
Extended Use of School Buses, Rule

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-6-2109 the State Board has promulgated Rule 0520-01-05-.01 which regulates the operation of school buses. Public Chapter 743 of the 108th General Assembly amended T.C.A. § 49-6-2109(b) by revising the language in its entirety. This amendment allows for conventional and Class D school buses to be used until the buses reach the eighteenth year from the in-service date of the buses, and neither the state board of education nor the commissioner of safety shall limit the use of conventional or Class D school buses by mileage driven.

This agenda item proposes to update language from the rule and makes the rule conform to the amended law.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends adoption of the amendment on final reading.

School Bus Proposed Rule Revision

Rule 0520-01-05-.01 Operation of School Buses is amended by revising section (5) and (6) as follows, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (5) Pre-titled school buses shall meet additional requirements pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-6-2109(b)(5)
- (6) Approved buses are identified as:
 - (a) Type C conventional buses with eighteen (18) years or less of service. After fifteen (15) years of service, year to year approval is required from the Commissioner of Safety.
 - (b) Type D transit buses with eighteen (18) or less years of service.
 - (c) Type C or D transit buses with two hundred thousand (200,000) miles or less of recorded travel.