

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHAPTER 30. SCHOOL FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION SUBCHAPTER 5. TRANSPORTATION 210:30-5-8. School bus driver certification [AMENDED]

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
The rule regarding school bus driver certification is being amended to provide that the annual health certificate required for school bus drivers may be signed by qualified health professionals other than physicians. The rule currently limits the health certificate signature to physicians only, but in practice, it is often nurses and physician assistants who perform routine physical exams such as the annual health certification. School districts have requested expansion of the authorized signatures for bus drivers' annual health certificates to include a licensed nurse or physician assistant working under the supervision of a licensed physician.
- b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will affect school bus drivers and school districts.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will benefit school bus drivers and school districts.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
- e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.
- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**
The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.
- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
No.
- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and**

environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

k. **Date Prepared:** December 6, 2016