

February 21, 2007

S 285. PUBLIC SCHOOL SAFE TRANSPORTATION ACT. Filed 2/21/07. *TO ENSURE THE SAFEST TRANSPORTATION POSSIBLE FOR NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS INVOLVED IN SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS.* Requires the Department of Public Instruction to report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on proposed methods of inspection to ensure the safety of private transportation used by local school boards to transport students to school-sponsored events.

Intro. by Swindell.

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June 25, 2008

S 285. PLAN FOR STATEWIDE MOTOR COACH PERMIT (NEW). Filed 2/21/07. Senate committee substitute deletes all provisions of the 1st edition and replaces it with *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR A STATEWIDE PERMIT FOR MOTOR COACH COMPANIES SEEKING TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS, SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSONS ON SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS.*

Directs the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to develop a plan for a statewide permit for motor coach companies seeking to contract with local school systems to transport students, school personnel and other authorized persons on school-sponsored trips. Directs the Commissioner of the DMV to consult with interested parties, including the NC School Boards Association, the State Highway Patrol, the NC Pupil Transportation Association, the NC Motor Coach Association, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Prescribes that the program components are to include the scope, standards, and duration of the permit, the conditions for revoking it, criteria for the application and renewal process, a fee schedule, the process for required inspections and other related issues.

Requires the DMV to report on the proposed plan to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee (JLEOC) by January 1, 2009. Directs the JLEOC, prior to the implementation of the plan, to make any recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the 2009 General Assembly. Directs that the plan be implemented beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

Appropriates \$5,000 for the 2008-09 fiscal year from the General Fund to the DMV to implement the provisions of this act.