

IC 20-27-3

Chapter 3. State School Bus Committee

IC 20-27-3-1

State school bus committee; members

Sec. 1. (a) The state school bus committee is established. The committee has the following voting members:

- (1) The state superintendent or the state superintendent's authorized representative, who serves as chairperson of the committee.
- (2) The commissioner of the bureau of motor vehicles, or the commissioner's authorized representative.
- (3) The administrator of the motor carrier services division of the department of state revenue.
- (4) The director of the governor's council on impaired and dangerous driving.
- (5) A school bus driver appointed by the state superintendent upon the recommendation of the Indiana State Association of School Bus Drivers, Inc.
- (6) A superintendent of a school corporation appointed by the state superintendent upon the recommendation of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.
- (7) A member of the governing body of a school corporation appointed by the state superintendent upon the recommendation of the Indiana School Boards Association.
- (8) A representative of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the Indiana School for the Deaf appointed by the state superintendent.
- (9) A member of the School Transportation Association of Indiana appointed by the state superintendent upon the recommendation of the School Transportation Association of Indiana.

(b) The state superintendent shall designate a secretary from the department who shall keep the official record of the meetings and of official transactions of the committee.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.69.

IC 20-27-3-2

Nonvoting members

Sec. 2. (a) The following nonvoting members shall advise the voting members of the committee:

- (1) A member of the Indiana Association of School Bus Distributors selected by the executive committee of that association.
- (2) A member of the state police department selected by the state police superintendent.
- (3) A member of the Indiana Transportation Association selected by the executive committee of that association.
- (4) A member of the Indiana Township Association selected by

the executive committee of that association.

(5) A school business official appointed by the state superintendent upon the recommendation of the Indiana Association of School Business Officials.

(b) An individual is not qualified to serve as a nonvoting member of the committee until proper credentials of the individual's appointment have been filed with the chairperson of the committee. Each nonvoting member shall be notified of all committee meetings and may attend each meeting and offer advice to the voting members of the committee.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.11.

IC 20-27-3-3

Meetings

Sec. 3. (a) The committee:

- (1) shall hold one (1) regular meeting each month; and
- (2) may hold special meetings as the chairperson considers necessary.

(b) Four (4) voting members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.11.

IC 20-27-3-4

Powers; bus driver performance standards; certificate of inspection

Sec. 4. (a) The committee has the following powers:

(1) The committee may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing standards for the construction of school buses and special purpose buses, including minimum standards for the construction of school buses and special purpose buses necessary to be issued a:

- (A) valid certificate of inspection decal; and
- (B) temporary certificate of inspection decal described in IC 20-27-7-10.

(2) The committee may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing standards for the equipment of school buses and special purpose buses, including minimum standards for the equipment of school buses and special purpose buses necessary to be issued a:

- (A) valid certificate of inspection decal; and
- (B) temporary certificate of inspection decal described in IC 20-27-7-10.

(3) The committee may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 specifying the minimum standards that must be met to avoid the issuance of an out-of-service certificate of inspection decal.

(4) The committee may provide for the inspection of all school buses and special purpose buses, new or old, that are offered for sale, lease, or contract.

(5) The committee may provide for the annual inspection of all school buses and special purpose buses and the issuance of

certificate of inspection decals.

(6) The committee may maintain an approved list of school buses and special purpose buses that have passed inspection tests under subdivision (4) or (5).

(7) The committee may, subject to approval by the state board of accounts, prescribe standard forms for school bus driver contracts.

(8) The committee may hear appeals brought under IC 20-27-7-15.

(b) The committee shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to set performance standards and measurements for determining the physical ability necessary for an individual to be a school bus driver.

(c) The certificate of inspection decals shall be issued to correspond with each school year. Each certificate of inspection decal expires on September 30 following the school year in which the certificate of inspection decal is effective. However, for buses that are described in IC 20-27-7-7, the certificate of inspection decal expires on a date that is not later than seven (7) months after the date of the first inspection for the particular school year.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.107-2006, SEC.6.

IC 20-27-3-5

Rules; display of school district number on bus

Sec. 5. The committee shall adopt and enforce rules under IC 4-22-2 to require that each new school bus operated by or on behalf of a school corporation bear the number of the school district on the back of the school bus in black letters that are at least four (4) inches and not more than six (6) inches high.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.11.

IC 20-27-3-6

Rules; display of United States flag on bus

Sec. 6. The committee shall adopt and enforce rules under IC 4-22-2 that allow the display of the United States flag on a school bus operated by or on behalf of a school corporation. The rules must provide that a flag displayed on a school bus may not be placed in a manner that:

(1) obstructs the school bus driver's vision through the windshield or any other window;

(2) impedes the school bus driver's operation of any equipment;
or

(3) distracts the attention of other motorists from the school bus's warning lamps or stop signal arm when the school bus is loading or unloading students.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.11.

IC 20-27-3-7

Standards of construction and equipment

Sec. 7. (a) A school bus or special purpose bus sold or delivered in Indiana must meet the standards of construction and equipment set

forth in the rules of the committee.

(b) A school bus may not be originally licensed in Indiana until the school bus has been inspected by the state police department and found to comply with these standards.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.107-2006, SEC.7.

IC 20-27-3-8

Violation

Sec. 8. A person who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.231-2005, SEC.35.