



General Assembly

***Raised Bill No. 5554***

*February Session, 2006*

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***AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Purchasing agent" means any official of the state or any political  
4 subdivision of the state authorized to negotiate or enter into a student  
5 transportation contract or agreement on behalf of the state or political  
6 subdivision of the state;

7 (2) "Nonmanagement employees" means school bus drivers, school  
8 bus monitors, school bus mechanics and school bus dispatchers; and

9 (3) "Economic aspects" means wages and benefits provided by the  
10 incumbent school transportation contractor to its nonmanagement  
11 employees, including, but not limited to, health care insurance and  
12 pensions.

13 (b) On and after October 1, 2006, whenever the state or any political  
14 subdivision of the state lets a contract for the purposes of transporting  
15 students, the purchasing agent shall identify all economic aspects of  
16 compensation paid to nonmanagement employees of the incumbent  
17 employer. Such aspects of compensation shall be included in the  
18 request for proposal distributed to all interested bidders. The successor

19 contractor shall be required to offer nonmanagement employees a level  
20 of wages and benefits no less than the level provided by the  
21 predecessor contractor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section

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