

SCHOOL BUS - VEHICLE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies the Public Safety Code by requiring vehicles used to transport students to comply with certain safety standards.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

53-8-211.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53-8-211.5** is enacted to read:

53-8-211.5. School bus safety standards -- Exceptions.

(1) Beginning July 1, 2003, a school district or private school may not use a vehicle with a seating capacity of 11 or more, including the driver, for the transportation of its students unless the vehicle meets federal school bus safety standards under 49 U. S. C. Sec. 30101, et seq.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a vehicle operated by a common carrier, as defined in Section 59-12-102, if the common carrier is not exclusively engaged in the transportation of students.