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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1946, Motor Vehicles and Law of Road and relating to School Buses.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point
2 three hundred fifty-four (321.354), Code 1946 is hereby
3 amended by striking the period (.) in line fifteen (15)
4 and inserting a semicolon (;) and adding the following:
5 "Provided however, school busses may stop on highway for
6 receiving and discharging pupils and all other vehicles
7 shall stop for school busses which are stopped to receive
8 or discharge pupils, as provided in section three hundred
9 twenty-one point three hundred seventy-two (321.372)."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point
2 three hundred seventy-two (321.372), Code 1946 is hereby
3 amended by striking all of lines one (1) to eight (8)
4 inclusive, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:
5 "(1) The driver of any school bus shall extend stop signal
6 arm and turn on the flashing stop lights at least three
7 hundred (300) feet and not more than five hundred (500) feet
8 from the point where the school bus is to be stopped to

9 receive or discharge pupils. The stop signal arm shall
10 be kept extended and the flashing stop lights shall be
11 kept on until the children have been received or discharged
12 and they have reached a point of safety. All pupils shall
13 be received and discharged from the front right-hand
14 entrance of every school bus, and if necessary for said
15 pupils to cross the highway, they shall be required by
16 the driver of the bus to pass in front of the bus, look
17 in both directions and wait for a signal from the driver
18 before crossing. The driver of the school bus before
19 proceeding on the route, shall retract the stop arm and
20 turn off the stop lights. The stop arm shall be kept
21 extended and the stop lights flashing until the act of
22 receiving or discharging the pupils has been completed.
23 (2) The driver of any vehicle on a highway outside of a
24 business or residence district upon meeting or overtaking
25 any school bus with stop signal arm extended and stop
26 lights flashing, shall immediately bring the vehicle to a
27 stop not closer than fifteen (15) feet from the school
28 bus and shall remain stopped until the school bus driver
29 retracts the stop arm and shuts off the flashing stop lights,
30 but then may proceed to pass school bus with due caution
31 for safety of the children. (3) The driver of a vehicle
32 upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon
33 meeting or passing a school bus which is upon a different
34 roadway or in respect to a school bus which is stopped

35 in a loading zone, a part of or adjacent to a limited
36 access highway where pedestrians are not permitted to
37 cross the roadway."

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946 is hereby
3 amended by striking in line three (3) the words "after
4 September 1, 1939."

1 Sec. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946 is hereby amended
3 by inserting after the word "follows" in line four (4) a
4 new subsection one (1) as follows: "1. All structural
5 parts of the school bus body shall be all-steel or of other
6 metal with a strength equivalent to all-steel, as certified
7 by the bus body manufacturer. Suitable insulation material
8 shall be used. The bus body shall be of sufficient strength
9 to support the entire weight of a fully loaded bus on its
10 top or side if overturned. Unit shall be dust-proof and
11 water-tight."

1 Sec. 5. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946 is hereby further
3 amended by renumbering the remaining subsections so that
4 the subsection one (1) shall be numbered two (2) and each
5 subsequent subsection shall be numbered in sequence.

1 Sec. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946 is hereby further
3 amended by inserting a period (.) in line two (2) of sub-

4 section one (1) after the word "chrome" and striking the
5 remainder of the subsection.

1 Sec. 7. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946 is hereby
3 further amended by striking from line three (3) of subsection
4 two (2) the word "twenty (20)" and substituting in lieu
5 thereof the word "twelve (12)."

1 Sec. 8. Section three hundred twenty-one point
2 three hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946 is hereby
3 further amended by adding to line two (2) of subsection
4 five (5) the words "center of" just preceding the word
5 "rear" and strike the word "twenty (20)" in line two (2)
6 and substitute therefor the word "twenty-four (24)".

1 Sec. 9. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946 is hereby
3 further amended by striking in subsection twelve (12) all
4 of the subsection after the period (.) in line five (5)
5 and adding the following in lieu thereof : "when such
6 vehicle is not in operation on a regular approved bus route
7 or in transporting students to and from approved
8 extracurricular activities, the signs with the words 'School
9 Bus' shall be removed or covered."

1 Sec. 10. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946 is hereby
3 further amended by adding a subsection fourteen (14) as
4 follows: "Each school bus shall be equipped with a stop

5 signal arm constructed of substantial material and so
6 designed as to facilitate operation by the bus driver while
7 driving the bus. The stop signal arm shall be of the semaphore
8 type, shall be mounted on the left side of the bus, and shall
9 be so designed as to be seen readily by motorists approaching
10 the bus from either the front or the rear."

1 Sec. 11. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946, is hereby
3 further amended by adding a subsection fifteen (15) as
4 follows: "Each school bus shall be equipped with 6-inch
5 flashing stop lights located on the front and rear of the
6 bus. The lights on the front shall be amber in color and
7 the lights on the rear shall be red in color."

1 Sec. 12. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-three (321.373), Code 1946 is hereby
3 further amended by adding a new subsection sixteen (16) as
4 follows: "A vehicle designed as a passenger car and any
5 other vehicle designed to haul eight or less people when
6 used as a school bus shall be equipped with a school bus
7 sign and shall meet such other requirements of this section
8 as are applicable and determined by the state superintendent
9 of public instruction after consultation with the commissioner
10 of public safety."

1 Sec. 13. Section three hundred twenty-one point
2 three hundred seventy-four (321.374), Code 1946 is hereby
3 amended by striking the entire section and substituting

4 in lieu thereof the following: "Before any motor vehicle
5 shall be put into service as a school bus, it shall be
6 given an original inspection to determine if all legal
7 standards and regulations have been met. Vehicles which are
8 approved shall be issued an approval seal by the superintendent
9 of public instruction. This seal shall be affixed on the
10 lower right-hand corner of the windshield. All vehicles
11 which have been in operation shall be given a safety
12 inspection at least once a year."

1 Sec. 14. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-five (321.375), Code 1946 is hereby
3 amended by striking all of the section and substituting
4 in lieu thereof the following: "The superintendent of
5 public instruction is hereby authorized to prescribe such uniform
6 standards and regulations in addition to and in supplement
7 of the laws embodied in the "Motor Vehicles and Law of Road"
8 Code for the construction, operation and inspection of all
9 vehicles used as school busses and for the qualification
10 of drivers of school busses for operators' permits, as such
11 may be deemed necessary for the safety, health, and comfort
12 of the school children. All the standards and regulations
13 adopted or prescribed by the state superintendent of public
14 instruction in carrying out the provisions of law, if not
15 in conflict therewith, shall have the full force and effect
16 of law. The state superintendent of public instruction shall
17 consult with the commissioner of public safety before pre-

18 scribing the additional standards and regulations."

1 Sec. 15. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-six (321.376), Code 1946, is hereby amended
3 by striking all of the section and substituting in lieu
4 thereof the following: "The driver of every motor vehicle
5 in use as a school bus shall have a regular chauffeur
6 license issued by the department of public safety, and
7 in addition thereto, must hold a school bus driver's permit
8 issued by the department of public instruction. No person
9 under sixteen years of age or who is physically or mentally
10 incompetent shall be employed to drive a school bus, nor
11 shall any person be so employed whose personal habits or
12 moral conduct would be detrimental to the best interests,
13 safety, and welfare of the children transported. Use of
14 alcoholic beverages or immoral conduct on the part of a
15 driver shall automatically cancel his contract and his re-
16 employment for the remainder of the school year is hereby
17 prohibited. Any school board may contract with the driver
18 of any school bus for a period of three years."

1 Sec. 16. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
2 hundred seventy-eight (321.378), Code 1946 is hereby amended
3 by striking the number three hundred twenty-one point three
4 hundred seventy-three (321.373) in line two (2) and substituting
5 in lieu thereof the number, "three hundred twenty-one point
6 three hundred seventy-two (321.372)."

1 Sec. 17. Section three hundred twenty-one point three

2 hundred eighty (321.380), Code 1946 is hereby amended by
3 striking the number three hundred twenty-one point three
4 hundred seventy-three (321.373) from line three (3) and
5 substituting in lieu thereof the number, "three hundred
6 twenty-one point three hundred seventy-two (321.372)."