

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

H.P. 951 - L.D. 1327

**An Act To Provide Greater Options for Transportation of Public School
Students for Cocurricular Activities**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2301, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Multifunction school activity bus. "Multifunction school activity bus" means a noncommercial motor vehicle that:

- A. Is designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers including the driver;
- B. Meets all the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards of 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571, as amended, that are applicable to multifunction school activity buses;
- C. Meets all provisions of this Title pertaining to school buses, except for section 2302, subsection 1, paragraphs A to E and G and H; section 2304; and section 2308;
- D. Is clearly marked with the words "students aboard";
- E. Has all emergency exits clearly marked; and
- F. Is clearly marked with the school administrative unit or school district name.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2310, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2310. Other permitted uses for buses

A bus may be used for school activities other than conveying students to and from home and school if:

1. Carrying capacity of 40 or more passengers. The bus has a carrying capacity of 40 or more passengers and is operated by a motor carrier holding an operator's permit issued by the Bureau of State Police and is integrally constructed; or

2. Multifunction school activity bus. The bus is a multifunction school activity bus that is operated by a driver with a school bus operator endorsement pursuant to section 2303 that is appropriate for the number of passengers and gross vehicle weight rating. A driver of a multifunction school activity bus must comply with all applicable school bus operator requirements of this Title.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2452, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1. Permanent revocation. Permanently revoke the school bus operator endorsement of any person convicted of OUI who operated a school ~~or bus,~~ private school activity bus or multifunction school activity bus, as defined in section 2301, during the commission of the offense;