

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4203

A bill to amend 1990 PA 187, entitled  
"The pupil transportation act,"  
by amending section 33 (MCL 257.1833), as amended by 2018 PA 422.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1           Sec. 33. (1) A school bus ~~shall~~**must** be painted as follows:
- 2           (a) The body, cowl, hood, and fenders ~~shall~~**must** be national
- 3 school bus chrome yellow.
- 4           (b) The bumper, body trim, wheels, and lettering ~~shall~~**must** be
- 5 black. The wheel rims ~~shall~~**must** be gray, black, white, or natural,

1 as provided by the manufacturer.

2 (c) The wheel covers, if painted, ~~shall~~**must** be black.

3 (d) The grill, if not chrome, ~~shall~~**must** be national school  
4 bus chrome yellow.

5 (e) The mirrors, if painted, ~~shall~~**must** be black or yellow.

6 (f) The name of the school district or contractor ~~shall~~**must**  
7 be permanently affixed in black letters that are at least 6 inches  
8 high on the sides of the bus. The name of the school district or  
9 contractor ~~shall~~**must** be permanently affixed on the front and back  
10 of the bus in black letters.

11 (g) The words "school bus" ~~shall~~**must** be permanently affixed  
12 on the front and back of the bus between the overhead flashers in  
13 black letters that are at least 8 inches in height.

14 (h) The outside of a school bus ~~shall~~**must** not have any other  
15 lettering, symbol, marking, or advertising, except that animal  
16 pictures, cartoon figures, and similar insignia may be affixed to  
17 the bus in a temporary manner near the entrance door, but not  
18 closer than the second window, to assist in identifying the bus  
19 route. A unique identification number may be permanently affixed on  
20 the upper corners of the back, front, or sides of the bus. A  
21 contractor shall display a USDOT number when required and in the  
22 manner required by 49 CFR parts 390 to 399.

23 (i) Wording for school bus roof and door emergency exits, for  
24 inside and outside the bus, ~~shall~~**must** comply with the motor  
25 vehicle safety standards found in 49 CFR 571.217.

26 (j) The roof of a school bus may be white or yellow. However,  
27 no part of a school bus may be white below the drip rail above the  
28 side windows.

29 **(k) A sticker may be affixed to the side of a school bus that**

1 reads as follows: "An unauthorized person attempting to board or  
2 boarding this school bus is subject to citation for a civil  
3 infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than  
4 \$500.00." A sticker affixed to a school bus under this subdivision  
5 must be affixed on the left side of the service door between the  
6 bottom of the window and the black rub rails.

7 (2) A bus, other than a school bus, ~~shall~~**must** not be painted,  
8 in whole or in part, in the colors and design specified in  
9 subsection (1). This subsection does not apply to either of the  
10 following:

11 (a) A bus leased seasonally to transport agricultural workers  
12 to and from a field for agricultural operations.

13 (b) A bus certified by the state transportation department  
14 that is owned and operated by a private carrier primarily under  
15 contract with a school system that is also used for occasional  
16 charter service to the public or for school-related event  
17 transportation.

18 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to multifunction school  
19 activity buses.

20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
21 after the date it is enacted into law.

22 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
23 unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4201 (request no.  
24 01557'21 \*) of the 101st Legislature is enacted into law.