

HB 143 - School Bus Safety Inspection Amendments

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What this bill does:

- Current State Law requires the Utah Highway Patrol to perform annual inspections on 100% of all school buses in service. This bill would promote the responsibility of the inspection should be with the education entity who is already doing the work.
- Although the school districts will be performing their own inspections every year, the Utah Highway Patrol will continue to randomly inspect 20% of school buses annually to make sure that there is a compliance incentive.
 - If a bus fails one of these random inspections, the UHP may then inspect more buses to help ensure that any defects discovered are addressed before the bus operates again. If a district is in non-compliance then the UHP could step in and do a 100% inspection of that districts buses.
 - The results of each inspection would be made publicly available.
- While the current law was passed with good intent, It had created a redundancy of efforts that does not appear to be necessary and would allow the UHP to discontinue a practice that they have never been compensated for. This would allow them to allocate their resources back to other responsibilities that they are mandated to do that they have had to scale back due to this requirement. It also should help districts free up resources tied up to assist during these inspections.