

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

HB25-1320 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 22, before line 5 insert:

2 "SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1209, **amend**  
3 (7) as follows:

4 **22-7-1209. State board - rules - department - duties.**

5 (7) Beginning in the 2019-20 budget year, the department shall ~~contract~~  
6 ~~with an entity to~~ develop and implement a public information campaign  
7 to emphasize the importance of learning to read by third grade and to  
8 highlight the local education providers that are achieving high  
9 percentages of third-grade students who demonstrate reading competency.  
10 The public information campaign must be disseminated statewide and  
11 must emphasize the important roles that educators and parents have in  
12 teaching children to read and in providing a school and home  
13 environment that promotes reading. The department is encouraged to  
14 work with the public and private library agencies throughout the state in  
15 developing and implementing the public information campaign.

16 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-102, **amend**  
17 (88) and (88.5)(a); and **add** (60.2) as follows:

18 **42-1-102. Definitions.** As used in articles 1 to 4 of this title 42,  
19 unless the context otherwise requires:

20 (60.2) "MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS" MEANS A MOTOR  
21 VEHICLE THAT IS DESIGNED AND USED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE  
22 TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN TO OR FROM A SCHOOL-RELATED  
23 ACTIVITY, WHETHER THE ACTIVITY OCCURS WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE  
24 TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WHETHER OR NOT THE  
25 ACTIVITY OCCURS DURING SCHOOL HOURS. A "MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL  
26 ACTIVITY BUS" MUST COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY  
27 STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOL BUSES, EXCEPT  
28 ANY STANDARD OR REGULATION REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF  
29 OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

30 (88) "School bus" means a motor vehicle that is designed and used  
31 specifically for the transportation of school children to or from a public  
32 or private school or a school-related activity, whether the activity occurs  
33 within or ~~without~~ OUTSIDE the territorial limits of ~~any~~ A SCHOOL district  
34 and whether or not the activity occurs during school hours. ~~"School bus"~~  
35 ~~does not include informal or intermittent arrangements, such as sharing~~  
36 ~~of actual gasoline expense or participation in a car pool, for the~~  
37 ~~transportation of school children to or from a public or private school or~~  
38 ~~a school-related activity~~ A "SCHOOL BUS" MUST COMPLY WITH ALL  
39 FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS  
40 APPLICABLE TO SCHOOL BUSES.

41 (88.5) (a) "School vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including, but

1 not limited to, a school bus OR MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS,  
2 that is owned by or under contract to a public or private school and  
3 operated for the transportation of school children to or from school or a  
4 school-related activity.

5 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-707, **amend**  
6 (1)(a) introductory portion and (5) introductory portion; and **add** (5)(a.5)  
7 as follows:

8 **42-4-707. Certain vehicles must stop at railroad grade**  
9 **crossings - definitions.** (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this  
10 section, the driver of a school bus, as defined in subsection (5)(b) of this  
11 section OR THE DRIVER OF A MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS, AS  
12 DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a.5) OF THIS SECTION, ~~carrying any~~  
13 ~~schoolchild~~ the driver of a vehicle carrying hazardous materials that is  
14 required to be placarded in accordance with rules issued under section  
15 42-20-108, or the driver of a commercial vehicle, as defined in section  
16 42-4-235, that is transporting passengers, before crossing at grade any  
17 tracks of a railroad:

18 (5) ~~For the purposes of~~ AS USED IN this section:

19 (a.5) "MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS" MEANS A  
20 MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS THAT IS REQUIRED TO BEAR ON  
21 THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE BUS THE WORDS "ACTIVITY BUS"  
22 PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-4-1903 (2)(a.5).

23 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1901, **amend**  
24 (2)(b) as follows:

25 **42-4-1901. School buses - equipped with supplementary brake**  
26 **retarders.** (2) (b) The general assembly encourages school districts to  
27 consider installing ~~only electromagnetic retarders or~~ state-of-the-art  
28 retarders for purposes of supplementing service brake systems of school  
29 buses when such retarders are acquired on or after April 17, 1991. The  
30 general assembly also encourages school districts to consider purchasing  
31 only those new school buses ~~which~~ THAT are equipped with external  
32 public address systems and retarders of appropriate capacity for purposes  
33 of supplementing any service brake systems of such school buses.

34 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 42-4-1902  
35 as follows:

36 **42-4-1902. School vehicle drivers - special training required.**  
37 On and after July 1, 1992, the driver of ~~any~~ A school vehicle as defined  
38 in section 42-1-102 (88.5) owned or operated by or for ~~any~~ A school  
39 district in this state shall have successfully completed training ~~approved~~  
40 ~~by the department of education,~~ concerning driving on mountainous  
41 terrain, as defined in section 42-4-1901 (3)(a), and driving in adverse  
42 weather conditions.

43 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1903, **amend**  
44 (1)(a), (2)(a) introductory portion, and (3); and **add** (2)(a.5) as follows:

45 **42-4-1903. School buses - stops - signs - passing.** (1) (a) The

1 driver of a motor vehicle upon any highway, road, or street, upon meeting  
2 or overtaking from either direction any school bus that has stopped, shall  
3 stop the vehicle at least twenty feet before reaching the school bus if  
4 visual signal lights as specified in subsection (2) of this section have been  
5 actuated on the school bus. The driver shall not proceed until the visual  
6 signal lights are no longer being actuated. ~~The driver of a motor vehicle~~  
7 ~~shall stop when a school bus that is not required to be equipped with~~  
8 ~~visual signal lights by subsection (2) of this section stops to receive or~~  
9 ~~discharge schoolchildren.~~

10 (2) (a) Every school bus as defined in section 42-1-102 (88), other  
11 than a small passenger-type vehicle having a seating capacity of not more  
12 than ~~fifteen~~ TWELVE, used for the transportation of schoolchildren ~~shall~~  
13 MUST:

14 (a.5) EVERY MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS AS DEFINED  
15 IN SECTION 42-1-102 (60.2) MUST BEAR ON THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE  
16 BUS THE WORDS "ACTIVITY BUS" IN BLACK LETTERS NOT LESS THAN  
17 EIGHT INCHES IN HEIGHT.

18 (3) Every school bus used for the transportation of schoolchildren,  
19 except those small passenger-type vehicles described in subsection (1) of  
20 this section AND MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES, ~~shall~~ MUST be  
21 equipped with school bus pedestrian safety devices that comply with 49  
22 CFR 571.131 or its successor regulation."

23 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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