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House of Representatives, March 8, 2001

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Pupil Transportation.

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARD of Madison.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and
Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, WESTON of Montville, Senator: SMALL of
Sagadahoc.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2301, sub-§§2 and 5**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, are amended to read:

6 **2. Private school activity bus.** "Private school activity bus" means a privately owned ~~motor-vehicle~~ school bus with a carrying capacity of 10 to 15 passengers that is not operated with public funds and that is used by a private school to transport students other than to and from home and school.

12 **5. School bus.** "School bus" means a motor vehicle with a carrying capacity of 10 or more passengers used to transport children as approved by school authorities to and from school, school activities, municipally operated activities or activities of a nonprofit corporation or association. It does not include a private motor vehicle used to transport members of the owner's household, ~~or a private school activity bus.~~

20 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2302, sub-§1, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

22 G. ~~May~~ Must be equipped with a system of stop arms in compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations, 571.131 (2000), to be operated only with the red signal lights; and

26 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2302, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

30 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2305, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

32 **4. Fire extinguisher.** A school bus must have at least one dry chemical fire extinguisher:

34 A. Of at least ~~2-1/2-pound~~ a 5-pound capacity;

36 B. Mounted in an automotive type manufacturer's extinguisher bracket;

38 C. Located in the operator's compartment in full view of and readily accessible to the operator; ~~and~~

40 D. Having an Underwriters' Laboratories rating of not less than 10-B: C+ ; and

42 E. That must be inspected monthly and have a record tag attached indicating the date of the last inspection and the initials of the inspector.

