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## SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY DOOR HANDLES

**House Bill 4829**

**Sponsor: Rep. Kim Rhead**

**Committee: Transportation**

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### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4829 AS INTRODUCED 5-27-97**

House Bill 4829 would amend the Pupil Transportation Act to require that type I school buses (school buses whose gross vehicle weight is greater than 10,000 pounds) be equipped with a rear center emergency door whose door handle emits a light signal that would activate in emergency situations, enabling a person to locate and unlatch the emergency door.

Under current law, rear emergency doors are required to be equipped with safety glass; hinged on the right side with other than piano hinges; have a door handle on the extreme left which rests in a vertical position when latched; and be without a lock, unless the locking device is integrated into the ignition system, tamper resistant, has an audible alarm system near the driver's seat that will sound when the door is locked and the ignition is on, and is approved by the Department of State Police. House Bill 4829 would expand the list of required safety features of the rear center emergency door to include a lighted door handle.

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