

**SB2623**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Introduced 3/4/2025, by Sen. Laura M. Murphy

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 5/29-6.3  
625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5  
625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1414.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a multifunction school-activity bus may additionally be used for transportation to a college, university, student job site developed through a partnership with the school, a college or career fair, or an experience that the school determines will contribute to a student's college or career readiness. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes and to provide that a student in any of grades 7 through 12 (instead of grades 9 through 12) may be transported in a multifunction school-activity bus for specified purposes.

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**A BILL FOR**

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 School Code is amended by changing Section  
5                   29-6.3 as follows:

6                   (105 ILCS 5/29-6.3)

7                   Sec. 29-6.3. Transportation to and from specified  
8                   interscholastic or school-sponsored activities.

9                   (a) Any school district transporting students in grade 12  
10                  or below for an interscholastic, interscholastic athletic, or  
11                  school-sponsored, noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does  
12                  not require student participation as part of the educational  
13                  services of the district and (ii) is not associated with the  
14                  students' regular class-for-credit schedule or required 5  
15                  clock hours of instruction under Section 10-19.05 shall  
16                  transport the students only in a school bus, a vehicle  
17                  manufactured to transport not more than 10 persons, including  
18                  the driver, or a multifunction school-activity bus  
19                  manufactured to transport not more than 15 persons, including  
20                  the driver.

21                  (a-5) A student in any of grades 7 ~~8~~ through 12 may be  
22                  transported in a multifunction school-activity multi-function  
23                  ~~school activity~~ bus (MFSAB) as defined in Section 1-148.3a-5

1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code for any curriculum-related or  
2 career-related activity except for transportation on regular  
3 bus routes from home to school or from school to home, subject  
4 to the following conditions:

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

8 (ii) The use of a MFSAB under this Section is subject  
9 to the requirements of Sections 6-106.11, 6-106.12,  
10 12-707.01, 13-101, and 13-109 of the Illinois Vehicle  
11 Code.

12 (b) Any school district furnishing transportation for  
13 students under the authority of this Section shall insure  
14 against any loss or liability of the district resulting from  
15 the maintenance, operation, or use of the vehicle.

16 (c) Vehicles used to transport students under this Section  
17 may claim a depreciation allowance of 20% over 5 years as  
18 provided in Section 29-5 of this Code.

19 (Source: P.A. 101-12, eff. 7-1-19.)

20 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
21 changing Sections 1-148.3a-5 and 11-1414.1 as follows:

22 (625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5)

23 Sec. 1-148.3a-5. Multifunction school-activity ~~school~~  
24 ~~activity~~ bus. A multifunction school-activity bus (MFSAB)

1 means a school bus manufactured for the purpose of  
2 transporting 11 or more persons, including the driver, whose  
3 purposes do not include transporting students to and from home  
4 or school bus stops unless authorized by Article XIV of  
5 Chapter 11 of this Code or by Section 29-6.3 of the School  
6 Code. A MFSAB is prohibited from meeting the special  
7 requirements for school buses in Sections 12-801, 12-803, and  
8 12-805 and subsection (a) of Section 12-802 of this Code.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-410, eff. 7-1-10; 97-378, eff. 8-15-11.)

10 (625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1414.1)

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

12 (a) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any  
13 entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code  
14 must be transported in a school bus or a vehicle described in  
15 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of Section 1-182 of  
16 this Code for any curriculum-related or career-related school  
17 activity, except a student in any of grades 9 through 12 or a  
18 student in any of grades K through 12 with an individualized  
19 education program Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with a  
20 staff to student ratio of 1 to 5, and attending Acacia Academy,  
21 Alexander Leigh, Marklund, Helping Hands Center, Connections  
22 Organization, Soaring Eagle Academy, or New Horizon Academy  
23 may be transported in a multifunction school-activity  
24 multi-function school activity bus (MFSAB) as defined in  
25 Section 1-148.3a-5 of this Code for any curriculum-related or

1       career-related activity except for transportation on regular  
2       bus routes from home to school or from school to home, subject  
3       to the following conditions:

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

7               (ii) The use of a MFSAB under this Section is subject  
8       to the requirements of Sections 6-106.11, 6-106.12,  
9       12-707.01, 13-101, and 13-109 of this Code.

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

24       (b) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any  
25       entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code  
26       who is transported in a vehicle that is being operated by or

1 for a public or private primary or secondary school, including  
2 any primary or secondary school operated by a religious  
3 institution, for an interscholastic,  
4 interscholastic-athletic, or school-sponsored,  
5 noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does not require  
6 student participation as part of the educational services of  
7 the entity and (ii) is not associated with the students'  
8 regular class-for-credit schedule shall transport students  
9 only in a school bus or vehicle described in subsection (b) of  
10 Section 1-182 of this Code. A student participating in an  
11 agrarian-related activity may also be transported in a second  
12 division pick-up truck registered under paragraph 7 of  
13 subsection (b) of Section 3-808.1. For purposes of this  
14 subsection, "pick-up truck" means a truck weighing 12,000  
15 pounds or less with an enclosed cabin that can seat up to 6  
16 passengers with seatbelts, including the driver, and an open  
17 cargo area. This subsection (b) does not apply to any second  
18 division vehicle used by an entity listed in subsection (a) of  
19 Section 1-182 of this Code for a parade, homecoming, or a  
20 similar noncurriculum-related school activity.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-544, eff. 8-20-21.)