

HOUSE BILL No. 1574

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-27.

Synopsis: Special purpose bus drivers. Requires the department of education by July 1, 2010, to develop and implement a preservice special purpose bus operator safety education training course. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor after July 1, 2010, for a person to knowingly, recklessly, or intentionally operate a special purpose bus for a public or nonpublic school that is accredited by the state board of education without having satisfactorily completed the preservice special purpose bus operator safety education training course.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 16, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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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 20-27-8-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 10.5. (a) By July 1, 2010, the**
- 4 **department shall develop and implement a preservice special**
- 5 **purpose bus operator safety education training course.**
- 6 **(b) The preservice special purpose bus operator safety education**
- 7 **training course must not exceed ten (10) hours in length.**
- 8 **(c) Effective July 1, 2010, a person may not operate a special**
- 9 **purpose bus for a public or nonpublic school that is accredited by**
- 10 **the state board within Indiana without having satisfactorily**
- 11 **completed the preservice special purpose bus operator safety**
- 12 **education training course.**
- 13 **(d) The state superintendent shall provide instructors, adequate**
- 14 **meeting facilities, registration forms, a uniform course of**
- 15 **instruction, and all other necessary materials for the preservice**
- 16 **special purpose bus operator safety education training course**
- 17 **meetings.**



1 SECTION 2. IC 20-27-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.99-2007,
2 SECTION 171, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 5. (a) A special purpose bus may be
4 used:

5 (1) by a school corporation to provide regular transportation of a
6 student between one (1) school and another school but not
7 between the student's residence and the school;

8 (2) to transport students and their supervisors, including coaches,
9 managers, and sponsors to athletic or other extracurricular school
10 activities and field trips;

11 (3) by a school corporation to provide transportation between an
12 individual's residence and the school for an individual enrolled in
13 a special program for the habilitation or rehabilitation of persons
14 with a developmental or physical disability; and

15 (4) to transport homeless students under IC 20-27-12.

16 (b) The mileage limitation of section 3 of this chapter does not apply
17 to special purpose buses.

18 (c) The operator of a special purpose bus must be at least
19 twenty-one (21) years of age, be authorized by the school corporation,
20 and meet the following requirements:

21 (1) If the special purpose bus has a capacity of less than sixteen
22 (16) passengers, the operator must:

23 (A) hold a valid:

24 (i) operator's;

25 (ii) chauffeur's; or

26 (iii) public passenger chauffeur's; or

27 (iv) commercial driver's:

28 license;

29 (B) meet the requirements for a school bus driver set forth
30 in IC 20-27-8-4; and

31 (C) effective July 1, 2010, meet the requirements for an
32 operator of a special purpose bus set forth in
33 IC 20-27-8-10.5.

34 (2) If the special purpose bus has a capacity of more than fifteen
35 (15) passengers, the operator must meet the requirements for a
36 school bus driver set out in IC 20-27-8.

37 (d) A special purpose bus is not required to be constructed,
38 equipped, or painted as specified for school buses under this article or
39 by the rules of the committee.

40 (e) An owner or operator of a special purpose bus, other than a
41 special purpose bus owned or operated by a school corporation or a
42 nonpublic school, is subject to IC 8-2.1.

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