



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 7, 2024

Re: HB 2102

Signed: April 29, 2024

Effective: 90 days sine die
Adjournment is currently scheduled for May 31, 2024

Topic: Hope Shaffer Act (Driver Education)

Summary: This bill creates a new law (70 O.S. § 19-124) regarding driver education classes provided by a school district. The law specifies that the district shall only allow a student driver receiving instruction to operate a motor vehicle when there are no other student drivers in the vehicle as passengers. An exception to this prohibition is a parent or guardian waiver allowing a student driver to ride as a passenger in a motor vehicle that is being operated by another student driver.

The waiver shall be on a separate form and include the following statement: "I understand if my child is a passenger in a motor vehicle operated by a student driver, there is a risk of death, serious injury, or collision." If the parent or legal guardian refuses to sign the waiver, the commercial driver training school or school district shall not refuse to admit the student driver.

A "student driver" is defined as a person receiving driver education training who is younger than 18 years of age.

Legal counsel at the firm is currently reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.