

Legislative Regulation Review Committee

2010-025

Department of Motor Vehicles

OPERATIONS OF SCHOOL BUSES

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Regulation
of

Department of Motor Vehicles

Operation of School Buses

Section 1. Section 14-275c-4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-275c-4. Driver not to leave seat

The driver of a school bus shall not leave [his] his or her seat while the motor is running.

Sec. 2. Sections 14-275c-8 through 14-275-10, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-275c-8. Stopping of bus

The driver shall not stop [his] his or her bus on the main traveled portion of the roadway when discharging or boarding passengers when existing shoulders or adequate roadway width is available or when curbs, bus stops or special facilities exist.

Sec. 14-275c-9. [Signalling] Signaling on stopping, and preparing to receive or discharge passengers

The driver, when about to bring [his] his or her bus to a stop to receive or discharge passengers, shall signal [his] his or her intention to do so by turning on the appropriate school bus warning lights no less than [50] fifty (50) feet before bringing the bus to a stop. When [he] said driver has brought the school bus to a stop, [he] he or she shall not open the entrance door far enough to discharge or receive passengers until the vehicle's transmission has been placed in neutral, the parking brake has been engaged, and it is clear, to said driver, that vehicles approaching and overtaking the bus have stopped in recognition of [his] his or her signal.

Sec. 14-275c-10. Stop signal to be switched off

After all passengers to be taken on are safely aboard the bus and all discharged passengers are safely off the traveled portion of the roadway, the driver shall switch off the school bus warning signals. If the driver intends to remain stationary in any position on the highway for an extended period of time and not take on or discharge passengers during that time, [he] he or she shall make certain that no stop signals are visible so that the operators of vehicles approaching and overtaking the bus may know that they may safely and legally pass the bus.

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Sec. 3. Section 14-275c-13 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-275c-13. Daily physical requirements:

In addition to the requirements of [Section 14-275c-14] 49 CFR 391.41, as amended, a school bus driver shall drive a school bus only on days when [he] he or she has:

- [a.] (1) Enough physical strength to handle the bus with ease.
- [b.] (2) Full and [normal] sufficient use of both hands and feet, unless a qualified physician states that the lack of such use is not a handicap to the school bus driver.
- [c.] (3) Freedom from a communicable disease of extraordinary nature.
- [d.] (4) Freedom from any disease or injury which impairs the ability to drive.
- [e.] (5) Freedom from the use of medication which may impair ability to drive.
- [f.] (6) Freedom from the effects of alcohol and other drugs.
- [g.] (7) Freedom from mental, nervous, organic, or functional disease, likely to interfere with safe driving.

Sec. 4. Section 14-275c-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-275c-17. Driver's seat belt

A school bus driver shall not [drive a bus] engage the transmission or place the vehicle in motion unless the seat belt provided is securely buckled around [him] him or her.

Sec. 5. Section 14-275c-19 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-275c-19. Driver's view

The school bus driver shall assure [himself] himself or herself that [he] he or she has a clear and unobstructed view of all traffic and pedestrian conditions which affect the safe operation of [his] his or her bus.

Sec. 6. Section 14-275c-22 of the Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-275c-22. Driver to secure bus when leaving

If the driver [must leave] leaves the bus [because of an emergency or to check the exterior] when [children] student passengers are inside, [he] he or she shall set the parking brake, turn the motor off, remove the ignition key, use the appropriate emergency equipment and assure [himself] himself or herself that disciplined behavior will be maintained. [He] Said driver shall not leave the immediate vicinity of a bus if there are [pupil] student passengers aboard.

Sec. 7. Sections 14-275c-12, 14-275c-14 and 14-275c-15 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are repealed.

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Statement of Purpose:

Purpose: To make the regulation comply with current statutory authority and practice by amending or repealing sections and to make the regulations gender neutral.

Summary of Main Provisions:

1. "He," "him," "his" or "himself" are changed to "he or she," "him or her," "his or her" or "himself or herself."
2. Four obsolete regulations sections are repealed.

Legal Effects of the Regulation:

There are no specific legal effects resulting from this amendment.

Be it known that the foregoing:

Regulations Emergency Regulations are:
 Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

Section 14-275c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 14- of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section of Public Act. No. of the Public Acts.

Public Act. No. of the Public Acts.

After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on , 2009 of the notice of the proposal to:

Adopt Amend Repeal such regulations

(If applicable): And the holding of an advertised public hearing on day of 2009.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing regulations are hereby:

Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

Effective:

When filed with the Secretary of the State.

(OR)

The day of 2009.

In Witness Whereof:	Date 3/24/10	SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission) <i>[Signature]</i>	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED COMMISSIONER
Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169, as amended, C.G.S.:		SIGNED <i>[Signature]</i> 4/21/10	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED ASSOC. CITY GENERAL

Approved

Disapproved

Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)

Rejected without prejudice.

The Legislative Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes	DATE	SIGNED (Clerk of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee)
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Two certified copies received and filed, and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with Section 4-172, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State)	BY
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INSTRUCTIONS

One copy of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the Attorney General for his determination of legal sufficiency. Section 4-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Seventeen copies of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the standing Legislative Regulation Review Committee for its approval. Section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Each regulation must be in the form intended for publication and must include the appropriate regulation section number and section heading. Section 4-172 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Indicate by "(NEW)" in heading if new regulation. Amended regulations must contain new language in underlined and deleted language in brackets. Section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes.