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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5

625 ILCS 5/1-182

625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-182

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that if a driver has obtained and currently holds a valid school bus permit, a multifunction school activity bus (MFSAB) may be used for the purpose of transporting 15 or less persons whose purposes do include transporting students to and from home or school bus stops. Provides that the definition of "school bus" does not include a multifunction school-activity bus, unless the driver has obtained and currently holds a valid school bus permit.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 1-148.3a-5, 1-182, and 11-1414.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5)

7 Sec. 1-148.3a-5. Multifunction school activity bus. A
8 multifunction school activity bus (MFSAB) means a school bus
9 manufactured for the purpose of transporting 11 or more
10 persons, including the driver, whose purposes do not include
11 transporting students to and from home or school bus stops.
12 Except as provided in subsection (a-5) of Section 11-1414.1, a
13 ~~A~~ MFSAB is prohibited from meeting the special requirements
14 for school buses in Sections 12-801, 12-803, and 12-805 and
15 subsection (a) of Section 12-802 of this Code.

16 (Source: P.A. 104-367, eff. 1-1-26.)

17 (625 ILCS 5/1-182) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-182)

18 Sec. 1-182. School bus.

19 (a) "School bus" means every motor vehicle, except as
20 provided in paragraph (b) of this Section, owned or operated
21 by or for any of the following entities for the transportation
22 of persons regularly enrolled as students in grade 12 or below

1 in connection with any activity of such entity:

2 Any public or private primary or secondary school;

3 Any primary or secondary school operated by a religious
4 institution; or

5 Any public, private or religious nursery school.

6 (b) This definition shall not include the following:

7 1. A bus operated by a public utility, municipal
8 corporation or common carrier authorized to conduct local
9 or interurban transportation of passengers when such bus
10 is not traveling a specific school bus route but is:

11 On a regularly scheduled route for the transportation
12 of other fare paying passengers;

13 Furnishing charter service for the transportation of
14 groups on field trips or other special trips or in
15 connection with other special events; or

16 Being used for shuttle service between attendance
17 centers or other educational facilities.

18 2. A motor vehicle of the First Division.

19 3. A multifunction school-activity bus, unless the
20 driver has obtained and currently holds a valid school bus
21 permit.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-410, eff. 7-1-10.)

23 (625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1)

24 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-256)

25 Sec. 11-1414.1. School transportation of students.

1 (a) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any
2 entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code
3 must be transported in a school bus or a vehicle described in
4 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of Section 1-182 of
5 this Code for any curriculum-related or career-related
6 activity, except a student in any of grades 9 through 12 or a
7 student in any of grades K through 12 with an individualized
8 education program (IEP) with a staff to student ratio of 1 to
9 5, and attending Acacia Academy, Alexander Leigh, Marklund,
10 Helping Hands Center, Connections Organization, Soaring Eagle
11 Academy, or New Horizon Academy may be transported in a
12 multifunction school activity bus (MFSAB) as defined in
13 Section 1-148.3a-5 of this Code for any curriculum-related or
14 career-related activity except for transportation on regular
15 bus routes from home to school or from school to home, subject
16 to the following conditions:

17 (i) A MFSAB may not be used to transport students
18 under this Section unless the driver holds a valid school
19 bus driver permit.

20 (ii) The use of a MFSAB under this Section is subject
21 to the requirements of Sections 6-106.11, 6-106.12,
22 12-707.01, 13-101, and 13-109 of this Code.

23 "Curriculum-related or career-related activity" as used in
24 this subsection (a) includes transportation from home to
25 school or from school to home, tripper or shuttle service
26 between school attendance centers, transportation to a

1 college, university, or student job site developed through a
2 partnership with a school, a vocational or career center or
3 other trade-skill development site or a regional safe school
4 or other school-sponsored alternative learning program, or an
5 experience that a school determines will contribute to the
6 college or career readiness of a student, or a trip that is
7 directly related to the regular curriculum of a student for
8 which he or she earns credit.

9 (b) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any
10 entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code
11 who is transported in a vehicle that is being operated by or
12 for a public or private primary or secondary school, including
13 any primary or secondary school operated by a religious
14 institution, for an interscholastic,
15 interscholastic-athletic, or school-sponsored,
16 noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does not require
17 student participation as part of the educational services of
18 the entity and (ii) is not associated with the students'
19 regular class-for-credit schedule shall transport students
20 only in a school bus or vehicle described in subsection (b) of
21 Section 1-182 of this Code. A student participating in an
22 agrarian-related activity may also be transported in a second
23 division pick-up truck registered under paragraph 7 of
24 subsection (b) of Section 3-808.1. For purposes of this
25 subsection, "pick-up truck" means a truck weighing 12,000
26 pounds or less with an enclosed cabin that can seat up to 6

1 passengers with seatbelts, including the driver, and an open
2 cargo area. This subsection (b) does not apply to any second
3 division vehicle used by an entity listed in subsection (a) of
4 Section 1-182 of this Code for a parade, homecoming, or a
5 similar noncurriculum-related school activity.

6 (Source: P.A. 104-367, eff. 1-1-26.)

7 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-256)

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13 this Code for any curriculum-related or career-related
14 activity, except a student in any of grades 9 through 12 or a
15 student in any of grades K through 12 with an individualized
16 education program (IEP) with a staff to student ratio of 1 to
17 5, and attending Acacia Academy, Alexander Leigh, Marklund,
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19 Academy, or New Horizon Academy may be transported in a
20 multifunction school activity bus (MFSAB) as defined in
21 Section 1-148.3a-5 of this Code for any curriculum-related or
22 career-related activity except for transportation on regular
23 bus routes from home to school or from school to home. The use
24 of a MFSAB for curriculum-related activities is subject to the
25 following conditions:

1 (i) A MFSAB may not be used to transport students
2 under this Section unless the driver holds a valid school
3 bus driver permit.

4 (ii) The use of a MFSAB under this Section is subject
5 to the requirements of Sections 6-106.11, 6-106.12,
6 12-707.01, 13-101, and 13-109 of this Code.

7 "Curriculum-related or career-related activity" as used in
8 this subsection (a) includes transportation from home to
9 school or from school to home, tripper or shuttle service
10 between school attendance centers, transportation to a
11 college, university, or student job site developed through a
12 partnership with a school, a vocational or career center or
13 other trade-skill development site or a regional safe school
14 or other school-sponsored alternative learning program, or an
15 experience that a school determines will contribute to the
16 college or career readiness of a student, or a trip that is
17 directly related to the regular curriculum of a student for
18 which he or she earns credit.

19 (a-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the
20 driver has obtained and currently holds a valid school bus
21 permit, a MFSAB may be used for the purpose of transporting 15
22 or less persons, including the driver, whose purposes do
23 include transporting students to and from home or school bus
24 stops. In such a case that a MFSAB is being used for
25 transporting students to and from home or school bus stops, a
26 MFSAB must meet the special requirements in Sections 12-801,

1 12-803, and 12-805 and subsection (a) of Section 12-802.

2 (b) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any
3 entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code
4 who is transported in a vehicle that is being operated by or
5 for a public or private primary or secondary school, including
6 any primary or secondary school operated by a religious
7 institution, for an interscholastic,
8 interscholastic-athletic, or school-sponsored,
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10 student participation as part of the educational services of
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22 division vehicle used by an entity listed in subsection (a) of
23 Section 1-182 of this Code for a parade, homecoming, or a
24 similar noncurriculum-related school activity.

25 (Source: P.A. 104-256, eff. 7-1-26; 104-367, eff. 1-1-26;
26 revised 9-12-25.)

1 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
2 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
3 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
4 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
5 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
6 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
7 Public Act.