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SENATE BILL No. 97

DIGEST OF SB 97 (Updated February 2, 2017 10:53 am - DI MV)

Citations Affected: IC 20-27.

Synopsis: School bus usage. Adds provisions that allow a school bus or special purpose bus to be used for transportation for a Special Olympics event or program.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 3, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.
February 2, 2017, amended; reassigned 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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 20-27-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss),
2 SECTION 318, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: 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; **and**
16 **(5) for transportation for a Special Olympics event or**
17 **program.**

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

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

6 (1) If the special purpose bus has a capacity of less than sixteen
7 (16) passengers, the operator must hold a valid:

8 (A) operator's;

9 (B) chauffeur's;

10 (C) public passenger chauffeur's; or

11 (D) commercial driver's;

12 license.

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. IC 20-27-9-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
23 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 13.5. The governing body of a**
25 **school corporation may allow, by written authorization, the use of**
26 **a school bus for transportation for a Special Olympics event or**
27 **program.**

28 SECTION 3. IC 20-27-9-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
29 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 14. The governing body of a school corporation
31 that authorizes the operation of a school bus under sections 1 through
32 ~~13~~ **13.5** of this chapter shall file proof of financial responsibility as
33 required by IC 9-25.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 97, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Education.

(Reference is to SB 97 as introduced.)

LONG, Chairperson

