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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1476

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE
TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AND
ACADEMIC FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS
CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL
TRANSPORTATION AND ACADEMIC FACILITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-19-102(d), concerning authority to transport public school students, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A bus or other vehicle used in transporting pupils in one (1) district shall not be used to transport pupils in another district without the consent of the Department of Education, except as specifically allowed by law.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-19-110(a)(2)(A), concerning school bus drivers, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) "School bus" means a motor vehicle designed to carry ~~more than~~ ten (10) or more passengers that is:

(i) Owned by a public or a governmental agency or a private school and operated for the transportation of students to or from school or school-sponsored activities; or

(ii) Privately owned and operated for compensation



for the transportation of students to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-19-111(a), concerning school bus regulations, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~The State Board of Education by and with the advice of the State Highway Commission~~ Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall adopt and enforce regulations ~~not inconsistent with this act~~ to govern the design and operation of all school buses used for the transportation of school children when the buses are owned and operated by ~~any~~ a school district or privately owned and operated under contract with ~~any~~ a school district in this state.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-19-117(a)(1), concerning school bus safety equipment, is amended to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section, "school bus" means:

(1) A motor vehicle designed to carry ~~more than~~ ten (10) or more passengers that is:

(A) Owned by a public or a governmental agency or a private school and operated for the transportation of students to or from school or school-sponsored activities; or

(B) Privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of students to or from school or school-sponsored activities; and

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-19-119(a)(1), concerning school bus passengers required to be seated, is amended to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section, "school bus" means:

(1) A motor vehicle designed to carry ~~more than~~ ten (10) or more passengers that is:

(A) Owned by a public or a governmental agency or a private school and operated for the transportation of students to or from school or school-sponsored activities; or

(B) Privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of students to or from school or school-sponsored activities; and

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(5)(C)(iv), concerning school funding, is amended to read as follows:

(iv) Provide training for school bus drivers as outlined in rules promulgated by the ~~State Board of Education~~ Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-21-116(b), concerning tornado shelter construction, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) In calculating the amount of state financial participation in a facilities project that includes a tornado shelter or designated reinforced area, the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall deduct from the project cost the total amount of grant funds received by the school district for the shelter or area.

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