
SENATE BILL No. 421

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-19-13; IC 20-27-3.

Synopsis: School bus safety belts. Requires the state school bus committee (committee) to have a regular meeting once each quarter (current law requires a meeting each month). Requires the committee to adopt and enforce rules to require that a school bus driver operating a school bus equipped with safety belts do the following at least once a semester: (1) Provide instruction to the passengers on the school bus on the proper fastening of the safety belt about the passenger's body. (2) Conduct a passenger evacuation drill. Provides that the failure to provide the instruction or conduct the drill subjects: (1) an employee of a school corporation to removal from employment; and (2) a person operating a school bus under contract to cancellation of the contract.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-19-13-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. An officer or
3 employee of a school corporation who:

- 4 (1) violates any of the rules, **including those required by**
- 5 **IC 20-27-3-6.5**, adopted by the state school bus committee
- 6 concerning the design and operation of school buses; or
- 7 (2) fails to include an obligation to comply with those rules in a
- 8 contract executed by the officer or employee on behalf of a school
- 9 corporation;
- 10 is guilty of misconduct and subject to removal from office or
- 11 employment.

12 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-13-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 3. A person operating
14 a school bus under contract with a school corporation who fails to
15 comply with any of the rules, **including those required by**
16 **IC 20-27-3-6.5**, adopted by the state school bus committee concerning
17 the design and operation of school buses is guilty of breach of contract.



1 The contract may be canceled after notice and hearing by responsible
2 officers of the school corporation.

3 SECTION 3. IC 20-27-3-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
4 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
5 2013]: Sec. 3. (a) The committee:

- 6 (1) shall hold one (1) regular meeting each ~~month~~; **quarter**; and
- 7 (2) may hold special meetings as the chairperson considers
8 necessary.

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

11 SECTION 4. IC 20-27-3-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
12 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
13 1, 2013]: **Sec. 6.5. The committee shall adopt and enforce rules**
14 **under IC 4-22-2 to require that a school bus driver operating a**
15 **school bus do the following at least one (1) time each semester:**

- 16 (1) **If the school bus is equipped with safety belts meeting the**
17 **standards set forth in IC 9-19-10-2, provide instruction to the**
18 **passengers on the school bus on the proper fastening of the**
19 **safety belt about the passenger's body.**
- 20 (2) **Conduct a school bus passenger evacuation drill.**

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