

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1159 _____
 _____ Of the printed Bill
 Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
 _____ Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Mark Tedford

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 PROPOSED POLICY
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1159

By: Tedford

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,
10 Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section
11 8-114), which relates to student transfers;
12 describing intra-district transfer options within
13 adjusted attendance zones; permitting intra-district
14 transfers for specialized programs in certain
15 circumstances; modifying the amount of intra-district
16 transfers per school year; providing an effective
17 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 368, O.S.L.
20 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 8-114), is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 Section 8-114. A. Except as provided in subsection B of this
23 section, beginning July 1, 2024, the transfer of a student from one
24 school site to another school site within the school district where
the student resides shall be approved at any time in the year,
unless the grade level of the receiving school site has reached

1 capacity. If the capacity of a grade level is insufficient to
2 enroll all eligible students, the school district shall select
3 intra-district transfer students based on the preferences outlined
4 in paragraph 1 of subsection B of this section and then in the order
5 in which the intra-district transfer applications were received.
6 The school district board of education shall determine the capacity
7 of a school site based on its policy adopted pursuant to subsection
8 B of this section. A student may be granted a one-year intra-
9 district transfer and may automatically continue to attend the
10 school site where the student transferred each school year with the
11 approval of the school district. Students previously granted an
12 intra-district transfer may have the option to continue an intra-
13 district transfer as they transition to the next school in the
14 attendance zone pattern. At the end of each school year, a school
15 district may deny continued intra-district transfer of the student
16 for the reasons outlined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B of
17 this section. Districts may also deny an intra-district transfer
18 request when the district has adjusted attendance zones for managing
19 student enrollment.

20 1. Any sibling of a student who transfers intra-district may
21 attend the school site to which the student transferred if the
22 school district policy gives preference to sibling transfers
23 regardless of capacity and the sibling of the transferred student
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1 does not meet a basis for denial as outlined in paragraphs 2 and 3
2 of subsection B of this section.

3 2. The child of a school district employee who resides in the
4 school district but wishes to attend a different school site within
5 the school district where the student resides may be granted an
6 intra-district transfer if the school district policy gives
7 preference to the transfer of children of school district employees
8 and the student does not meet a basis for denial as outlined in
9 paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B of this section.

10 3. A student who changes residence within a school district and
11 who wishes to attend the same school site may be granted an intra-
12 district transfer if the school district policy gives preference to
13 such transfers and the student does not meet a basis for denial as
14 outlined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B of this section.

15 4. A student may be granted an intra-district transfer to
16 participate in specialized programs within the district if the
17 school district policy gives preference to such transfers and the
18 student does not meet a basis for denial as outlined in paragraphs 2
19 and 3 of subsection B of this section.

20 5. Any child in the custody of the Department of Human Services
21 and living in foster care who resides in the home of another student
22 who transfers intra-district may attend the school site to which the
23 student transferred.

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1 Except for a child in the custody of the Department of Human
2 Services in foster care, an intra-district transfer student shall
3 not transfer more than ~~two times~~ one time per school year to other
4 school sites within the school district where the student resides,
5 provided that the student may always reenroll at any time in his or
6 her school site of residence.

7 B. Each school district board of education shall adopt a policy
8 to determine the number of intra-district transfer students the
9 school district has the capacity to accept in each grade level for
10 each school site within a school district no later than July 1,
11 2024. The policy shall be publicly posted on the school district
12 website. The policy:

- 13 1. Shall include an enrollment preference and reserve capacity
14 for:
- 15 a. students who reside in the school site boundary,
 - 16 b. students who attended the school site the prior school
17 year,
 - 18 c. siblings of students who are already enrolled at the
19 school site,
 - 20 d. children of school district employees who wish to
21 attend a different school site within the school
22 district, and
 - 23 e. students who change residence within a school district
24 and who wish to attend the same school site;

1 2. May include the acts and reasons outlined in Section 24-
2 101.3 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title as a basis for
3 denial of an intra-district transfer; and

4 3. May include a history of absences as a basis for denial of
5 an intra-district transfer. For the purposes of this section,
6 "history of absences" means ten or more absences in one (1) semester
7 that are not excused for the reasons provided in subsection B of
8 Section 10-105 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title or
9 due to illness.

10 C. By the first day of January, April, July, and October of
11 each year, the school district board of education shall establish
12 the number of intra-district transfer students the school district
13 has the capacity to accept in each grade level for each school site
14 within the district.

15 D. After establishing the number of intra-district transfer
16 students the school district has the capacity to accept in each
17 grade level for each school site, the school district board of
18 education shall:

19 1. Publish in a prominent place on the school district website
20 the number of intra-district transfer students for each grade level
21 for each school site within the school district which the district
22 has the capacity to accept; and

23 2. Report to the State Department of Education the number of
24 intra-district transfer students for each grade level for each

1 school site within the school district which the district has the
2 capacity to accept.

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

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

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