

1 SB395
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3 By Senator Chambliss
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, local boards of
9 education set policies for student transportation
10 by school bus.

11 This bill would authorize local boards of
12 education to set policies providing for the
13 transportation of students to and from
14 extracurricular activities by modes of
15 transportation other than bus.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to schools; to amend Section 16-27-1, Code
22 of Alabama 1975, to authorize local boards of education to set
23 policies providing for the transportation of students to and
24 from extracurricular activities by modes of transportation
25 other than bus.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 16-27-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§16-27-1.

4 "(a) The State Board of Education shall prescribe
5 rules and regulations:

6 "(1) Requiring all local boards of education which
7 provide transportation services for pupils going to and from
8 public elementary and secondary schools of Alabama or in
9 school-related activities, and the presidents of all state
10 community, junior and technical colleges and directors of all
11 state technical institutes and trade schools which provide
12 transportation services for pupils going to and from said
13 technical institutes and trade schools or community, junior
14 and technical colleges to employ a competent supervisor or
15 manager of such transportation services, whether such
16 transportation services are provided in publicly owned or
17 privately owned buses;

18 "(2) Requiring periodic safety inspection of all
19 vehicles used for transporting pupils, whether such vehicles
20 are publicly or privately owned;

21 "(3) Requiring and providing for special training
22 and licensing of drivers of all vehicles used to transport
23 pupils to and from school and in all school-related
24 activities, whether such vehicles are publicly owned and
25 operated or operated under contract with a private owner.

26 "(b) Nothing in this section shall prevent local
27 boards of education from implementing policies for the

1 transportation of students to and from extracurricular
2 activities that does not require the use of a school bus,
3 provided that the policies include all of the following:

4 "(1) Provisions addressing how the students may be
5 transported and who is authorized to transport students.

6 "(2) That written consent of the parent or legal
7 guardian of the student is required.

8 "(3) That private vehicles may only be used if they
9 are lawfully registered, properly maintained, and properly
10 insured.

11 "(4) That drivers of private vehicles must be
12 lawfully licensed and that it is mandatory that the driver
13 strictly adheres to all motor vehicle laws and rules of the
14 road."

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
16 first day of the third month following its passage and
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.