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USE OF SCHOOL BUSES TO TRANSPORT FARM WORKERS

House Bill 4879

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4879 AS INTRODUCED 6-5-01

The Pupil Transportation Act requires defines “school bus” to mean “a motor vehicle . . . with a manufacturer’s rated seating capacity of 11 or more passengers used for the transportation of school pupils to and from school . . .”. The act further requires school buses to be painted to certain specifications (including, among others, requirements that the body, cowl, hood, and fenders be painted “national school bus chrome yellow”, and that the bumper, trim, wheels, and lettering be painted black). In addition, the act prohibits painting buses other than school buses in these colors and in that design.

House Bill 4879 would make an exception to that prohibition. It would allow a bus leased seasonally to transport agricultural workers to and from a field for agricultural operations to be painted in the manner of a school bus. (Presumably, this would allow a school bus to be leased for the purpose of transporting agricultural workers.)

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