FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1172

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NURRENBERN.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 167.251 and 569.155, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to school buses, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 167.251 and 569.155, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 167.251 and 569.155, to read as follows:

167.251. When transportation is provided by a district pursuant to law, the school board shall make all needful rules and regulations for the transportation of pupils, **including a written policy on access to school buses**, and shall require from every person employed for that purpose, a reasonable bond conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties as prescribed by the board. Expenses of transportation shall be paid out of the incidental fund of the district.

569.155. 1. A person commits the offense of trespass of a school bus if he or she 2 knowingly and unlawfully enters any part of or unlawfully operates any school bus.

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2. For the purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

4 (1) "School bus", any motor vehicle, either publicly or privately owned, that is 5 designed for carrying more than ten passengers and that is used to transport students to 6 and from school or to transport pupils properly chaperoned to and from any place 7 within the state for educational purposes. The term school bus shall not include a bus 8 operated by a public utility, municipal corporation, or common carrier authorized to 9 conduct local or interstate transportation of passengers when such bus is not traveling a 10 specific school bus route but is:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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11 (a) On a regularly scheduled route for the transportation of fare-paying 12 passengers; or

13 (b) Furnishing charter service for the transportation of persons enrolled as 14 students on field trips or other special trips or in connection with other special events;

15 (2) "Unlawfully enters" and "unlawfully operates" [refer to], any entry or operation of 16 a school bus which is not:

17 [(1)] (a) Approved of and established in a school district's written policy on access to
18 school buses under section 167.251; or

19 [(2)] (b) Authorized by specific written approval of the school board.

20 3. [In order to preserve the public order, any district which adopts the policies

21 described in subsection 2 of this section shall establish and enforce a student behavior policy

22 for students on school buses.

23 4.] The offense of trespass of a school bus is a class A misdemeanor.

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