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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION  
VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, and DeVall

Date Introduced: February 09, 2010

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 31-22.1-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-22.1 entitled "Pupil  
2   Transportation Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **31-22.1-2. Pupil transportation vehicle -- Vehicle standards.** – (a) Vans, sport utility  
4   vehicles, and heavy automobiles as defined by applicable federal regulations may be used as  
5   pupil transportation vehicles provided that these vehicles meet the highest federal  
6   crashworthiness standards for these categories of vehicles. Unless otherwise specifically provided  
7   for herein, the provisions of section 31-20-4, et seq. (Special Stops Required) shall be applicable  
8   to pupil transportation vehicles. The provisions of section 31-23-42 (First aid kit and heating  
9   equipment), section 31-23-42.2 (Power equipment on school buses), section 31-23-54 (Fire  
10   extinguishers), section 31-23-55 (Speedometer and odometer) and section 31-23-56 (Stop arm)  
11   shall be applicable to pupil transportation vehicles. A pupil transportation vehicle shall not be  
12   required to be painted school bus yellow provided it carries a sign in school bus yellow visible  
13   from forward and from in back of the vehicle containing the lettering required by section 31-20-  
14   11.

15           **(b) Notwithstanding any other law or regulation, the school committee of any city, town**  
16   **or regional school district is hereby authorized to sell advertising space on the exterior of school**  
17   **buses, provided that no such advertising shall obstruct the vision of motorists or be inconsistent**  
18   **with the safety regulations pertaining to school buses in Rhode Island general laws chapter 31-23.**

1 Said school committees are hereby authorized to negotiate with private school bus carriers  
2 regarding the content of said advertising, and the sharing of revenues derived therefrom.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would authorize the school committee of any city, town or regional school
- 2   district to sell advertising space on school buses, and to negotiate with private school bus carriers
- 3   regarding the content of said advertising, and the sharing of revenues derived therefrom.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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