

is ineffective against any creditor of the transferor unless at least ten days before he takes possession of the goods or pays for them, whichever happens first, the transferee gives notice of the transfer in the manner and to the persons hereafter provided (RCW 62A.6-107).

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CHAPTER 24

[Engrossed House Bill No. 75]

SCHOOL BUSES--

RENTAL TO AGENCIES RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

AN ACT Relating to school districts; amending section 28A.24.055, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 153, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24.055; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. It is the intent of the legislature and the purpose of this 1971 amendatory act that in the event of major forest fires, floods, or other natural emergencies that boards of directors of school districts, in their discretion, may rent or lease school buses to governmental agencies for the purposes of transporting personnel, supplies and/or evacuees.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Each school district board shall determine its own policy as to whether or not its school buses will be rented or leased for the purposes of section 1 of this 1971 amendatory act, and if the board decision is to rent or lease, under what conditions, subject to the following:

(1) Such renting or leasing may take place only after the state director of civil defense or any of his agents so authorized has, at the request of an involved governmental agency, declared that an emergency exists in a designated area insofar as the need for additional transport is concerned.

(2) The agency renting or leasing the school buses must agree, in writing, to reimburse the school district for all costs and expenses related to their use and also must provide an indemnity agreement protecting the district against any type of claim or legal action whatsoever, including all legal costs incident thereto.

Sec. 3. Section 28A.24.055, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 153, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24.055 are each amended to read as follows:

Every board of directors shall provide and pay for transportation of children to and from school whether such children live within or without the district when in its judgment the best interests of the district will be subserved thereby, but the board is not compelled to transport any pupil living within two miles of the schoolhouse.

When children are transported from one school district to another the board of directors of the respective districts may enter into a written contract providing for a division of the cost of such transportation between the districts.

When commercial charter bus service is not reasonably available to a school district, the state board of education may authorize the use of school buses and drivers hired by the district for the transportation of school children and the school employees necessary for their supervision to and from any school activities within or without the school district during or after school hours and whether or not a required school activity, so long as the school board has officially designated it as a school activity. For any extra-curricular uses, the school board shall charge an amount sufficient to reimburse the district for its cost.

In addition to the right to contract for the use of buses provided in sections 1 and 2 of this 1971 amendatory act, any school district may contract to furnish the use of school buses of that district to other users who are engaged in conducting an educational or recreational program supported wholly or in part by tax funds at times when those buses are not needed by that district and under such terms as will fully reimburse such school district for all costs related or incident thereto: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no such use of school district buses shall be permitted except where other public or private transportation certificated or licensed by the Washington utilities and transportation commission is not reasonably available to the user: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no user shall be required to accept any charter bus for services which the user believes might place the health or safety of the children in jeopardy.

Whenever any school children are transported by the school district in its own motor vehicles and by its own employees, the board may provide insurance to protect the district against loss, whether by reason of theft, fire or property damage to the motor vehicle or by reason of liability of the district to persons from the operation of such motor vehicle.

The board may provide insurance by contract purchase for payment of hospital and medical expenses in an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars per child, per injury for the benefit of school children injured while they are on, getting on, or getting off any vehicles enumerated herein without respect to any fault or liability

on the part of the school district or operator. This insurance may be provided without cost to the school children notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 28A.58.420.

If the transportation of children is arranged for by contract of the district with some person, the board may require such contractor to procure such insurance as the board deems advisable.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This 1971 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 25

[Engrossed House Bill No. 675]

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY BOARDS

AN ACT Relating to agricultural commodity boards and their membership; and adding a new section to chapter 256, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 15.65 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 256, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 15.65 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever any commodity board is formed under the provisions of this chapter and it only affects producers and producer-handlers, then such producer-handlers shall be considered to be acting only as producers for purpose of election and membership on a commodity board: PROVIDED, That this section shall not apply to a commodity board which only affects producers and producer-handlers of essential oils.

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