## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

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#### SB2407

Introduced 2/10/2023, by Sen. Paul Faraci

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1414.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a multifunction school activity bus may be used to transport a student in any of grades 9 through 12 who participates in a career exploration program, as approved by a parent or guardian. Effective July 1, 2023.

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A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning transportation.

# Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by 5 changing Section 11-1414.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1414.1)

Sec. 11-1414.1. School transportation of students.

8 (a) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any 9 entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code 10 must be transported in a school bus or a vehicle described in 11 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of Section 1-182 of 12 this Code for any curriculum-related school activity, except:

(1) a student in any of grades 9 through 12 or a 13 14 student in any of grades K through 12 with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with a staff to 15 16 student ratio of 1 to 5, and attending Acacia Academy, 17 Alexander Leigh, Marklund, Helping Hands Center, Connections Organization, Soaring Eagle Academy, or New 18 19 Horizon Academy; or

20 <u>(2) a student in any of grades 9 through 12 who</u> 21 <u>participates in a career exploration program, as approved</u> 22 <u>by a parent or guardian;</u>

23 may be transported in a <u>multifunction</u> multi-function school

1 activity bus (MFSAB) as defined in Section 1-148.3a-5 of this 2 Code for any curriculum-related activity except for 3 transportation on regular bus routes from home to school or 4 from school to home, subject to the following conditions:

5 (i) A MFSAB may not be used to transport students 6 under this Section unless the driver holds a valid school 7 bus driver permit.

8 (ii) The use of a MFSAB under this Section is subject 9 to the requirements of Sections 6-106.11, 6-106.12, 10 12-707.01, 13-101, and 13-109 of this Code.

11 "Curriculum-related school activity" as used in this 12 subsection (a) includes transportation from home to school or from school to home, tripper or shuttle service between school 13 14 attendance centers, transportation to a vocational or career 15 center or other trade-skill development site or a regional 16 safe school or other school-sponsored alternative learning 17 program, or a trip that is directly related to the regular curriculum of a student for which he or she earns credit. 18

(b) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any 19 20 entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code who is transported in a vehicle that is being operated by or 21 22 for a public or private primary or secondary school, including 23 any primary or secondary school operated by a religious institution, 24 for interscholastic, an 25 interscholastic-athletic, or school-sponsored, 26 noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does not require

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student participation as part of the educational services of 1 2 the entity and (ii) is not associated with the students' regular class-for-credit schedule shall transport students 3 only in a school bus or vehicle described in subsection (b) of 4 5 Section 1-182 of this Code. A student participating in an agrarian-related activity may also be transported in a second 6 division pick-up truck registered under paragraph 7 of 7 subsection (b) of Section 3-808.1. For purposes of this 8 subsection, "pick-up truck" means a truck weighing 12,000 9 10 pounds or less with an enclosed cabin that can seat up to 6 11 passengers with seatbelts, including the driver, and an open 12 cargo area. This subsection (b) does not apply to any second 13 division vehicle used by an entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code for a parade, homecoming, or a 14 15 similar noncurriculum-related school activity.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-544, eff. 8-20-21.)

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,2023.