

House Bill 51

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize local boards of education to use  
3 vehicles other than school buses for the transport of all students to and from school and  
4 school related activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and  
9 secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-1076, relating to alternative  
10 vehicles for school buses, limitations on use, requirements, and insurance, as follows:

11 "20-2-1076.

12 (a) Local boards of education may authorize the use of vehicles other than school buses  
13 for the transport of students ~~who are documented in an Individualized Education Program~~  
14 ~~as recipients of special education services or as currently lacking, or during the previous~~  
15 ~~academic year lacked, a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as described under~~  
16 ~~the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 11301, et seq., to and~~

17 from school and school related activities, where appropriate. Such vehicles may include  
18 motor vehicles with a capacity of eight persons or less operated and marked for the  
19 transportation of school children to and from school and school related activities.

20 (b) Local boards shall comply with all requirements established by the State Board of  
21 Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2-188, including minimum standards and  
22 requirements, which shall be delineated separately from requirements for school buses; for  
23 maintenance, repair, inspection, and use of such vehicles; minimum qualifications for the  
24 drivers of such vehicles; and other requirements as deemed necessary by the State Board  
25 of Education. Local boards may establish requirements in addition to such minimum state  
26 requirements, in the discretion of the local board.

27 (c) Local boards are authorized and required to cause policies of insurance to be issued  
28 insuring the students being transported to and from school related activities against bodily  
29 injury or death at any time resulting from an accident or collision in which such vehicles  
30 are involved. The amount of such insurance shall be within the discretion of each local  
31 board of education."

32 **SECTION 2.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.