

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 12-806 and 12-806a as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/12-806) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-806)

Sec. 12-806. Identification, stop signal arms and special lighting when not used as a school bus.

(a) Except as provided in Section 12-806a, whenever a school bus is operated for the purpose of transporting passengers over 18 years of age other than persons in connection with an activity of the school or religious organization which owns the school bus or for which the school bus is operated, the "SCHOOL BUS" signs shall be covered or concealed and the stop signal arm and flashing signal system shall not be operable through normal controls.

(b) If a school district, religious organization, vendor of school buses ~~busses~~, or school bus company whose main source of income is contracting with a school district or religious organization for the provision of transportation services in connection with the activities of a school district or religious organization, discards through either sale or donation, a school bus to an individual or entity that is not

one of the aforementioned entities above, then the recipient of such school bus shall be responsible for immediately removing, covering, or concealing the "SCHOOL BUS" signs and any other insignia or words indicating the vehicle is a school bus, rendering inoperable or removing entirely the stop signal arm and flashing signal system, and painting the school bus a different color from those under Section 12-801 of this Code.

(Source: P.A. 100-277, eff. 1-1-18; revised 10-5-17.)

(625 ILCS 5/12-806a) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-806a)

Sec. 12-806a. Identification, stop signal arms, and special lighting on school buses used to transport children outside of a school activity or persons in connection with a ~~youth camp, child care facility, or~~ community based rehabilitation facility.

(a) Subject to the conditions in Subsection (c), a bus which meets any of the special requirements for school buses in Section 12-801, 12-802, 12-803, and 12-805 of this Code may be used for the purpose of transporting persons 18 years of age or less. ~~in connection with any of the following facilities:~~

~~(i) any youth camp licensed under the Youth Camp Act;~~
and

~~(ii) any child care facility licensed under the Child Care Act of 1969.~~

(b) Subject to the conditions in subsection (c), a bus which meets any of the special requirements for school buses in

Sections 12-801, 12-802, 12-803 and 12-805 of this Code may be used for the purpose of transporting persons recognized as clients of a community based rehabilitation facility which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities of Tucson, Arizona, and which is under a contractual agreement with the Department of Human Services.

(c) A bus used for transportation as provided in subsection (a) or (b) shall ~~either (i)~~ meet all of the special requirements for school buses in Section 12-801, 12-802, 12-803 and 12-805 ~~or (ii) shall have the "SCHOOL BUS" signs covered or concealed and the stop signal arm and flashing signal system rendered inoperable through normal means.~~ A bus which meets all of the special requirements for school buses in Section 12-801, 12-802, 12-803 and 12-805 shall be operated by a person who has a valid and properly classified driver's license issued by the Secretary of State and who possesses a valid school bus driver permit or is accompanied and supervised, for the specific purpose of training prior to routine operation of a school bus, by a person who has held a valid school bus driver permit for at least one year. ~~A bus which has had the "SCHOOL BUS" signs covered or concealed and the stop signal arm and flashing signal system rendered inoperable through normal means may be operated by a person who has a valid and properly classified driver's license issued by the Secretary of State.~~

(Source: P.A. 85-815; 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)