

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2979

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8 An Act relating to motor vehicles; creating the Talyn  
9 Bain Act; defining term; requiring the Department of  
10 Transportation establish school zones on certain  
11 state highways upon request; requiring local  
12 jurisdiction be responsible for certain maintenance  
13 and costs; stating when reduced speeds shall be in  
14 effect; requiring Department make certain  
15 installations on state highways; authorizing  
16 Department to consult with certain interested  
17 parties; setting penalty for violations; providing  
18 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-811 of Title 47, unless there  
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

25 B. For the purposes of this act, the term "school" means a  
26 public school operated by a school district or a private school, as  
27 those terms are recognized under Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

1 that provides instruction in kindergarten through twelfth grade or  
2 any combination of those grades.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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