

# HOUSE BILL No. 5969

June 1, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Voorhees, Vander Veen, Steil, Huizenga, Koetje, Kooiman and Pappageorge and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1990 PA 187, entitled  
"The pupil transportation act,"  
by amending section 15 and 17 (MCL 257.1815 and 257.1817),  
section 17 as amended by 2000 PA 49.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 15. ~~-(1) A school bus shall be equipped with front~~  
2 ~~turn signal lights as provided by the manufacturer and approved~~  
3 ~~by the department of state police. These signals shall be~~  
4 ~~independent units equipped with a 4 way hazard warning switch to~~  
5 ~~cause simultaneous flashing of turn signal lamps when needed as a~~  
6 ~~vehicular traffic hazard warning.-(2)- The location, number, and~~  
7 **color** of all exterior lamps and signals on a school bus shall be  
8 in conformance with current United States department of  
9 transportation, federal motor ~~carrier~~ **vehicle** safety  
10 regulations ~~, and with this act where applicable~~ **found in 49**

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1 CFR part 571 and in section 698 of the Michigan vehicle code,  
2 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.698.

3 ~~(3) Tail lamps and signals on a school bus shall be~~  
4 ~~positioned as follows:~~

5 ~~—— (a) Two red 7-inch diameter combination stoptail lamps shall~~  
6 ~~be mounted on the rear of the school bus at a height of not less~~  
7 ~~than 15 inches or more than 72 inches above the surface upon~~  
8 ~~which the unloaded bus rests, and shall be positioned as far~~  
9 ~~apart as practicable.~~

10 ~~—— (b) Turn signals at the rear of a school bus shall be 7~~  
11 ~~inches in diameter with amber lens and shall be mounted on the~~  
12 ~~same level and outboard of the stoptail lamp combination unit.~~

13 Sec. 17. (1) This section applies to school buses  
14 manufactured before October 1, 1990 that have not been  
15 retrofitted to meet the requirements of section 19.

16 (2) A school bus shall be equipped with signal lights mounted  
17 as high and widely spaced laterally as practicable that are  
18 capable of displaying to the front 2 overhead alternately  
19 flashing red lights located at the same level and to the rear 2  
20 overhead alternately flashing red lights located at the same  
21 level. These ~~sealed beam~~ lights shall have sufficient  
22 intensity to be visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet  
23 in normal sunlight.

24 (3) Overhead alternately flashing stoplights shall be  
25 operated by a manually operated switch and detached from any  
26 other instrument on the bus. A flashing light shall not be  
27 connected to the brakes or the service door on school buses

1 manufactured before October 1, 1990. A 3-inch black area shall  
2 be provided around ~~sealed-beam~~ flasher lamps front and rear.  
3 Lamps indicating alternating flashing light operation shall be  
4 visible to the driver when in a normal seated position.

5       **(4) Signal lights and stoplights under this section shall be**  
6 **in conformance with current United States department of**  
7 **transportation federal motor vehicle safety regulations found in**  
8 **49 CFR part 571.**