
SENATE BILL No. 167

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-19-13.

Synopsis: Crossing arms on school buses. Provides that: (1) certain school buses must be equipped with a school bus crossing arm at the front of the bus; and (2) if on July 1, 2008, an individual or a school corporation owns or has contracted for the use of a school bus required to be equipped with a school bus crossing arm, the individual or school corporation may continue to use the school bus until July 1, 2013. Provides that a person who operates a school bus not equipped with a required school bus crossing arm commits a Class C infraction.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation & Veterans Affairs.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-19-13-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2005,
2 SECTION 101, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 1. (a) The state school bus
4 committee established by IC 20-27-3-1 shall adopt and enforce rules
5 under IC 4-22-2 not inconsistent with this chapter to govern the design
6 and operation of all school buses used for the transportation of school
7 children when owned and operated by a school corporation or privately
8 owned and operated under contract with an Indiana school corporation.
9 The rules must by reference be made a part of such a contract with a
10 school corporation. Each school corporation, officer and employee of
11 the school corporation, and person employed under contract by a
12 school district is subject to those rules.

13 (b) **The rules adopted under subsection (a) must include the**
14 **requirement that a school bus that is subject to the rules must be**
15 **equipped with a school bus crossing arm that meets or exceeds**
16 **Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) standards.**

17 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-13-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 5. (a) This section does
 2 not apply to a person who owns or operates a vehicle or combination
 3 of vehicles that:

4 (1) contains parts and accessories; and

5 (2) is equipped;

6 as required under regulations of the United States Department of
 7 Transportation.

8 (b) A person who:

9 (1) violates section 4(1) of this chapter; or

10 (2) **operates a school bus that:**

11 (A) **is not equipped with a school bus crossing arm as**
 12 **required by rules adopted under section 1 of this chapter;**
 13 **and**

14 (B) **transports school children, in addition to the penalties**
 15 **stated in sections 2 and 3 of this chapter;**

16 commits a Class C infraction.

17 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008] (a) **As used in this**
 18 **SECTION, "school bus" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-27-2-8.**

19 (b) **As used in this SECTION, "school corporation" has the**
 20 **meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-17.**

21 (c) **As used in this SECTION, "state school bus committee"**
 22 **refers to the state school bus committee established by**
 23 **IC 20-27-3-1.**

24 (d) **As used in this SECTION, "state superintendent" refers to**
 25 **the state superintendent of public instruction elected under**
 26 **IC 20-19-1-1.**

27 (e) **If on July 1, 2008, an individual or a school corporation:**

28 (1) owns; or

29 (2) has contracted for the use of;

30 a school bus that is not equipped with a school bus crossing arm as
 31 required by rules adopted under IC 9-19-13-1, as amended by this
 32 act, the individual or school corporation may continue to use the
 33 school bus to transport school children until July 1, 2013.

34 (f) **This SECTION expires July 1, 2013.**

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