

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS55267-LE-136 (2/22)**

Short Title: Bus Transportation/After-School Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SCHOOL BUSES TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS  
3 HOME FROM AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-242(1) reads as rewritten:

6 "(1) A school bus may be used for the transportation of pupils enrolled in and  
7 employees in the operation of the school to which such bus is assigned by  
8 the superintendent of the local school administrative unit. Except as  
9 otherwise herein provided, such transportation shall be limited to  
10 transportation to and from such school for the regularly organized school  
11 day, and from and to the points designated by the principal of the school to  
12 which such bus is assigned, for the receiving and discharging of passengers.  
13 No pupil or employee shall be so transported upon any bus other than the  
14 bus to which such pupil or employee has been assigned pursuant to the  
15 provisions of this Article: Provided, that children enrolled in a Headstart  
16 program or any More at Four program may be transported on public school  
17 buses, and any additional costs associated with such contractual  
18 arrangements shall be incurred by the ~~benefitting~~ benefiting Head Start or  
19 More at Four program: Provided further, that children transported from  
20 school to an after-school program operated by a nonprofit entity may be  
21 transported from the program to a point designated by the principal of the  
22 school, and all costs associated with the contractual arrangements shall be  
23 incurred by the benefiting after-school program. Provided further, that  
24 children with disabilities may be transported to and from the nearest  
25 appropriate private school having a special education program approved by  
26 the State Board of Education if the children to be transported are or have  
27 been placed in that program by a local school administrative unit as a result  
28 of the State or the unit's duty to provide such children with a free appropriate  
29 public education."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
31 the 2009-2010 school year.

