

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 417—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(OH BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION)

MARCH 25, 2021

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to school buses.
(BDR 34-531)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to school buses; requiring written recommendations to correct defects or inspection issues to be submitted with an inspection report to the superintendent of schools of a school district; authorizing recommendations to correct defects or inspection issues to be submitted to the superintendent of schools of a school district or his or her designee; removing the criminal penalty for the superintendent if he or she fails to correct a defect or inspection issue within 10 days after receiving notice; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Department of Public Safety conducts inspections of school buses semiannually to ensure that vehicles are mechanically safe and meet the minimum specifications established by the State Board of Education. (NRS 386.830) The Department of Public Safety must submit a recommendation to the superintendent of schools for the correction of any defects discovered during the inspection. (NRS 386.830) **Section 1** of this bill requires written recommendations for the correction of inspection issues to be submitted with the inspection report to the superintendent of schools or his or her designee after an inspection issue or defect is found during an inspection. **Section 1** removes the criminal penalty that may result if the superintendent fails to correct any defects or inspection issues found during an inspection within 10 days.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 386.830 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 386.830 1. All vehicles used in the transportation of pupils
3 must be:

4 (a) In good condition and state of repair.

5 (b) Well equipped, and must contain sufficient room and seats
6 so that the driver and each pupil being transported have a seat inside
7 the vehicle. Each pupil shall remain seated when the vehicle is in
8 motion.

9 2. Each school bus must be inspected semiannually by the
10 Department of Public Safety to ensure that the vehicles are
11 mechanically safe and meet the minimum specifications established
12 by the State Board. The Department of Public Safety shall make
13 written recommendations *to be submitted with an inspection report*
14 to the superintendent of schools of the school district wherein any
15 such vehicle is operating , *or his or her designee*, for the correction
16 of any defects *or inspection issues* discovered thereby.

17 3. If the superintendent of schools fails or refuses to take
18 appropriate action to have the defects *or inspection issues* corrected
19 within 10 days after receiving ~~{notice of them}~~ *the written*
20 *recommendations and inspection report* from the Department of
21 Public Safety, the superintendent ~~{is guilty of a misdemeanor, and~~
22 ~~upon conviction thereof}~~ may be removed from office.

23 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, all vehicles
24 used for transporting pupils must meet the specifications established
25 by regulation of the State Board.

26 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, any bus which
27 is purchased and used by a school district to transport pupils to and
28 from extracurricular activities is exempt from the specifications
29 adopted by the State Board if the bus meets the federal safety
30 standards for motor vehicles which were applicable at the time the
31 bus was manufactured and delivered for introduction in interstate
32 commerce.

33 6. Any new school bus which is purchased by a school district
34 to transport pupils must meet the standards set forth in:

35 (a) Subsection 1 of NRS 386.835 if the school bus is purchased
36 on or after January 1, 2016;

37 (b) Subsection 2 or 3 of NRS 386.835 if the school bus is
38 purchased on or after July 1, 2016; and

39 (c) NRS 386.837 if the school bus is purchased on or after
40 July 1, 2019.

41 7. Any person violating any of the requirements of this section
42 is guilty of a misdemeanor.



1 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2022.

