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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION  
VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Lawson, Pearson, DiMario, Cano, Murray, and Lauria

Date Introduced: January 24, 2024

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-22.1-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-22.1 entitled "Pupil  
2 Transportation Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-22.1-1. Pupil transportation vehicle — Definition.**

4 A pupil transportation vehicle is a motor vehicle designed and constructed to seat not more  
5 than ~~eight (8)~~ ten (10) passengers including the operator, used by a school committee to provide  
6 the transportation services required by law or regulation to students being conveyed along a fixed  
7 school transportation route. In particular, such vehicles may be used to provide the transportation  
8 services required by § 16-21-1, § 16-21.1-1, et seq., and § 16-24-4 on routes in which only small  
9 numbers of students are being conveyed.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would amend the definitions of a "Pupil Transportation Vehicle" to a vehicle  
2 constructed to seat not more than ten (10) passengers including the operator, rather than the existing  
3 limit of eight (8) passengers.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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