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4	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
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8	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
9 10 1	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 951, L.D. 1327, Bill, "An Act To Provide Greater Options for Transportation of Public School Students for Cocurricular Activities"
12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:
4	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2301, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:
5 6	1-C. Multifunction school activity bus. "Multifunction school activity bus" means a noncommercial motor vehicle that:
7	A. Is designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers including the driver;
8 9 20	B. Meets all the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards of 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571, as amended, that are applicable to multifunction school activity buses;
21 22	C. Meets all provisions of this Title pertaining to school buses, except for section 2302, subsection 1, paragraphs A to E and G and H; section 2304; and section 2308;
23	D. Is clearly marked with the words "students aboard";
24	E. Has all emergency exits clearly marked; and
25	F. Is clearly marked with the school administrative unit or school district name.
26 27	Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2310, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
28	§2310. Other permitted uses for buses
29 80	A bus may be used for school activities other than conveying students to and from home and school if:
31 32 33	1. Carrying capacity of 40 or more passengers. The bus has a carrying capacity of 40 or more passengers and is operated by a motor carrier holding an operator's permit issued by the Bureau of State Police and is integrally constructed; or

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- 2. Multifunction school activity bus. The bus is a multifunction school activity bus that is operated by a driver with a school bus operator endorsement pursuant to section 2303 that is appropriate for the number of passengers and gross vehicle weight rating. A driver of a multifunction school activity bus must comply with all applicable school bus operator requirements of this Title.
- **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2452, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
- 1. Permanent revocation. Permanently revoke the school bus operator endorsement of any person convicted of OUI who operated a school er bus, private school activity bus or multifunction school activity bus, as defined in section 2301, during the commission of the offense:'

SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. It allows multifunction school activity buses to be used for the transportation of students for school activities, other than conveying them to and from home and school, in order to provide a means of transporting students without the buses' having to adhere to certain requirements of school buses, such as a system of stop arms, the use of warning lamps and the use of national school bus yellow paint. This amendment limits the carrying capacity of a multifunction school activity bus to 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver, requires the operator to have the appropriate school bus endorsement for the number of passengers and gross vehicle weight rating and defines the term "multifunction school activity bus." This amendment requires a multifunction school activity bus to have markings indicating that students are aboard, the school district or administrative unit associated with the multifunction school activity bus and the location of emergency exits. This amendment also provides that an operator of a multifunction school activity bus who is convicted of an OUI while operating a multifunction school activity bus will have that operator's school bus operator endorsement permanently revoked. Lastly, this amendment requires that a multifunction school activity bus meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards of 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571 pertaining to this subcategory of buses.

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