

AN ACT concerning education.

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

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section 29-6.3 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/29-6.3)

Sec. 29-6.3. Transportation to and from specified interscholastic or school-sponsored ~~school-sponsored~~ activities.

(a) Any school district transporting students in grade 12 or below for an interscholastic, interscholastic athletic, or school-sponsored, noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does not require student participation as part of the educational services of the district and (ii) is not associated with the students' regular class-for-credit schedule or required 5 clock hours of instruction shall transport the students only in a school bus, a vehicle manufactured to transport not more than 10 persons, including the driver, or a multifunction school-activity bus manufactured to transport not more than 15 persons, including the driver.

(b) Any school district furnishing transportation for students under the authority of this Section shall insure against any loss or liability of the district resulting from

the maintenance, operation, or use of the vehicle.

(c) Vehicles used to transport students under this Section may claim a depreciation allowance of 20% over 5 years as provided in Section 29-5 of this Code. ~~Any school district may transport not more than 15 students to and from an interscholastic athletic or other interscholastic or school sponsored activity in a motor vehicle designed for the transportation of not less than 7 nor more than 16 persons, commonly referred to as a van, provided that the van is operated by or for the district and provided further that any school district furnishing transportation for students under the authority of this Section shall insure against any loss or liability of the district resulting from the maintenance, operation, or use of the vehicle.~~

(Source: P.A. 89-132, eff. 7-14-95; 89-608, eff. 8-2-96; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96.)

Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding Section 1-148.3a-5 and by changing Sections 1-182, 11-1414.1, 12-802, and 12-821 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5 new)

Sec. 1-148.3a-5. Multifunction school activity bus. A multifunction school-activity bus (MFSAB) means a school bus manufactured for the purpose of transporting 11 to 15 persons, including the driver, whose purposes do not include

transporting students to and from home or school bus stops. A MFSAB is prohibited from meeting the special requirements for school buses in Sections 12-801, 12-803, and 12-805 and subsection (a) of Section 12-802 of this Code.

(625 ILCS 5/1-182) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-182)

Sec. 1-182. School bus.

(a) "School bus" means every motor vehicle, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section, owned or operated by or for any of the following entities for the transportation of persons regularly enrolled as students in grade 12 or below in connection with any activity of such entity:

Any public or private primary or secondary school;

Any primary or secondary school operated by a religious institution; or

Any public, private or religious nursery school.

(b) This definition shall not include the following:

1. A bus operated by a public utility, municipal corporation or common carrier authorized to conduct local or interurban transportation of passengers when such bus is not traveling a specific school bus route but is:

On a regularly scheduled route for the transportation of other fare paying passengers;

Furnishing charter service for the transportation of groups on field trips or other special trips or in connection with other special events; or

Being used for shuttle service between attendance centers or other educational facilities.

2. A motor vehicle of the First Division.

3. A multifunction school-activity bus. ~~A motor vehicle designed for the transportation of not less than 7 nor more than 16 persons that is operated by or for a public or private primary or secondary school, including any primary or secondary school operated by a religious institution, for the purpose of transporting not more than 15 students to and from interscholastic athletic or other interscholastic or school sponsored activities.~~

(Source: P.A. 89-132, eff. 7-14-95.)

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

Sec. 11-1414.1. School transportation of students.

(a) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code must be transported in a school bus or a vehicle described in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of Section 1-182 of this Code for any curriculum-related school activity. "Curriculum-related school activity" as used in this subsection (a) includes transportation from home to school or from school to home, tripper or shuttle service between school attendance centers, transportation to a vocational or career center or other trade-skill development site or a regional safe school or other school-sponsored alternative learning program,

~~or a trip that is directly related to the regular curriculum of a student for which he or she earns credit. Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any entity listed in paragraph (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code who is transported in a second division motor vehicle owned or operated by or for that entity, in connection with any official activity of such entity, must be transported in a school bus or a bus described in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of Section 1-182.~~

(b) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code who is transported in a vehicle that is being operated by or for a public or private primary or secondary school, including any primary or secondary school operated by a religious institution, for an interscholastic, interscholastic-athletic, or school-sponsored, noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does not require student participation as part of the educational services of the entity and (ii) is not associated with the students' regular class-for-credit schedule shall transport students only in a school bus or vehicle described in subsection (b) of Section 1-182 of this Code. This subsection (b) does not apply to any second division vehicle used by an entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code for a parade, homecoming, or a similar noncurriculum-related school activity. This Section shall not apply to any second division vehicle being used by such entity in a parade, homecoming or similar school activity, nor to a motor vehicle

~~designed for the transportation of not less than 7 nor more than 16 persons while that vehicle is being operated by or for a public or private primary or secondary school, including any primary or secondary school operated by a religious institution, for the purpose of transporting not more than 15 students to and from interscholastic athletic or other interscholastic or school sponsored activities.~~

(Source: P.A. 89-132, eff. 7-14-95.)

(625 ILCS 5/12-802) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-802)

Sec. 12-802. Identification.

(a) Each school bus shall have the sign "SCHOOL BUS" painted on both the front and rear of the bus as high as practicable in letters at least 8 inches high.

(b) Each school bus and multifunction school-activity bus (MFSAB) shall have the ~~The~~ vehicle weight and the vehicle maximum passenger capacity recommended by the manufacturer of the bus, which shall be based upon provision for 13 inches of seating space for each passenger exclusive of the driver, ~~shall be~~ painted on the body to the left of the service door in letters at least 2 inches high. The name of the owner or the entity or both for which the school bus or MFSAB is operated ~~or both~~ shall be painted in a contrasting color on both sides, centered as high as practicable below the window line, in letters at least 4 inches high. An ~~A school bus~~ identification number shall be painted as high as practicable on both the

front and rear of the school bus or MFSAB in letters at least 4 inches high.

(c) Decals may be used instead of painting under this Section.

(Source: P.A. 82-111.)

(625 ILCS 5/12-821)

Sec. 12-821. Display of telephone number; complaint calls.

(a) Each school bus and multifunction school-activity bus shall display at the rear of the bus a sign, with letters and numerals readily visible and readable, indicating the telephone number of the owner of the ~~school~~ bus, regardless of whether the owner is a school district or another person or entity. The sign shall indicate that the number is to be called to report erratic driving by the ~~school~~ bus driver.

(b) The owner of each school bus or multifunction school-activity bus shall establish procedures for accepting the calls provided for under subsection (a) and for taking complaints.

(c) The procedures established under subsection (b) shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) an internal investigation of the events that led to each complaint; and

(2) a report to the complaining party on the results of the investigation and the action taken, if any.

(Source: P.A. 95-176, eff. 1-1-08.)

Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding Section 8.33 as follows:

(30 ILCS 805/8.33 new)

Sec. 8.33. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2010.