

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 147,
2 Page 12, Section 302.026, Line 10, by inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "307.375. 1. The owner of every bus used to transport children to or from school in addition
5 to any other inspection required by law shall submit the vehicle to an official inspection station, and
6 obtain a certificate of inspection, sticker, seal or other device annually, but the inspection of the
7 vehicle shall not be made more than sixty days prior to operating the vehicle during the school year.
8 The inspection shall, in addition to the inspection of the mechanism and equipment required for all
9 motor vehicles under the provisions of sections 307.350 to 307.390, include an inspection to
10 ascertain that the following items are correctly fitted, adjusted, and in good working condition:

- 11 (1) All mirrors, including crossview, inside, and outside;
- 12 (2) The front and rear warning flashers;
- 13 (3) The stop signal arm;
- 14 (4) The crossing control arm on public school buses required to have them pursuant to
15 section 304.050;
- 16 (5) The rear bumper to determine that it is flush with the bus so that hitching of rides cannot
17 occur;
- 18 (6) The exhaust tailpipe shall be flush with or may extend not more than two inches beyond
19 the perimeter of the body or bumper;
- 20 (7) The emergency doors and exits to determine them to be unlocked and easily opened as
21 required;
- 22 (8) The lettering and signing on the front, side and rear of the bus;
- 23 (9) The service door;
- 24 (10) The step treads;
- 25 (11) The aisle mats or aisle runners;
- 26 (12) The emergency equipment which shall include as a minimum a first aid kit, flares or
27 fuses, and a fire extinguisher;
- 28 (13) The seats, including a determination that they are securely fastened to the floor;
- 29 (14) The emergency door buzzer;
- 30 (15) All hand hold grips;
- 31 (16) The interior glazing of the bus.

32 2. In addition to the inspection required by subsection 1 of this section, the Missouri state
33 highway patrol shall conduct an inspection after February first of each school year of all vehicles
34 required to be marked as school buses under section 304.050. This inspection shall be conducted by
35 the Missouri highway patrol in cooperation with the department of elementary and secondary
36 education and shall include, as a minimum, items in subsection 1 of this section and the following:

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- 1 (1) The driver seat belts;
- 2 (2) The heating and defrosting systems;
- 3 (3) The reflectors;
- 4 (4) The bus steps;
- 5 (5) The aisles;
- 6 (6) The frame.

7 3. If, upon inspection, conditions which violate the standards in subsection 2 of this section
8 are found, the owner or operator shall have them corrected in ten days and notify the superintendent
9 of the Missouri state highway patrol or those persons authorized by the superintendent. If the
10 defects or unsafe conditions found constitute an immediate danger, the bus shall not be used until
11 corrections are made and the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol or those persons
12 authorized by the superintendent are notified.

13 4. The Missouri highway patrol may inspect any school bus at any time and if such
14 inspection reveals a deficiency affecting the safe operation of the bus, the provisions of subsection 3
15 of this section shall be applicable.

16 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 307.390 to the contrary, a violation of this
17 section shall be a class C misdemeanor.

18 6. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law, no school bus shall fail
19 inspection under this chapter due to the placement of a school-related logo, a school-related motto,
20 or a school-related mascot on the exterior of a school bus, unless the presence of such item inhibits
21 the safe operation of the bus."; and

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23 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
24 accordingly.