

HOUSE BILL 1928

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to the operation of school buses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h) As used in this part, "school bus" means a motor vehicle owned by a public or governmental agency and operated for the transportation of children to or from school or privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of children to or from school.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102, is amended by deleting the language "more than fifteen (15) passengers" in subdivisions (13)(A)(ii), (22)(C), and (23)(B), and substituting instead the language "sixteen (16) or more passengers".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(22)(C), is amended by deleting the language ", or used as school buses".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102, is amended by deleting the following language from the definition of the term "school bus":

every motor vehicle operated for the transportation of children to or from school or school-related activities and is operated for compensation;

and substituting instead the following language:

a vehicle designed to transport sixteen (16) or more passengers including the driver, operated for the transportation of children to or from school or school-related activities, and operated for compensation;

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, at 12:01 a.m., the public welfare requiring it.