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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/29-6.3

105 ILCS 5/29-6.3a new

625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5

625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1

625 ILCS 5/11-1414.2 new

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1414.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a multifunction school-activity bus may additionally be used for transportation to a college, university, student job site developed through a partnership with the school, a college or career fair, or an experience that the school determines will contribute to a student's college or career readiness. Provides that, from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, a student in any of grades K through 12 may be transported in a multifunction school-activity bus for any transportation from home to school or from school to home. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes and to provide that a student in any of grades 7 through 12 (instead of grades 9 through 12) may be transported in a multifunction school-activity bus for specified purposes.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 29-6.3 and by adding Section 29-6.3a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/29-6.3)

7 Sec. 29-6.3. Transportation to and from specified
8 interscholastic or school-sponsored activities.

9 (a) Any school district transporting students in grade 12
10 or below for an interscholastic, interscholastic athletic, or
11 school-sponsored, noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does
12 not require student participation as part of the educational
13 services of the district and (ii) is not associated with the
14 students' regular class-for-credit schedule or required 5
15 clock hours of instruction under Section 10-19.05 shall
16 transport the students only in a school bus, a vehicle
17 manufactured to transport not more than 10 persons, including
18 the driver, or a multifunction school-activity bus
19 manufactured to transport not more than 15 persons, including
20 the driver.

21 (a-5) A student in any of grades 7 ~~9~~ through 12 may be
22 transported in a multifunction school-activity ~~multi-function~~
23 ~~school-activity~~ bus (MFSAB) as defined in Section 1-148.3a-5

1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code for any curriculum-related or
2 college and career readiness activity except for
3 transportation on regular bus routes from home to school or
4 from school to home, subject to the following conditions:

5 (i) A MFSAB may not be used to transport students
6 under this Section unless the driver holds a valid school
7 bus driver permit.

8 (ii) The use of a MFSAB under this Section is subject
9 to the requirements of Sections 6-106.11, 6-106.12,
10 12-707.01, 13-101, and 13-109 of the Illinois Vehicle
11 Code.

12 (b) Any school district furnishing transportation for
13 students under the authority of this Section shall insure
14 against any loss or liability of the district resulting from
15 the maintenance, operation, or use of the vehicle.

16 (c) Vehicles used to transport students under this Section
17 may claim a depreciation allowance of 20% over 5 years as
18 provided in Section 29-5 of this Code.

19 (Source: P.A. 101-12, eff. 7-1-19.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/29-6.3a new)

21 Sec. 29-6.3a. MFSAB use from January 1, 2021 through June
22 30, 2022.

23 (a) Notwithstanding subsection (a-5) of Section 29-6.3,
24 from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, a student in any of
25 grades K through 12 may be transported in a multifunction

1 school-activity bus (MFSAB) as defined in Section 1-148.3a-5
2 for any transportation: (i) from home or school bus stops to
3 school; or (ii) from school to home or school bus stops, except
4 where prohibited by federal law.

5 (b) This Section is repealed January 1, 2023.

6 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
7 changing Sections 1-148.3a-5 and 11-1414.1 and by adding
8 Section 11-1414.2 as follows:

9 (625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5)

10 Sec. 1-148.3a-5. Multifunction school-activity ~~school~~
11 ~~activity~~ bus. A multifunction school-activity bus (MFSAB)
12 means a school bus manufactured for the purpose of
13 transporting 11 or more persons, including the driver, whose
14 purposes do not include transporting students to and from home
15 or school bus stops unless authorized by Article XIV of
16 Chapter 11 of this Code or by Section 29-6.3 of the School
17 Code. A MFSAB is prohibited from meeting the special
18 requirements for school buses in Sections 12-801, 12-803, and
19 12-805 and subsection (a) of Section 12-802 of this Code.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-410, eff. 7-1-10; 97-378, eff. 8-15-11.)

21 (625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1414.1)

22 Sec. 11-1414.1. School transportation of students.

23 (a) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any

1 entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code
2 must be transported in a school bus or a vehicle described in
3 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of Section 1-182 of
4 this Code for any curriculum-related or college and career
5 readiness school activity, except a student in any of grades 9
6 through 12 or a student in any of grades K through 12 with an
7 individualized education program ~~Individualized Education Plan~~
8 (IEP) with a staff to student ratio of 1 to 5, and attending
9 Acacia Academy, Alexander Leigh, Marklund, Helping Hands
10 Center, Connections Organization, Soaring Eagle Academy, or
11 New Horizon Academy may be transported in a multifunction
12 school-activity ~~multi-function school activity~~ bus (MFSAB) as
13 defined in Section 1-148.3a-5 of this Code for any
14 curriculum-related or college and career readiness activity
15 except for transportation on regular bus routes from home to
16 school or from school to home, subject to the following
17 conditions:

18 (i) A MFSAB may not be used to transport students
19 under this Section unless the driver holds a valid school
20 bus driver permit.

21 (ii) The use of a MFSAB under this Section is subject
22 to the requirements of Sections 6-106.11, 6-106.12,
23 12-707.01, 13-101, and 13-109 of this Code.

24 "Curriculum-related school or college and career readiness
25 activity" as used in this subsection (a) includes
26 transportation from home to school or from school to home,

1 tripper or shuttle service between school attendance centers,
2 transportation to a college, university, student job site
3 developed through a partnership with the school, vocational or
4 career center or other trade-skill development site or a
5 regional safe school or other school-sponsored alternative
6 learning program, a college or career fair, ~~or~~ a trip that is
7 directly related to the regular curriculum of a student for
8 which he or she earns credit, or an experience that the school
9 determines will contribute to the college or career readiness
10 of the student.

11 (b) Every student enrolled in grade 12 or below in any
12 entity listed in subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code
13 who is transported in a vehicle that is being operated by or
14 for a public or private primary or secondary school, including
15 any primary or secondary school operated by a religious
16 institution, for an interscholastic,
17 interscholastic-athletic, or school-sponsored,
18 noncurriculum-related activity that (i) does not require
19 student participation as part of the educational services of
20 the entity and (ii) is not associated with the students'
21 regular class-for-credit schedule shall transport students
22 only in a school bus or vehicle described in subsection (b) of
23 Section 1-182 of this Code. This subsection (b) does not apply
24 to any second division vehicle used by an entity listed in
25 subsection (a) of Section 1-182 of this Code for a parade,
26 homecoming, or a similar noncurriculum-related school

1 activity.

2 (Source: P.A. 99-888, eff. 1-1-17; 100-667, eff. 1-1-19.)

3 (625 ILCS 5/11-1414.2 new)

4 Sec. 11-1414.2. MFSAB use from January 1, 2021 through
5 June 30, 2022.

6 (a) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of Section 11-1414.1,
7 from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, a student in any of
8 grades K through 12 may be transported in a multifunction
9 school-activity bus (MFSAB) as defined in Section 1-148.3a-5:
10 (i) from home or school bus stops to school; or (ii) from
11 school to home or school bus stops, except where prohibited by
12 federal law.

13 (b) This Section is repealed January 1, 2023.