

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 HOUSE BILL 3159

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 1210.194, which relates to prohibiting child  
9 with contagious disease or head lice from attending  
10 school; striking prohibition for children afflicted  
11 with a contagious disease; and providing an effective  
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 1210.194, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1210.194 A. Any child afflicted with ~~a contagious~~  
17 ~~disease or~~ head lice may be prohibited from attending a public,  
18 private, or parochial school until such time as ~~he~~ the child is free  
19 from ~~the contagious disease or~~ head lice.

20 B. Any child prohibited from attending school due to head lice  
21 shall present to the appropriate school authorities, before the  
22 child may reenter school, certification from a health professional  
23 as defined by Section 2601 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes or  
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1 an authorized representative of the State Department of Health that  
2 the child is no longer afflicted with head lice.

3 C. School districts and county or city-county health  
4 departments may enter into agreements under the Interlocal  
5 Cooperation Act for the purpose of providing assistance to the  
6 school district by inspecting children who are returning to school  
7 after an absence due to head lice to ensure that the child is no  
8 longer afflicted with head lice.

9 D. If a school district and county or city-county health  
10 department has entered into an agreement as authorized in subsection  
11 C of this section, upon written authorization of the parent or  
12 guardian of a child, the county or city-county health department may  
13 provide treatment to the child for head lice.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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