivers; creating the Hope  
8 Shaffer Act; prohibiting student driver from  
operating a motor vehicle when other students are  
9 passengers; providing an exception; requiring  
specified statement be included in the waiver;  
10 providing for noncodification; providing for  
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

20 A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, each  
21 business entity or school district providing driver education  
22 training or classes shall only allow a student driver receiving  
23 instruction to operate the motor vehicle when there are no other  
24 student drivers in the motor vehicle as passengers.

1 B. The parent or legal guardian of a student driver who is  
2 younger than eighteen (18) years of age or a student driver who is  
3 older than eighteen (18) years of age may sign a waiver which would  
4 allow the student driver to ride as a passenger in a motor vehicle  
5 that is being operated by another student driver. The waiver shall  
6 include the following statement: "I understand if my child is a  
7 passenger in a motor vehicle operated by a student driver, there is  
8 a risk of death, serious injury or collision".

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

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