



**House Ways and Means Education Reported Substitute
for HB447**

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~~



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

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circumstances, is repealed.

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