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SENATE BILL No. 421

DIGEST OF SB 421 (Updated February 19, 2013 11:05 am - DI 103)

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

Synopsis: School bus safety. 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.

Rogers

January 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.
February 19, 2013, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~*this style type*~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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:

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

(1) violates any of the rules, **including those required by IC 20-27-3-6.5,** adopted by the state school bus committee concerning the design and operation of school buses; or

(2) fails to include an obligation to comply with those rules in a contract executed by the officer or employee on behalf of a school corporation;

is guilty of misconduct and subject to removal from office or employment.

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

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

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

(1) shall hold one (1) regular meeting each ~~month;~~ **quarter;** 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.

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

(1) If the school bus is equipped with safety belts meeting the standards set forth in IC 9-19-10-2, 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 school bus passenger evacuation drill.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 421, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 421 as introduced.)

WYSS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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