

SENATE BILL 431

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By: **Senator Greenip**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - School Buses - Paint Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that school vehicles shall be painted using certain colors
4 in accordance with the paint scheme specified in Motor Vehicle Administration
5 regulations; requiring the Administration, in consultation with the State
6 Department of Education, to adopt and enforce regulations to provide
7 construction standards and product specifications for school vehicles; providing
8 that certain regulations may not be inconsistent with federal law; making
9 stylistic changes; and generally relating to paint standards for school buses.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 22-418 and 25-110
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Transportation**

18 22-418.

19 (a) School vehicles shall be painted [yellow] **USING THE COLOR KNOWN AS**
20 **NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS YELLOW AND ANY OTHER COLOR AUTHORIZED OR**
21 **REQUIRED BY ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS**, in accordance with **THE PAINT**
22 **SCHEME SPECIFIED IN** Administration regulations[, using the color known as
23 national school bus yellow, as specified in federal standards].

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Unless otherwise permitted or authorized by the Maryland Vehicle Law
2 or by Administration regulation, no other vehicle designed for carrying passengers
3 may be painted national school bus yellow or a closely approximate color.

4 (c) The Administrator may issue regulations for a phase-in of compliance
5 with this section.

6 25-110.

7 (a) (1) With the advice of the State Department of Education, the Motor
8 Vehicle Administration shall adopt and enforce [rules and] regulations not
9 inconsistent with **FEDERAL LAW OR** the Maryland Vehicle Law to:

10 (I) **PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND PRODUCT**
11 **SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL SCHOOL VEHICLES; AND**

12 (II) [govern] **GOVERN** the safe operation of all school vehicles.

13 (2) The following shall be subject to the rules and regulations adopted
14 under this section:

15 (i) Every school or school district and its officers and
16 employees;

17 (ii) Every person employed under contract by a school or school
18 district; and

19 (iii) Every person that owns or operates a school vehicle.

20 (b) (1) Any officer or employee of any school or school district who violates
21 any rule or regulation adopted under this section or fails to include the obligation to
22 comply with these rules and regulations in any contract executed by him on behalf of a
23 school or school district is guilty of misconduct and subject to removal from office or
24 employment.

25 (2) Any person that owns or operates a school vehicle and violates any
26 rule or regulation adopted under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and the
27 vehicle involved is subject to suspension or revocation of its registration.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2009.