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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION
VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Ujifusa, Murray, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Mack, McKenney, Gallo,
Zurier, LaMountain, and DiMario

Date Introduced: March 07, 2025

Referred To: Senate Education

(Dept. of 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 plus~~ the operator, used by a school committee to
6 provide the transportation services required by law or regulation to students being conveyed along
7 a fixed school transportation route. In particular, such vehicles may be used to provide the
8 transportation services required by § 16-21-1, § 16-21.1-1, et seq., and § 16-24-4 on routes in which
9 only small 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 plus the operator, rather than the existing limit
3 of eight (8) passengers.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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