

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 751

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HOUGH.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 304.060, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to contracts for the transportation of school children.

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

Section A. Section 304.060, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.060, to read as follows:

304.060. 1. The state board of education shall adopt and enforce  
2 regulations not inconsistent with law to cover the design and operation of all  
3 school buses used for the transportation of school children when owned and  
4 operated by any school district or privately owned and operated under contract  
5 with any school district in this state, and such regulations shall by reference be  
6 made a part of any such contract with a school district. The state board of  
7 education may adopt rules and regulations governing the use of other vehicles  
8 owned by a district or operated under contract with any school district in this  
9 state and used for the purpose of transporting school children. The operator of  
10 such vehicle shall be licensed in accordance with section 302.272, and such  
11 vehicle shall transport no more children than the manufacturer suggests as  
12 appropriate for such vehicle. The state board of education may also adopt rules  
13 and regulations governing the use of authorized common carriers for the  
14 transportation of students on field trips or other special trips for educational  
15 purposes, **except no rule or regulation shall require authorized common**  
16 **carriers to provide restroom facilities unless the length of the trip**  
17 **exceeds the length of the school district's longest school bus**  
18 **route.** Every school district, its officers and employees, and every person  
19 employed under contract by a school district shall be subject to such  
20 regulations. The state board of education shall cooperate with the state

21 transportation department and the state highway patrol in placing suitable  
22 warning signs at intervals on the highways of the state.

23         2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, any  
24 school board in the state of Missouri in an urban district containing the greater  
25 part of the population of a city which has more than three hundred thousand  
26 inhabitants may contract with any municipality, bi-state agency, or other  
27 governmental entity for the purpose of transporting school children attending a  
28 grade or grades not lower than the ninth nor higher than the twelfth grade,  
29 provided that such contract shall be for additional transportation services, and  
30 shall not replace or fulfill any of the school district's obligations pursuant to  
31 section 167.231. The school district may notify students of the option to use  
32 district-contracted transportation services.

33         3. Any officer or employee of any school district who violates any of the  
34 regulations or fails to include obligation to comply with such regulations in any  
35 contract executed by him on behalf of a school district shall be guilty of  
36 misconduct and subject to removal from office or employment. Any person  
37 operating a school bus under contract with a school district who fails to comply  
38 with any such regulations shall be guilty of breach of contract and such contract  
39 shall be cancelled after notice and hearing by the responsible officers of such  
40 school district.

41         4. Any other provision of the law to the contrary notwithstanding, in any  
42 county of the first class with a charter form of government adjoining a city not  
43 within a county, school buses may bear the word "special".

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