



SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, public school buses are required to transport community college and trade school students under certain circumstances.

This bill would require local boards of education to adopt policies regarding the transportation of students to offsite educational venues and would repeal the law mandating the transportation of certain students on public school buses.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public school buses; to amend Section 16-27-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to require local boards of education to adopt policies regarding the transportation of dual enrollment and other students to offsite educational venues; and to repeal Section 16-27-2, Code of Alabama 1975, requiring the buses to transport community college and trade school students under certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-27-1 of the Code of Alabama 1975,



is amended to read as follows:

"§16-27-1

The State Board of Education shall ~~prescribe~~ adopt rules ~~and regulations~~:

(1) Requiring all local boards of education which provide transportation services for ~~pupils~~ students going to and from public elementary and secondary schools of Alabama or in school-related activities, ~~and the presidents of all state community, junior and technical colleges and directors of all state technical institutes and trade schools which provide transportation services for pupils going to and from said technical institutes and trade schools or community, junior and technical colleges~~ to employ a competent supervisor or manager of ~~such~~ the transportation services, whether ~~such~~ the transportation services are provided in publicly owned or privately owned buses;

(2) Requiring periodic safety inspection of all vehicles used for transporting ~~pupils~~ students, whether ~~such~~ the vehicles are publicly or privately owned;

(3) Requiring and providing for special training and licensing of drivers of all vehicles used to transport ~~pupils~~ students to and from school and in all school-related activities, whether ~~such~~ the vehicles are publicly owned and operated or operated under contract with a private owner; and

(4) Requiring each local board of education to adopt a policy regarding transportation services available for enrolled students including, but not limited to, dual enrollment students at community and technical college



57 campuses or other offsite educational venues, and students
58 attending career technical education centers."

59 Section 2. Section 16-27-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
60 requiring public school buses to provide transportation to
61 community college and trade school students under certain
62 circumstances, is repealed.

63 Section 3. This act shall become effective on June 1,
64 2025.