

# HOUSE BILL No. 4001

January 8, 2003, Introduced by Rep. Kratz and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1990 PA 187, entitled  
"The pupil transportation act,"  
by amending section 59 (MCL 257.1859), as amended by 1996  
PA 170.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 59. (1) A driver of a school bus shall not transport  
2 or permit to be transported on a school bus while transporting  
3 pupils to and from school a person other than pupils, persons  
4 enrolled in a school-sponsored preschool program authorized by  
5 state or federal statute, teachers or chaperons of the pupils, a  
6 **person described in subsection (2)**, or other persons authorized  
7 by the school for the protection of property or the health,  
8 safety, and welfare of the pupils or persons attending other  
9 school related functions, or both. This subsection shall not  
10 apply during the transportation of persons under section 65.

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1           (2) A school transporting pupils with special needs shall  
2 also furnish an aide on that school bus to provide any assistance  
3 necessary to those pupils.

4           (3) ~~-(2)-~~ After the fourth Friday following Labor day of each  
5 school year a school bus shall not be used to transport more than  
6 100% of the number of persons for which the school bus has a  
7 rated seating capacity.

8           (4) ~~-(3)-~~ A person who violates or directs a violation of  
9 this section is responsible for a civil infraction and may be  
10 ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$100.00. A civil  
11 infraction under this subsection shall be processed in the same  
12 manner as a civil infraction under the Michigan vehicle code,  
13 ~~Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, being sections 257.1 to~~  
14 ~~257.923 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to  
15 257.923.