

# HOUSE BILL No. 1253

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-9.1.

**Synopsis:** Special purpose school buses. Allows a school corporation to use special purpose buses to provide regular transportation of school children from their residences to school and from one school to another school.

**Effective:** July 1, 2004.

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January 15, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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Second Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2004)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-9.1-1-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2002,  
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 4.5. As used in this article, the term "special  
4 purpose bus" means any motor vehicle designed and constructed:  
5 (1) for the accommodation of more than ten (10) passengers;  
6 (2) that:  
7 (A) meets the federal school bus safety requirements under 49  
8 U.S.C. 30125 except the:  
9 (i) stop signal arm required under federal motor vehicle  
10 safety standard (FMVSS) no. 131; and  
11 (ii) flashing lamps required under federal motor vehicle  
12 safety standard (FMVSS) no. 108;  
13 (B) when owned by a school corporation and used to transport  
14 children, complies with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
15 Regulations as prescribed by the United States Department of  
16 Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as  
17 set forth in 49 CFR Chapter III Subchapter B; or



1 (C) when owned by a school corporation and used to transport  
 2 children, is a motor coach type bus with a capacity of thirty  
 3 (30) or more passengers and a gross vehicle weight rating  
 4 greater than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds; and  
 5 (3) that is used by a school corporation for transportation  
 6 purposes ~~not appropriate for school buses.~~ **under IC 20-9.1-5-2.6.**  
 7 SECTION 2. IC 20-9.1-5-2.6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 2.6. (a) A special  
 9 purpose bus:  
 10 (1) may ~~not~~ be used by a school corporation to provide regular  
 11 transportation of school children ~~other than those and enrollees~~  
 12 provided for in subdivision (3):  
 13 (A) between their residence and the school; **and**  
 14 (B) **between one (1) school and another school;**  
 15 (2) may be used to transport school children and their supervisors,  
 16 including coaches, managers, and sponsors to athletic, other  
 17 extracurricular school activities, and field trips; and  
 18 (3) may be used by a school corporation to provide transportation  
 19 for persons enrolled in a special program for the habilitation or  
 20 rehabilitation of developmentally disabled or physically disabled  
 21 persons.  
 22 (b) The mileage limitation of section 2 of this chapter does not apply  
 23 to special purpose buses.  
 24 (c) The operator of a special purpose bus must be at least  
 25 twenty-one (21) years of age, must be authorized by the school  
 26 corporation, and must meet the following requirements:  
 27 (1) If the bus has a capacity of less than sixteen (16) passengers,  
 28 the operator must hold a valid operator's, chauffeur's, or public  
 29 passenger chauffeur's license.  
 30 (2) If the bus has a capacity of more than fifteen (15) passengers,  
 31 the operator must meet the requirements for a school bus driver  
 32 set out in IC 20-9.1-3.  
 33 (d) A special purpose bus is not required to be constructed,  
 34 equipped, or painted as specified for school buses under this article or  
 35 by the rules of the state school bus committee.  
 36 (e) An owner or operator of a special purpose bus, other than one  
 37 owned or operated by a school corporation or a private school, is  
 38 subject to IC 8-2.1.

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