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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION
VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Petrarca, Ucci, JP O'Neill, Winfield, and Carnevale

Date Introduced: January 27, 2011

Referred To: House Municipal Government

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 school buses.

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

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EXPLANATION
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