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House of Representatives, February 16, 2022

**An Act Allowing Electric-powered School Buses To Have
Distinctively Colored Bumpers, Wheels and Rub Rails**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R(t) B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Oakland.

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

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

4 B. Must have no other lettering on the front or rear, except lettering not more than 4
5 inches high indicating an emergency exit and a bus number and lettering from the
6 original manufacturer;

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

9 C. Must be painted national school bus glossy yellow, except that the hood may be
10 lusterless black and the wheels and rub rails may be glossy black or, if the bus is an
11 electric-powered school bus, the color painted by the original manufacturer;

12 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2302, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2
13 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

14 D. Must have bumpers of glossy black unless painting is impracticable through use of
15 rubber, reflective material or other devices or unless the bus is an electric-powered
16 school bus and the bumpers were painted a different color by the original manufacturer;

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill amends the laws governing school bus identifiers to allow electric-powered
19 school buses to have bumpers, rub rails and wheels in the colors originally painted by the
20 original manufacturer. It also allows all school buses to display lettering from the original
21 manufacturer and to have wheels and rub rails that are painted glossy black.