

# HOUSE BILL No. 5912

November 6, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Lauwers and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

A bill to amend 1990 PA 187, entitled  
"The pupil transportation act,"  
by amending sections 5, 10a, and 33 (MCL 257.1805, 257.1810a, and  
257.1833), as amended by 2006 PA 107.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 5. (1) ~~"Motor bus"~~ **"BUS"** and ~~"motor carrier of~~  
2 ~~passengers"~~ **"MOTOR CARRIER"** mean those terms as defined in section  
3 3 of the ~~motor bus~~ **COMMERCIAL PASSENGER** transportation act, 1982 PA  
4 432, MCL 474.103.

5       (2) "Nonpublic school" means that term as defined in section 5  
6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

7       (3) "Public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of  
8 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

1 (4) "Rule" means a rule promulgated pursuant to the  
2 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to  
3 24.328.

4 (5) "School" means either a public school or a nonpublic  
5 school, or both.

6 Sec. 10a. (1) A school may contract with a licensed motor  
7 carrier ~~of passengers~~ for a ~~motor~~ bus to be used for occasional  
8 transportation of pupils to or from school-related events. A school  
9 shall not directly operate a ~~motor~~ bus for the use of pupil  
10 transportation to and from school or school-related events. A motor  
11 carrier certified by the state transportation department shall not  
12 use a ~~motor~~ bus to transport pupils to and from school.

13 (2) ~~Before the effective date of the amendatory act that~~  
14 ~~amended this section~~ **AUGUST 15, 2006**, the department of education  
15 may authorize the use of a ~~motor~~ bus for the regular route  
16 transportation of pupils to or from school or home. The  
17 authorization shall be in writing and shall include conditions or  
18 restrictions that are necessary to safeguard the health, safety,  
19 and welfare of the pupils. Any authorization that is entered into  
20 ~~before the effective date of the amendatory act that amended this~~  
21 ~~subsection~~ **AUGUST 15, 2006** shall remain in effect for the time it  
22 is authorized.

23 (3) A ~~motor~~ bus built to school bus specifications that  
24 complies with the applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards  
25 shall comply with the requirements of this act.

26 Sec. 33. (1) A school bus shall be painted as follows:

27 (a) The body, cowl, hood, and fenders shall be national school

1 bus chrome yellow.

2 (b) The bumper, body trim, wheels, and lettering shall be  
3 black. The wheel rims shall be gray, black, white, or natural, as  
4 provided by the manufacturer.

5 (c) The wheel covers, if painted, shall be black.

6 (d) The grill, if not chrome, shall be national school bus  
7 chrome yellow.

8 (e) The mirrors, if painted, shall be black or yellow.

9 (f) The name of the school district or contractor shall be  
10 permanently affixed in black letters that are at least 6 inches  
11 high on the sides of the bus. The name of the school district or  
12 contractor shall be permanently affixed on the front and back of  
13 the bus in black letters.

14 (g) The words "school bus" shall be permanently affixed on the  
15 front and back of the bus between the overhead flashers in black  
16 letters that are at least 8 inches in height.

17 (h) The outside of a school bus shall not have any other  
18 lettering, symbol, marking, or advertising, except that animal  
19 pictures, cartoon figures, and similar insignia may be affixed to  
20 the bus in a temporary manner near the entrance door, but not  
21 closer than the second window, to assist in identifying the bus  
22 route. A unique identification number may be permanently affixed on  
23 the upper corners of the back, front, or sides of the bus. A  
24 contractor shall display a USDOT number when required and in the  
25 manner required by 49 CFR parts 390 to 399.

26 (i) Wording for school bus roof and door emergency exits, for  
27 inside and outside the bus, shall comply with the motor vehicle

1 safety standards found in 49 CFR 571.217.

2 (j) The roof of a school bus may be white or yellow. However,  
3 no part of a school bus may be white below the drip rail above the  
4 side windows.

5 (2) Except for a bus leased seasonally to transport  
6 agricultural workers to and from a field for agricultural  
7 operations, a bus, other than a school bus, shall not be painted,  
8 in whole or in part, in the colors and design specified in  
9 subsection (1).

10 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to multifunction school  
11 activity buses.

12 (4) This section does not apply to a motor carrier certified  
13 by the state transportation department using a ~~motor~~-bus for  
14 school-related event transportation.

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
16 unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5908 (request no.  
17 03606'13) of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.