	SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION REVISIONS
	2017 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper
	House Sponsor:
Ι	LONG TITLE
(Committee Note:
	The Transportation Interim Committee recommended this bill.
(General Description:
	This bill modifies the safety inspection requirements for school buses.
ŀ	Highlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	 changes the frequency of required safety inspections for school buses; and
	 requires random inspections on a portion of school buses.
N	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
(Other Special Clauses:
	None
ι	Jtah Code Sections Affected:
A	AMENDS:
	53-8-211, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

- 25 Section 1. Section **53-8-211** is amended to read:
- 26 53-8-211. Safety inspection of school buses and other vehicles.
- 27 (1) (a) [The] A school bus operated by a school district or a private school in this state



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28	is required to pass a safety inspection annually and the Highway Patrol shall:
29	(i) perform safety inspections at least [twice] once each school year on all school buses
30	operated by each school district and each private school in the state for the transportation of
31	students, except as otherwise provided in Subsection (1)(b); [and]
32	(ii) annually, at a time during the school year other than the time of the inspection
33	described in Subsection (1)(a)(i), perform safety inspections on 20% of the school buses
34	operated by a school district or private school, selected randomly, except as otherwise provided
35	in Subsection (1)(b); and
36	[(iii)] (iii) cause to be removed from the public highways any vehicle found to have
37	mechanical or other defects under this Subsection (1)(a) endangering the safety of passengers
38	and the public until the defects have been corrected.
39	(b) (i) A school district or private school may perform the safety inspections of a
40	school bus that it operates in accordance with rules made by the division under Title 63G,
41	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and after consultation with the State Board of
42	Education.
43	(ii) The rules under Subsection (1)(b)(i) shall include provisions for:
44	(A) maintaining school bus drivers' hours of service records;
45	(B) requiring school bus drivers to maintain vehicle condition reports;
46	(C) maintaining school bus maintenance and repair records; and
47	(D) validating that defects discovered during the inspection process have been
48	corrected prior to returning a school bus to service.
49	(iii) (A) The division shall audit school bus safety operations of each school district
50	and private school performing inspections under Subsection (1)(b)(i) to ensure compliance
51	with the rules made under that subsection.
52	(B) The audit may include both a formal examination of the district's or school's
53	inspection records and a random physical inspection of buses that have been safety inspected
54	by the district or the school.
55	(iv) A school district or school must have a comprehensive school bus maintenance
56	plan approved by the division in order to participate in the safety inspection program.
57	(v) A school district or private school may not operate any vehicle found to have
58	mechanical or other defects that would endanger the safety of passengers and the public until

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- 59 the defects have been corrected.
- 60 (2) Motor vehicles operated by private schools or school districts, and not used for the
- 61 transportation of students, are subject to Section 53-8-205.

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