HOUSE BILL No. 5208

January 13, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Zemke, Liberati, Dianda and Plawecki and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1990 PA 187, entitled "The pupil transportation act,"

by amending section 59 (MCL 257.1859), as amended by 1996 PA 170.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 59. (1) A driver of a school bus shall not transport or permit to be transported on a school bus while transporting pupils to and from school a person other than pupils, persons enrolled in a school-sponsored preschool program authorized by state or federal statute, teachers or chaperons of the pupils or other persons authorized by the school for the protection of property or the health, safety, and welfare of the pupils or persons attending other school related functions, or both. This subsection shall DOES not apply during the transportation of persons under section 65.

(2) After the fourth Friday following Labor day of each school

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- 1 year a A school bus shall not be used to transport more than 100%
- 2 of the number of persons for which the school bus has a rated
- 3 seating capacity. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES OR DIRECTS A VIOLATION OF
- 4 THIS SUBSECTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A CIVIL INFRACTION AND MAY BE
- 5 ORDERED TO PAY A CIVIL FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$100.00 PER PERSON FOR
- 6 EACH PERSON THAT EXCEEDS 100% OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS FOR WHICH
- 7 THE SCHOOL BUS HAS A RATED SEATING CAPACITY.
- 8 (3) A EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), A person who
- 9 violates or directs a violation of this section is responsible for
- 10 a civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not
- 11 more than \$100.00. A civil infraction under this subsection shall
- 12 be processed in the same manner as a civil infraction under the
- 13 Michigan vehicle code, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949,
- 14 being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.1949
- 15 PA 300, MCL 257.1 TO 257.923.
- 16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 17 after the date it is enacted into law.