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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION
VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Palumbo, and Lima

Date Introduced: January 11, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-22.1-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-22.1 entitled "Pupil
2 Transportation Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-22.1-2. Pupil transportation vehicle -- Vehicle standards.** – (a) Vans, sport utility
4 vehicles, and heavy automobiles as defined by applicable federal regulations may be used as
5 pupil transportation vehicles provided that these vehicles meet the highest federal
6 crashworthiness standards for these categories of vehicles. Unless otherwise specifically provided
7 for herein, the provisions of section 31-20-4, et seq. (Special Stops Required) shall be applicable
8 to pupil transportation vehicles. The provisions of section 31-23-42 (First aid kit and heating
9 equipment), section 31-23-42.2 (Power equipment on school buses), section 31-23-54 (Fire
10 extinguishers), and section 31-23-55 (Speedometer and odometer) shall be applicable to pupil
11 transportation vehicles. A pupil transportation vehicle shall not be required to be painted school
12 bus yellow provided it carries a sign in school bus yellow visible from forward and from in back
13 of the vehicle containing the lettering required by section 31-20-11.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any other law or regulation, the school committee of any city, town
15 or regional school district is hereby authorized to sell advertising space on the exterior of school
16 buses, provided that no such advertising shall obstruct the vision of motorists or be inconsistent
17 with the safety regulations pertaining to school buses in Rhode Island general laws chapter 31-23.
18 Said school committees are hereby authorized to negotiate with private school bus carriers

1 [regarding the content of said advertising, and the sharing of revenues derived therefrom.](#)

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the school committee of any city, town or regional school
2 district to sell advertising space on school buses, and to negotiate with private school bus carriers
3 regarding the content of said advertising, and the sharing of revenues derived therefrom.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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