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Chapter 13. School Bus Design and Equipment

IC 9-19-13-1

State school bus committee rules; contracts for pupil transportation; school district officers and employees

Sec. 1. The state school bus committee established by IC 20-27-3-1 shall adopt and enforce rules under IC 4-22-2 not inconsistent with this chapter to govern the design and operation of all school buses used for the transportation of school children when owned and operated by a school corporation or privately owned and operated under contract with an Indiana school corporation. The rules must by reference be made a part of such a contract with a school corporation. Each school corporation, officer and employee of the school corporation, and person employed under contract by a school district is subject to those rules.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.1-2005, SEC.101.

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Misconduct of school corporation officers or employees

Sec. 2. An officer or employee of a school corporation who:

(1) violates any of the rules adopted by the state school bus committee concerning the design and operation of school buses;

or

(2) fails to include an obligation to comply with those rules in a contract executed by the officer or employee on behalf of a school corporation;

is guilty of misconduct and subject to removal from office or employment.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

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Failure by contract operators to comply with rules; breach of contract

Sec. 3. A person operating a school bus under contract with a school corporation who fails to comply with any of the rules adopted by the state school bus committee concerning the design and operation of school buses is guilty of breach of contract. The contract may be canceled after notice and hearing by responsible officers of the school corporation.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

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Equipment required

Sec. 4. A bus used to transport school children must be equipped as follows:

(1) At least two (2) signal lamps mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, capable of displaying the front two (2) alternately flashing red lights located at the same level, and having sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred

(500) feet in normal sunlight.

(2) As required by the state school bus committee under IC 20-27-3-4.

(3) As required by IC 20-27-9.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.1-2005, SEC.102.

IC 9-19-13-4.5

Red lamps; prohibited vehicles

Sec. 4.5. (a) Except for a vehicle utilized in a funeral procession, a vehicle that is not described by section 4 of this chapter may not display a red lamp.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person who:

(1) purchases or otherwise acquires a vehicle with equipment described by section 4 of this chapter; and

(2) is not authorized to display a red lamp upon the vehicle;

shall immediately remove the red lamp from the vehicle.

(c) A person who:

(1) purchases or otherwise acquires a vehicle with equipment described by section 4 of this chapter; and

(2) uses the vehicle as a church bus;

is not required to remove the red lamp from the vehicle if the person renders the red lamp inoperable.

As added by P.L.99-1991, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.70-2009, SEC.2.

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United States Department of Transportation regulations; classification of violations

Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to a person who owns or operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles that:

(1) contains parts and accessories; and

(2) is equipped;

as required under regulations of the United States Department of Transportation.

(b) A person who violates section 4(1) of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.