

SENATE BILL 1605

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2; Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21, relative to school buses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2109, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead:

(b)

(1) Neither the state board of education nor the commissioner of safety shall limit the use of conventional or Class D school buses by years of service or by mileage driven; provided, that the commissioner of safety or the commissioner's designee makes at least one (1) inspection of each school bus in service during each school year.

(2) The owner of any bus shall maintain records of all maintenance actions and safety inspections performed on a bus from its in-service date in this state. These records shall be available at all times to the commissioner of safety or the commissioner's designee.

(3) At an inspection of a school bus, the inspector shall have the authority to require repairs or reconditioning to be made that the inspector considers necessary for the continued safe use and operation of the bus. If the LEA or owner refuses to take the required action or if the inspector considers continued use of the bus to be unsafe, the inspector shall order its removal from service.

(4) The commissioner of safety is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this subsection (b). The rules shall be

promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act,  
compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2109(d), is amended by  
deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.