

Subject Pupil transportation

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### Overview

This bill modifies regulations related to pupil transportation. Effective August 1, 2026.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>School bus.</b> Modifies the definition of “school bus” in the chapter of state statutes on driver licensing, to include a vehicle when used to provide training on its operation.
2	<b>Children getting on or off school bus.</b> Modifies the conditions when a vehicle driver must stop for a school bus, to be based only on activation of the flashing red light system on the bus. Establishes that a driver is warned about impending stop requirements when the school bus prewarning flashing amber light system is activated.
3	<b>Restrictions on appearance; misdemeanor.</b> Exempts commercial driver training schools from restrictions on the color of a bus when it is not used for pupil transportation. Prohibits operation of the bus’s stop-signal arm and specialized lighting system.
4	<b>USDOT number.</b> Requires an entity that uses a school bus for pupil transportation to obtain a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) number.
5	<b>Body fluids cleanup kit.</b> Removes first aid kit requirements for type III vehicles, which are being moved to a separate subdivision in the bill. Eliminates a location marking requirement for the body fluids cleanup kit.

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(Type III vehicles are passenger-type motor vehicles, like minivans, used in some pupil transportation circumstances and subject to a generally narrower set of regulations compared to traditional school buses).

6	<b>First aid kit.</b>
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Reproduces and modifies requirements for a first aid kit to be maintained on type III vehicles, which includes requiring a kit that meets national specifications for newer vehicles (with a phase-in for older vehicles that begins in 2030).



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