

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3086

By: Hilbert

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; authorizing school district to use portion of transportation funds for transportation grants; describing purpose of grant; requiring district to develop and submit plan for grant to the State Department of Education; permitting distribution of grants for transporting students; prohibiting reduction or penalty for transportation funding; mandating rule promulgation and development of procedures; requiring proof of attendance for certain students; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9-120 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, a school district may use a portion of the transportation funds allocated to the school district pursuant to Section 18-201.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to provide transportation grants to parents or legal guardians of students who attend the school district. The school district shall develop and submit a plan to the State

1 Department of Education for distribution of the transportation
2 grants. Upon approval of the plan by the Department, school
3 districts may distribute transportation grants to support
4 individuals or neighborhood carpools in transporting students to and
5 from school.

6 B. The transportation funds allocated to the school district
7 pursuant to Section 18-201.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes
8 shall not be reduced or otherwise penalized if the school district
9 awards transportation grants authorized in this section.

10 C. The State Department of Education shall promulgate rules for
11 the transportation grants and develop procedures to account for
12 expenditures as provided by this section, including requiring proof
13 of attendance for students who are transported to and from school
14 through transportation grant funds.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

16 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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