

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1244

By: Strom

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school transportation; amending 70  
8 O.S. 2021, Section 9-103, which relates to the  
9 purchase or contract for use of vehicles; requiring  
certain new vehicles have seat belts; providing an  
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 9-103, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 9-103. The board of education of any school district  
16 authorized to furnish transportation to school children may purchase  
17 and maintain suitable vehicles for such use and/or may contract with  
18 responsible individuals or another school district to furnish all or  
19 part of said transportation. All such contractors, however, shall  
20 be subject to statutory provisions relating to the transportation of  
21 school children. Every vehicle with a capacity of ten passengers or  
22 more used in transporting school children shall have painted in  
23 letters not less than eight (8) inches in height on the front  
24 thereof the words, "SCHOOL BUS," and on the rear thereof in letters

1 of the same size, "SCHOOL BUS." Every vehicle with a capacity of  
2 ten (10) passengers or more used in transporting school children  
3 purchased, or contracted for use, on or after the effective date of  
4 this act, shall have seat belts for every passenger.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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