

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

POLICY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2979

By: Banning

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to motor vehicles; creating the Talyn Bain Act; defining term; requiring the Department of Transportation establish school zones on certain state highways upon request; requiring local jurisdiction be responsible for certain maintenance and costs; stating when reduced speeds shall be in effect; requiring Department make certain installations on state highways; authorizing Department to consult with certain interested parties; setting penalty for violations; 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 to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-811 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Talyn Bain Act".

B. For the purposes of this act, the term "school" means a public school operated by a school district or a private school, as

1 those terms are recognized under Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
2 that provides instruction in kindergarten through twelfth grade or
3 any combination of those grades.

4 C. Upon the request of the appropriate local jurisdiction, the
5 Department of Transportation shall establish a maximum forty-five-
6 mile-per-hour school zone on any portion of a state highway that
7 meets any of the following conditions:

8 1. The highway consists of four or more lanes and passes
9 directly adjacent to the property boundary of a school;

10 2. The highway has a posted speed limit of sixty-five (65)
11 miles per hour or greater, lacks a grade-separated off-ramp or
12 frontage road providing access to the school, and passes directly
13 adjacent to the property boundary of a school; and

14 3. The center line of the highway is within one hundred fifty
15 (150) yards from the school property line.

16 D. Upon completion of construction of the school zone, the
17 local jurisdiction shall be responsible for the maintenance and cost
18 of operation of all school zone signage and equipment.

19 E. The reduced speed limit established pursuant to this section
20 shall be enforceable when the beacons are flashing and during:

21 1. School drop-off and pick-up times as indicated by flashing
22 beacons on the school zone signage; and

23 2. Any additional hours designated by the school district or
24 private school and approved by the Department of Transportation.

1 The Department shall erect signage with flashing beacons to
2 clearly indicate the beginning and end of the school zone.

3 F. The Department may consult with the affected school
4 district, private school administration, municipality, or county
5 commissioners prior to establishing a school zone in an area
6 pursuant to this section.

7 G. Any violation of the speed limit established pursuant to
8 this section shall be enforced in the same manner as other school
9 zone speeding violations established pursuant to Oklahoma law.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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