

House Bill 3205

Sponsored by Representative NGUYEN H; Senators FREDERICK, WEBER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says that a school activity vehicle may be used to get kids from home to school. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.4).

Authorizes the use of school activity vehicles to transport students from home to school.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to vehicles used to transport children from home to school; amending ORS 801.455 and
3 820.100.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 801.455 is amended to read:

6 801.455. "School activity vehicle" means a vehicle, other than a school bus, that is used to
7 transport students to or from authorized school activities, **to or from school** and that is not de-
8 scribed by any of the following:

9 (1) A vehicle subject to ORS 825.100 or a vehicle under regulation of the United States De-
10 partment of Transportation.

11 (2) A vehicle, commonly known as a private passenger car or private passenger van, that is used
12 by the owner of the vehicle or a relative of the owner of the vehicle for personal transportation of
13 students to or from school activities and is not used for compensation except for the sharing of ex-
14 penses in a ridesharing arrangement or reimbursement of mileage.

15 (3) A vehicle that is exempted from regulation as a school activity vehicle under ORS 820.150.

16 (4) A transit bus, as defined in ORS 811.167.

17 **SECTION 2.** ORS 820.100, as amended by section 3, chapter 43, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended
18 to read:

19 820.100. (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt and enforce such reasonable standards
20 relating to school bus and school activity vehicle construction and school bus and school activity
21 vehicle equipment as the board deems necessary for safe and economical operation, except that the
22 board may not authorize the use of school buses manufactured before April 1, 1977.

23 (2) The governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 may adopt and enforce
24 separate standards of the type described under this section for school buses and school activity ve-
25 hicles that are under the governing board's jurisdiction, except that:

26 (a) The governing board may not authorize the use of school buses manufactured before April
27 1, 1977; **and**

28 (b) **School activity vehicles may be used transport students to and from home to school.**

29 (3) The State Board of Education shall adopt and enforce standards for school bus stop arms
30 authorized by ORS 820.105.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt and enforce standards for school bus stop arm
2 camera warning signs authorized by section 2, chapter 43, Oregon Laws 2024.
- 3 (5) Standards adopted under this section:
- 4 (a) Must be consistent with requirements established by statute or by rule adopted under stat-
5 utory authority that relate to the same subject.
- 6 (b) Shall be consistent with minimum uniform national standards, if such standards exist.
- 7 (c) May include different requirements for different classes or types of school buses or school
8 activity vehicles.
- 9 (d) May include any exemptions determined appropriate under ORS 820.150.
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